

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Kimberly, and I am a resident of Valley Village and formerly Koreatown. I am writing to express my concern regarding the current allocation of funds in our city budget. While I understand the need for public safety, I believe that the excessive funding directed towards the police force is not the most effective use of our resources. Instead, I urge the city council to consider reallocating some of these funds to community-based services that can better address the root causes of crime, such as mental health support, education, housing, and social services. These investments will help create a safer and more equitable community for all residents, focusing on prevention rather than punishment. Let's prioritize the well-being of our citizens by funding programs that improve quality of life and address systemic issues. Thank you for your consideration.