

Communication from Public

Name: Araceli Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 04/29/2024 04:56 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'd like to give public comment and advocate for the Youth Development Department. My name is Araceli Rodriguez and I am a youth and community leader of Council District 14, and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. I am advocating for youth development because of the lack of Investment in youth in this year's proposed budget. Not only are youth the least of the cities priority but this upcoming year the Mayor wants to decrease the little amount of money that does already exist! It is a shame on how every year youth development is not prioritized and not many resources are given to youth in the city. I work with youth and I get to see first hand how amazing our youth are and the potential they have to be great. We make magic happen with the little resources that exist, if youth were prioritized and funded more imagine the more they can accomplish! I am advocating for more funding for the Youth Development Department. How do you expect for this new department to grow and reach its full potential if 8% of the budget is being cut off from their 3 million budget. Every year LAPD gets more funding and youth get nothing. I understand there is a budget deficit, but it's not fair that the department with the lowest budget gets their budget cut. The department's that overspend their budgets should be the ones getting budget cuts! Youth are the future, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop. This department that the youth and community advocated for needs to be funded long term. Stop taking away the little resources YDD already has. The YDD deserves to have a higher budget, everything in its proposed budget is a necessity to the youth and their futures. The most important components were left out by the Mayor. For example, we need youth hubs in the city and need to start funding a pilot program! Youth mental health crisis is at an all time high and its time we start investing in them. These young generations are the next voters, therefore if youth continue to be forgotten about we WILL show up to the election polls and elect folks that truly walk the talk of their campaign promises. The department is going on 3 years since it has been created and there is still no long term funding. I URGE YOU TO INVEST IN US, INVEST IN THE FUTURE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT LA ACTUALLY DOES CARE ABOUT IT'S YOUTH.

Communication from Public

Name: Breanna Peralta
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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Breanna and I am a constituent of Council District #1 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. I am advocating for youth development because of the lack of Investment in youth in this year's proposed budget. Not only are youth the least of the cities priority but this upcoming year the Mayor wants to decrease the little amount of money that does already exist! It is a shame on how every year youth development is not prioritized and not many resources are given to youth in the city. As a youth it is difficult to get access to mental health resources. One thing that is important for youth is education. I myself am a first generation college student and it was hard to find resources outside of school to help me get started with college. I struggled to find financial and job resources to help with my financial situations because financial aid only covered my classes, textbooks, supplies, and bills. I am advocating for more funding for the Youth Development Department. How do you expect for this new department to grow and reach its full potential if 8% of the budget is being cut off from their 3 million budget. Every year LAPD gets more funding and youth get nothing. Youth are the future, they need resources easily accessible to them at a one stop shop. This department that the youth and community advocated for needs to be funded long term. Stop taking away the little resources YDD already has. The YDD deserves to have a higher budget, everything in its proposed budget is a necessity to the youth and their futures. The most important components were left out by the Mayor. The funding for the Youth Hubs pilot program and to back up the YDD 3 year strategic plan has been disregarded. On top of that there's no funding to hire youth for the YDD which isn't fair because we need youths' voices to voice for the youths. Those fundings that had been left out have been a part of what they cut off from the budget which is not fair for the Youth Department and mainly the youths; who are struggling to find resources because of the lack of fundings. The department is going on 3 years since it has been created and there is still no long term funding. I URGE YOU TO INVEST IN US, INVEST IN THE FUTURE, DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT LA ACTUALLY DOES CARE ABOUT IT'S YOUTH.

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Name: Regina Bauernschmidt

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Comments for Public Posting: How can we be decreasing animal shelter funding right now? They desperately need an INCREASE in staff and funding. Please have a heart for these poor innocent animals, who all they want is to be loved. Increase access to spay and neuter programs, increase advertising, increase paid staff. And reduce rescue pull fees! Pregnant dogs are coming in and giving birth at the shelters, having all their babies die in the cold concrete floors, and then facing euthanasia themselves. Humans of Los Angeles MUST DO BETTER THAN THIS

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'd like to give general public comment on agenda Item #1 I am a constituent and community member of Council District 7 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. I am advocating for youth development because of the lack of Investment in youth in this year's proposed budget - it is unacceptable that our proposed budget has been cut by 8%. Not only are youth the least of the cities priority but this upcoming year the Mayor wants to decrease the little amount of money that does already exist! It is a shame on how every year youth development is not prioritized and not many resources are given to youth in the city. There is so much work, energy, and time that has gone into the work that the YDD, especially coming from youth and instead of championing all that they have sacrificed, they are met with an 8% decrease. Our youth can choose to utilize their time otherwise but instead they are here rallying for themselves and future generations due to the ways the city and county have failed them. Monica Rodriguez, this is your opportunity to continue your support for our youth and demand that our budget be met with what has been requested if not, MORE. Investing in our communities has proven time and time again how transformational it can be for the youth of these systems impacted communities. There are so many success stories. WE do not need more police. They do not keep us safe. They do not help transform our communities. Please look to these youth success stories as inspiration and hopefully as one of many reasons to continue supporting the YDD.

Communication from Public

Name: derrik k

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Comments for Public Posting: The amount of money going to police is insane. You constantly see them standing around doing nothing and if they're asked to do even the smallest possible task, a dozen of them show up. They're constantly being sued and losing for violating the civil rights of angelinos. They should not receive a funding increase. They should be threatened with dissolution unless they can get their act together and show fiscal accountability.