

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members: Regarding this Agenda Item, I think that the City of Los Angeles should focus on gang-prevention programs that would divert adolescents from engaging in criminal activity and redirect them into prosocial, productive programs that will help them succeed in life. I am also concerned that the money will be used to fund the LAPD. I think it is best to invest in the community directly rather than on the LAPD. There are other ways of redirecting adolescents from crime. Please, think twice about funding more money to the LAPD. Is it worth it? Sincerely,  
LIONEL MARES