

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Berger

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:49 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our communities need safe, clean, well-maintained recreation and park facilities including Griffith Observatory's operations, public astronomy programming, and free STEM educational initiatives like our School Programs, which serve tens of thousands of students every year. Griffith Observatory provides so much to our community! Please continue to properly fund the observatory!

Communication from Public

Name: Connor Murphy-Boyd

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:30 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is in regards to funding cuts for the RAP - specifically Griffith Park and its observatory. I have been visiting Griffith Park for over 15 years, and the observatory has been a crucial part of my childhood here in Los Angeles. With my first child on the way, I plan to spend a majority of our time taking him to our local parks and learning through the incredible Observatory community. Any loss to these programs would be a great hole in the vast landscape of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Noelle Dunbar

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 02:51 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: May 3, 2024 Los Angeles City Hall 200 N. Spring Street, Room 450 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Elimination of 8 positions at EWDD Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members, ORGANIZATION'S NAME respectfully requests that the City Council maintain funding for services and programs for our families, youth, and elders, like workforce development programs for garment industry businesses and low-wage workers. The City should prioritize its funds for community resources. We support the Garment and Fashion Industry Program being developed at the City through a special task force created by Council District 1. Garment worker members at the Garment Worker Center and the business coalition, Responsible Apparel Manufacturing Collective, aim to address various challenges faced by garment workers and businesses in Los Angeles, with the overarching goal of fostering a fair and sustainable garment industry ecosystem. It is critically important to take action urgently to protect and preserve garment manufacturing jobs in Los Angeles, particularly in light of the city's DTLA 2040 Community Plan, which poses a significant threat of displacing the entire garment industry, a vital economic sector providing jobs and livelihoods for thousands of workers. By advocating for initiatives that prioritize the retention and support of garment manufacturing businesses, we can preserve these essential jobs, maintain the cultural and economic fabric of our communities, and ensure the continued viability of the garment industry in Los Angeles. For the past six months, Garment Worker Center, local ethical and sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, Council District 1, Council District 14, multiple city departments, and representatives of LA County have come together to reimagine the local garment manufacturing landscape through a task force. The task force's recommendations rely on open positions at the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD). These recommendations are timely and important to the implementation of the Garment and Fashion Industry Program. All 8 positions at EWDD slated for elimination should be kept in order to grow programs such as the Garment and Fashion Industry Program as well as to support our local economy and labor force. This task force aims to create: 1) A new position dedicated to economic development and real estate, assisting emerging and

existing businesses to thrive and remain located in LA as well as to attract new businesses to LA in the garment and fashion industry. 2) A new position dedicated to Workforce development to support upskilling and other support for workers in the garment industry. 3) A WorkSource Center and Business Source Center pop up in the fashion industry to provide support to workers and businesses. ORGANIZATION'S NAME recognizes the importance of these initiatives as they align with the values of promoting fair labor practices, sustainability, and ethical manufacturing. By investing in workforce development and providing resources to support compliant businesses, the task force aims to enhance the competitiveness of the garment industry based on quality, efficiency, and sustainability, while ensuring fair treatment of workers. The workers and businesses participating in the task force are recommending that the City: Ensure garment manufacturers have the necessary space for their business to succeed and ensure workers can access jobs. Promote the High Road of Made in LA Garments. Support workforce development programs for the garment industry, including training in upskilling and advanced techniques. Provide access to incentives tied to workplace standards to create a fair environment and bolster the sector, rather than fostering wage exploitation. Provide access to educational resources needed to run a successful and compliant garment business. We urge the Los Angeles City Council to prioritize the retention and support of garment manufacturing jobs by maintaining funding for vital services and programs, including the Garment and Fashion Industry Program. The City should maintain all 8 positions at EWDD otherwise it threatens the implementation of critical initiatives aimed at fostering a fair and sustainable garment industry ecosystem. Vulnerable Angelenos shouldn't pay the price for the City's fiscal irresponsibility, which includes \$20 million for police vehicles while gutting programs that support the community. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives. Sincerely, Noelle Dunbar
Apprenticeship Manager and Grant Manager Hope for Flowers

Hope for Flowers

by Tracy Reese

May 3, 2024
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200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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The workers and businesses participating in the task force are recommending that the City:

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Sincerely,

Noelle Dunbar

Apprenticeship Manager and Grant Manager

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Communication from Public

Name: Hared Ochoa

Date Submitted: 05/04/2024 09:38 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT DEFUND PUBLIC PARKS nor HEALTHY STREETS BUDGETS. Our City is in desperate need of green space and more sustainable transportation methods. These budgets have for years been underfunded. Further budget cuts will continue to devastate the health of Angelenos. Substantial research shows that green spaces offer mental health and emotional benefits and offer spaces for communities to come together and support each other. Providing alternatives to car transportation also help reduce noise, pollution, and general anger and anxiety that car traffic generates. Many cities across the nation are pursuing much greener space and cycling pedestrian infrastructure and our city is being left behind. LA city is not showing itself as a progressive city, but one left in the 20th century. DO NOT DEFUND PUBLIC PARKS nor HEALTHY STREET BUDGETS WHILE INFLATING POLICE BUDGET. If budget cuts must occur, START WITH THE POLICE. As the police budget has grown since 2020, It is clear that this additional funding HAS LED TO MARGINAL IF ANY improvement to the city quality of life. Transit violation continues to occur, the homelessness crisis has not improved, traffic violence has gotten WORSE, and peaceful demonstrators get attacked on while violent agitators are allowed to go their way. THE POLICE BUDGET MUST BE CAPPED OR DEFUNDED AND POLICE MUST FIND A WAY TO BECOME MORE EFFICIENT WITH THEIR MONIES. THAT IS NOT CITY RESPONSIBILITY.

Communication from Public

Name: adrienne beitcher

Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 08:13 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE HELP US CREATE PROGRAMS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO GET THEIR PETS SPAYED AND NEUTERED!!! THERE ARE TOO MANY ANIMALS ON THE STREET AND TOO LITTLE EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO GETTING PEOPLE AND ANIMALS WHAT THEY NEED!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/05/2024 09:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass and members of the Los Angeles City Council, I implore you to take immediate action to address the dire situation of shelter overcrowding plaguing our city. It's a crisis that demands urgent attention. By allocating more resources to LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter programs and increasing voucher amounts for veterinarians, we can begin to tackle the root cause of this problem. Every day that passes without action means more animals suffering and being euthanized due to lack of space. Our city's character is at stake, and it's imperative that we demonstrate compassion and responsibility towards our animal companions. Please, let's not fail them in their time of need. As a Los Angeles resident, I strongly urge Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council to increase LA Animal Services' budget for spay/neuter and increase voucher amounts so more veterinarians can participate in the city's voucher program. The lack of access to pet sterilization is greatly contributing to the severe overcrowding crisis in Los Angeles city shelters. Our treatment of animals reflects our city's character. Please don't let animals suffer under your watch. Mayor Bass, City Council members, the time for decisive action is now. Los Angeles is facing a shelter overcrowding crisis of unprecedented proportions, and the consequences are dire. Too many animals are paying the ultimate price because of our failure to provide adequate resources for spaying and neutering. We cannot allow this cycle of suffering and euthanasia to continue. I urge you to prioritize funding for LA Animal Services' spay/neuter programs and expand voucher amounts for veterinarians. Lives depend on it. Our city's compassion and integrity are on the line. Let's not be remembered as leaders who turned a blind eye to the plight of innocent animals. The time to act is now, and the responsibility rests with each of us to make a difference.

Communication from Public

Name: Restore LA CDC
Date Submitted: 05/06/2024 05:15 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: The importance of save, clean, and accessible outdoor space for children is so critical for their social and emotional development.