

Communication from Public

Name: Spencer L SooHoo

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 01:10 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate the need to balance the City's budget, I am asking that the programs at Griffith Observatory be preserved since they reach so many visitors and residents. On a typical weekday, there are thousands of visitors to the Observatory, and many are City of Los Angeles residents who have never had any exposure to what is left of our night skies. For them, the chance to look through a telescope and see the Moon, planets, or the Sun (safely through a solar filter) is an experience that they may never be able to have if the outreach programs are cut.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 01:11 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Well-maintained, safe, clean recreation and park facilities are vital to the health of our communities. Griffith Observatory is a jewel in RAP's crown, attracting visitors from all over the world. The Observatory's public astronomy programming is essential to understanding our place in the universe. Its free STEM educational initiatives serve tens of thousands of students every year. Please protect RAP from budget cuts. All of Los Angeles would be diminished by diminishing the staff of RAP and, especially, Griffith Observatory.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 01:32 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please keep funding the griffith observatory programs, they are so important for Los Angeles. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Jolly

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 01:43 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider that our communities need safe, clean, well-maintained recreation and park facilities, including Griffith Observatory's operations and public astronomy programming! As a lifelong resident here, these places and their amenities are not only absolutely nessessary to maintain but are symbolic of the beautiful and amazing city we all live in.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Oreck
Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 02:12 PM
Council File No: 24-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter from Best Friends Animal Society.



2 May 2024

Los Angeles City Council
Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee

Re: Council file 24-0600: Consideration of the Mayor's 2024-25 Proposed Budget

Dear Chair Blumenfield and Committee members,

For more than twelve years, Best Friends Animal Society has been an instrumental partner to Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS), working closely with the department and with the No-Kill Los Angeles (NKLA) Coalition to go from a 56% save rate for LAAS in 2012 to a 90% save rate in 2020. Although the save rate in 2023 fell below 90%, and the Department — like many shelters across the country — is struggling with overcrowding and staffing shortages, we are continuing to support LAAS citywide and to encourage the public to play an even greater role in the lifesaving of cats and dogs through fostering, volunteering, and adoption.

In the past six months, Best Friends has provided/committed to providing more than **\$1,400,000** in financial support to increase lifesaving in LAAS shelters, in addition to intaking LAAS animals and providing veterinary services, including free spay and neuter surgeries, to dogs and cats pulled from LAAS.

Despite our support, and the support of our partners and the community, Los Angeles is experiencing a crisis of too many homeless animals and not enough resources. Best Friends has been working diligently to determine the specific support L.A. residents need for their pets, and why L.A. Animal Services is struggling with overcapacity. One key factor that we have noted is a lack of access to affordable veterinary services, specifically spay and neuter. Therefore, we believe it is critical that the city support the budget proposal submitted by LAAS, with an emphasis on spay and neuter support.

Los Angeles is currently facing significant challenges, and we applaud Mayor Bass and the City Council for focusing on the issue of homelessness as one of their top priorities. Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority reports that 46,260 Los Angeles residents are currently unhoused. Homelessness affects not only people but their pets. According to the nonprofit Pets of the Homeless, an estimated 5 - 10% of Americans experiencing homelessness own a dog or a cat.



Pets provide warmth, security, and companionship to many unsheltered people, and are often their only family member. Caring for a pet provides a much-needed feeling of normalcy; for many people, the simple act of providing food and water to their pet may even help keep their humanity intact. Unfortunately, many unsheltered individuals refuse housing and services if doing so requires them to abandon their animal companion.

Additionally, many pet owners are unable to find affordable housing if their pets are not spayed or neutered, resulting in them having to make the heartbreaking decision of surrendering their beloved pet to a shelter or to the streets. Thus, the issues of human homelessness and pet homelessness are not mutually exclusive. Both deserve our collective attention if Los Angeles is to become a safe, healthy community for *all* of its residents, whether human or animal.

We understand that it is extremely challenging to budget for a complicated and highly populated city like Los Angeles, and that difficult decisions have to be made.

However, the proposed reductions to LAAS' budget and insufficient funding for spay and neuter will have consequences beyond the current crisis of overcapacity. Access to affordable spay and neuter is the most effective short-term **and** long-term solution for the overpopulation of homeless animals that are crowding city shelters, rescue groups and the streets of Los Angeles — as well as a direct path to keeping pets with their families. It is a relatively minimal investment to protect pets and their people, ensure public safety, and prevent critical tax dollars from being spent on killing healthy and treatable animals in our shelters.

We are extremely proud of our long-term partnership with the City of Los Angeles, and of the progress we have made by working together to serve the community, save lives, and keep pets and people together. We are committed to continuing our support and we urge you to do the same by approving the reasonable and common-sense budget proposed by L.A. Animal Services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brittany Thorn

Brittany Thorn, Executive Director
Best Friends Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Jenny Jones

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 02:27 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut parks and recreation jobs. This is not the way to balance the city budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 02:39 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter requesting to maintain funding for positions at EWDD.



May 2, 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,

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice 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.** 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. Instead, 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 & sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, Council Districts 1 and 14, multiple city departments including the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), 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 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**

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

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- 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. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gutierrez

Executive Director

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice

Communication from Public

Name: Aquilina Soriano-Versoza

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 02:45 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members, Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California 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. 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. Instead, 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 & sustainable businesses, property owners including the Fashion District BID, Council Districts 1 and 14, multiple city departments including the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), 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 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)

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Executive Director Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California



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Name: Noelle Dunbar

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

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Hope for Flowers

by Tracy Reese

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Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 03:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Customizable Business Letter- GWC Budget Letter May 1, please see attachment for details.

TUKATECH INC.

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Sincerely,

Kit Kwok
Vice President - TUKAweb

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Name: Nick

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 03:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to express me strong desire for Los Angeles to NOT CUT our budgets for the parks department. I am a native Angeleno, and I like hundreds of thousands (millions?) of others rely on our parks for green space, mental health, clean air, and recreation. These parks are already UNDERFUNDED. This is not an area to be cutting the budget any further. These parks provide far more value to the city of Los Angeles and peace of mind than an already bloated LAPD budget. They are green islands of calm in a sea of churning metal and loud roadways. Cutting our parks budget is a regressive move. We need to look toward the future and invest more in our parks and green spaces. Angelenos want you to protect our parks. Sincerely, Nick

Communication from Public

Name: Russell Santos

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 03:30 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect the Griffith Observatory from budget cuts. Griffith Observatory has been a major contributor to cultural and scientific education for our young people in Los Angeles as well as the surrounding communities. I myself have benefited from the learning I received from Griffith Observatory not only as a child but as an adult as well. My children have also enjoyed the educational experiences they have been able to experience there as well. Please protect the Griffith Observatory from budget cuts.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Dvorak Ashelford

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 03:38 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Having been a resident of Los Angeles County for nearly four decades, I have developed a deep connection with the community and its educational institutions. This is why I am deeply troubled by the potential budget cuts to Parks and Recreation, particularly those that could impact Griffith Observatory. As an active member of the California chapter of the American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) and the Los Angeles Astronomical Society (LAAS), I am convinced that reducing investments in science education, as represented by the events and activities at Griffith Observatory, would be a significant loss for Los Angeles. The LAAS and AISES members strive to inspire more young people to pursue STEM careers. My participation in AISES taught me that children need early exposure and access to the sciences to become interested and motivated to learn. This is how potential is identified, and possible future career paths are revealed. For many decades, the LAAS has collaborated with Griffith Observatory to hold Public Star Parties on the observatory grounds. Every month, LAAS members set up their telescopes on the lawn to allow visitors to view the night sky, which many people have never seen before. I have witnessed the excitement that arises when a child looks through a telescope for the first time and sees Saturn's rings or engages in a conversation about the solar system with a science teacher or astrophysicist from LAAS. If activities like the Public Star Parties are discontinued, both citizens and tourists of Los Angeles would suffer, but our children would be the most affected. If there are any budget cuts planned that would reduce what Griffith Observatory currently offers to the public, please reconsider.

Communication from Public

Name: Victor Narro

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 03:49 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Greetings! Attached is a letter from UCLA Labor Center. Thank you, Victor Narro UCLA Labor Center



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labor.ucla.edu

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Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members,

On behalf of the UCLA Labor Center for Labor Research and Education (UCLA Labor Center), I write as a labor research academic expert to provide research data about the significant labor violations impacting workers in the garment industry and the impact on the local and state economy. I write this letter as you to request 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.

Currently, I am Project Director of the UCLA Labor Center, which is part of the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE). As part of my employment with the UCLA Labor Center, I serve as Professor of Labor Studies for the UCLA Labor Studies Program where I teach classes relating to low-wage workers, low-wage industries and immigration. Based on my background and research experience, I consider myself a UCLA academic scholar in the area of labor and immigration, low-wage work, and the rights of low-wage workers. I have published extensively in these areas, and many academics and policy experts have cited to my work in numerous publications. Since I began my employment with the UCLA Labor Center in 2002, I have been researching and documenting labor conditions in the garment industry.

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During the COVID-19 crisis, garment workers continue to work in garment factories making PPE, face masks and medical gowns. Most of these factories were taking only minimal measures to protect their workers' health and continued to pay subminimum wages by the piece rate, despite the essential and important nature of their labor. Many garment workers were forced to choose between loss of all wages or potential exposure to the virus. These workers risked their lives to save the lives of many City residents, including our elected leaders and City Hall officials. We owe it to garment workers the City invest in workforce development opportunities and provide resources to support compliant businesses, enhance the competitiveness of the garment industry based on quality, efficiency, and sustainability, while ensuring fair treatment of workers.

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Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Victor Narro
Project Director, UCLA Labor Center
Professor, UCLA Department of Labor Studies

Communication from Public

Name: Ladysmyth Inc.

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 03:53 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

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May 2, 2024
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200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,
Halle Grano and Shannon Weidel
Founders
LADYSMYTH

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Nunes

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 04:07 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge you to consider the Parks and Recreation department, and in particular the Griffith Observatory, as you prepare the budget for the next fiscal year. Our parks and recreation offerings benefit all Angeles, including those with no other options, whether in the heat of summer or the dead of winter. The observatory goes even further, providing not only entertainment but education to all, and in a special way to school children. In almost no other way are they introduced to wonder and awe, or inspired to seriously the world of science. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Robinson O'Brien-Bours

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 04:15 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Griffith Observatory is one of the most recognizable and beloved landmarks in our city, essential to tourism, the film industry, and the education of children. It is the most-visited public observatory in the world, with an estimated 1.6 million visitors each year. Tens of thousands of fifth graders make the climb up Mount Hollywood every year for access to its STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programs. Its presence in beloved films and television shows cement it as an essential part of the fabric of Los Angeles. The mayor's proposal before this committee would gut the Department of Recreation and Parks, which owns and operates the Griffith Observatory and many other essential spaces in our city. During the Great Recession of 2008, the Observatory lost nearly a third of its full-time staff to cuts and was never able to recover these positions even as the economy rebounded. Based on this experience, we can assume that any cuts the city makes now - cuts demanded by a deficit largely driven by the police department's overspending on liability claims and a new contract - will never be recovered, forever causing irreparable damage to beloved parks including Griffith Park, Echo Park Lake, Exposition Park, Elysian Park, Runyon Canyon, MacArthur Park, Stoney Point, and Barnsdall Art Park. Programs and facilities including tennis courts, swimming pools, golf courses, children's sports, campgrounds, dog parks, playgrounds, and day camps will all be imperiled. Historical sites and museums including Pershing Square, the Point Fermin Lighthouse, Wattles Mansion, the Autry Museum, and Travel Town may need to pare down services. It will severely hamper the mission of the Griffith Observatory to be the world's premier home for public astronomy. Los Angeles is the most diversely beautiful city in the world, and much of that beauty comes from our parks and museums. The people of Los Angeles deserve safe, clean, and well-maintained recreation and parks facilities, including Griffith Observatory's operations, public astronomy programming, and free STEM educational initiatives. Our communities should not have to suffer because of the financial and legal failures of city departments that face little financial oversight. With the eyes of the world about to focus on Los Angeles for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics, we should be investing more in these beautiful spaces and programs,

not gutting them. I strongly urge this committee to ensure that our parks and recreation facilities remain protected from budget cuts.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Sanders

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 04:17 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I've spent years crafting STEM-related content for television, witnessing firsthand the transformative power of science education. The Griffith Observatory isn't just a landmark; it's a vital educational resource, providing countless young minds with horizon-expanding experiences; moments of discovery which don't just shape individual futures; they ripple out, enriching families and communities across Los Angeles and beyond. In this era of budget cuts, I urge you to recognize the broader value of the Griffith Observatory. Support for the observatory is an investment in our city and our nation. Thank you. Regards, Tom Sanders

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 04:44 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget for LA Recreation and Parks! I visit parks at least once a week and they are already underfunded and need more maintenance! Also, please do not increase the budget for the LAPD. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: George Ponce

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 05:34 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Sirs and Madams, Please do not reduce the staffing and access to the observatory! The cultural significance locally and internationally is more than well referenced and represented. LA needs to remain a hub of scientific and cultural diffusion. Quite the opposite, we should enhance the access and ability to promote the wonderful features the observatory to all visitors locally and from abroad. It is one of the most important venues for learning and enjoying on an internationally magnificent, scientific and cultural levels. Limiting its access would be a loss not only to our local community but to the world in general. The importance of the observatory in the context of world culture and its significance to future generation is unprecedented. It is a leading and iconic guiding light in our ever changing society that merits and requires a responsible keeper as is the city of Los Angeles. A curator of knowledge and goodwill as it has been for many museums and houses of learning. Please do not allow underfunding of access be a distinguishably negative characterization of our city in this one the most important institutions we have. Regards George Ponce
MD FACC FSCAI

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Johnson

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 05:49 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am speaking in support of the Recreation and Parks budget for world-class facilities like the Griffith Observatory. These programs are often the most tempting to cut because their benefits are not immediately dramatic. But these facilities provide critical forums for people, young and old, to experience nature, science, and wonder. LA has many challenges facing it but sacrificing the funding that keeps parks funded, that allows delivery of educational services, that provides inspiration to children is not the way to get there. Please keep the Griffith Observatory and all of the world-class park facilities funded so that they can continue to deliver the value and inspiration they have for decades and continue to make LA a remarkable city.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmilet Laochinda

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 05:50 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I advocate for the Griffith Observatory and parks under the RAP (Department of Recreations and Parks) to be continuously supported with the government's financial budget. The programs at Griffith Observatory are very informative and inspiring to many who physically visit and read virtually the educational activities. These are inspiring and educating visitors from all walks of life. I come from Thailand and The Philippines and every time I stay at my home here in Burbank, I and my family will ensure that we visit the observatory. There are so many things to know and do at the park regardless of how many times we visit. To hold a real meteorite as part of the observatory's offer to the visitors is a galactic surprise. There are others who can only hear about the observatory and how they long to visit the place for the various exhibits and information disseminated in the website and other apps. This place and the parks are contributing factors to the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing of the folks who are able to access these educational and recreational places. Thank you, LA City Council and to the USA government for the continuous support to the observatory and the parks. It helps make great leaders to be to get inspired even more in bringing learnings to the communities around.

Communication from Public

Name: Alma Contreras

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 06:53 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cut public park funding...LA is already a very stressful city, during the current political climate the only place that gives us peace is the green spaces in our city of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Achico

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 07:05 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There are two types of people in the world: those who support the health and well-being of Los Angeles and those who don't. I, along with countless Angelenos, urge you to support and protect RAP from budget cuts. We urge you to remember whom you represent and to cast your vote befitting of a true Los Angeles City Council Member. The Griffith Observatory and city parks are essential to the growth and development of Los Angeles. These places provide the people of Los Angeles with a safe place to learn about the wonders of the cosmos as well as the wonders of community. These public resources provide Angelenos and visitors physical spaces designed to promote a healthy desire to learn and grow. The RAP resources provide Los Angeles fifth graders field trips to The Griffith Observatory as well as parks for adults to meet with family and friends to celebrate birthdays, summer picnics, sports, and community festivities. TL;DR: With great power comes great responsibility. Vote to protect RAP from budget cuts — actually, do everything possible to increase their budgets because the people of Los Angeles deserve safe places for their family and friends to continue to thrive. Thank you, and Go Dodgers!

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 07:21 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the budget and jobs that support the Griffith Observatory. Griffith Observatory is a valuable educational resource for the city of Los Angeles, the state of California and people who visit from around the world. Parks and public spaces enhance a persons' quality of life. The Griffith Observatory is a safe place where anyone can learn about science in an inclusive environment. Surrounded by nature, views of the city, viewing planets through a telescope on the lawn all further enrichs our wellbeing. Education is key to awareness, critical thinking, and perservative. Keep Griffith Observatory thriving now and for future generations.

Communication from Public

Name: Claire Powers

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:00 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Powers', with a stylized, flowing script.

Claire Powers
Founder and Creative Director
KINdom

Communication from Public

Name: Andres

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:13 PM

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May 3, 2024
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Sincerely,
Andres Gonzalez
Community Member,
Council District 1

Communication from Public

Name: Marianne White Davis

Date Submitted: 05/01/2024 08:23 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: TOPIC: BUDGET FOR LA CITY RECREATION AND PARKS: This is to request that the Budget Committee restore AT LEAST the 80 current positions so that our citizens can enjoy the outdoors SAFELY. It is RIDICULOUS that the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, Balboa Park, Hansen Dam, and Griffith Park has had to share one Park Ranger position for the last 5 years... each park should AT THE LEAST have their own Park Ranger to ensure the safety of the environment. Because of no Ranger presence, the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve has numerous problems with homeless encampments, who set wildfires, destroying the habitat, behaving in dangerously in front of children, and people let their dogs run free in the Reserve, killing the wildlife. The (partial) Ranger has told us that he has to spend most of his time at the Hansen Dam area because "that's where they've got real bad guys", so the rest of us are on our own. It's camp chaos and the wild wild west at Sepulveda Basin. I've never seen such blatant neglect in the many California communities I have lived in. For the last 5 years we have little to no protection in our local parks. Please support the Dept. of Rec and Parks and let's fund the Rangers so we can get the job done.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 04:01 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To raise the budget for police is a dereliction of fiduciary responsibility, especially after the police department seems to have no desire to act within its financial boundaries in the first place. It is obvious that reaction to crime should be secondary to preventing it, which is done through effective policy in education, housing, and healthcare. To do otherwise is to put Angelenos in danger of a perpetual vicious cycle of acts of desperation by the populace and violent crackdown by police which ultimately results in a decrease of tax base and less tax revenue, not to mention lower quality of life. We should investing in people, not police.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison Latimer

Date Submitted: 05/02/2024 09:27 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please increase funds for spay neuter programs! We rescue and foster but can only do so with support from the city. Help curb the feral population by supporting TNR.

Communication from Public

Name: No

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:15 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: How you even propose cutting the budgets for parks in this unwalkable, smoggy, more cars than people, place we try and call a metropolitan city? While proposing increasing cop budgets - the same people who are arresting students funneling millions of dollars into these academic institutions that you brag about? in a "liberal" state?! we need MORE parks. we need LESS cops. Are you so jaded, so cold-hearted and self-interested that you can't see how preposterous this is? is this why you became a city council member? to slowly eliminate green spaces, spaces where children play? you were only elected because your job is to INVEST in community. our community. we are watching you, we know your names. INCREASE park budgets, decrease cop budgets, your jobs are on the line. i" be overly optimistic and assume there's a good person inside each one of you. good day.

Communication from Public

Name: Clark Taylor

Date Submitted: 05/01/2024 10:59 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the elimination of any vacant positions from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). The City's parks are an essential resource for all residents of Los Angeles. Current vacancies in maintenance personnel at RAP have already resulted in the deterioration of our public parks in a way that makes more difficult to enjoy, especially for children and for those families that do not have access to other private or public open spaces. The permanent elimination of these positions will result in additional deferred maintenance that will make the parks unusable and unsafe. I urge you to protect and support the residents of Los Angeles by investing in our parks and ensuring that RAP has enough personnel to keep the parks maintained in a way that make them accessible to all.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:17 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider NOT cutting funds for public parks. In a concrete city, parks are a key public resource for all residents and should be properly maintained.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:47 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Kenney

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:55 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Griffith Park Observatory is a precious resource serving the City of Los Angeles, the County, and indeed the entire world. It is a tourist attraction for our many visitors. Please continue to financially support the Observatory. In fact, an increase in financial support would be appropriate and desirable.

Communication from Public

Name: Phil

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:55 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue supporting the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and the same budget level or greater. Public parks are essential in LA: they serve as a refuge from all the concrete and congestion, help people connect, and showcase some of the best features of this great city (especially the Griffith Observatory!).

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Karz

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:55 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Department of Recreation and Parks is instrumental in driving revenue for Los Angeles and has the potential for so much more. Rather than cut RAP, the City should be investing in the valuable properties owned and operated by the City. From the Griffith Observatory to the public golf courses, these are untapped resources that are not being held as valuable commodities despite the millions of people that visit and enjoy them every year. It's a shame that the City is even considering this measure as opposed to seeing the opportunity. People from around the world put the Griffith Observatory on their bucket list as one of the primary attractions to visit when coming to Los Angeles. These icons should be celebrated rather than penalized. Fix the issues at hand with tee times and green fees. Invest in making these hidden gems more coveted. Generate more revenue. Don't cut what is already bare minimum.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremiah Wassom

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:56 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In a city that already has issues with crime, sanitation, and education, this is not the time to cut funding for Recreation and Parks. We are already inundated with trash, graffiti, homeless encampments, and crime throughout all of our parks with the current, overworked staff. Cutting the budgets would only increase these issues. And to do so for Griffith - a park and Observatory that notoriously bring many tourists to Los Angeles - is now putting a more national eye on these problems. Lastly, we need funding for educational programs to keep future generations active, curious, and interested in the world around them. Without these educational opportunities, kids will turn elsewhere for their stimuli. Let's do better all around.

Communication from Public

Name: Henriette Alamillo

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:56 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to say that I'm very sad to hear that the budget cuts include a huge cut to the department of recreation and parks. This will especially be detrimental because it's such an essential part to keep these public spaces open for Angelenos to enjoy. This could mean Griffith observatory, losing essential workers that help upkeep these incredible landmarks and spaces. These are community spaces that are very essential to our quality of life. With the uprising in the price of housing, food and gas, it is especially hard to be deprived. Another thing that we feel is essential. I urge you to not approve any of these budget cuts. Angelenos are already going through enough and by cutting out this foundation of workers that help sustain these once again essential spaces is heartbreaking. I am not in support of these budget cut to the department of recreation and parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline Rheinfrank

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:58 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles has a dearth of public park space per capita compared to other densely populated US cities. It is imperative that we keep our existing parks robustly staffed so that can be safe, clean and well-maintained as our parks provide crucial benefits vital to the mental, physical, spiritual, intellectual well-being of the citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Connie Elliot

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 08:59 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Griffith Observatory is a Los Angeles treasure. Please do not cut their budget or the school programs that get the children there. People visit the observatory from all over the world. It needs to be open often and staffed accordingly.

Communication from Public

Name: John E Goldhammer

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:01 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While Los Angeles has spent millions on our Homeless population, we shouldn't overlook the needs for the rest of the city. Public Parks and institutions like Griffith Park and Observatory must command equal footing with the Homeless! If we are to stop the population loss that has occurred in Los Angeles and provide a vibrant city face for the world to see, we must pay attention to all of Los Angeles...the people, parks, open spaces and our historic institutions.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Wakil

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:04 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting funding for such an iconic part of LA's history and ongoing tourism would be a disaster. I cycle past the observatory 4 times a week and the crowds are wonderful to see. These are people who love science and learning. This monument deserves more funding if anything! Brian Wakil

Communication from Public

Name: GILBERT HINOJOSA

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

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly opposed to the idea of deleting positions within the Griffith park observatory. This park is the first and the most important recreation area in Los Angeles. It should be one of the top priorities for the Los Angeles City Council to continue this magnificent testament to the city of Los Angeles and fully support the operations of the Observatory!.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Bailey

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:11 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm an writing to ask that funding not be cut to Griffith Observatory, as it will have a direct impact on the children in LAUSD and beyond. Every year thousands of students visit the observatory where many are introduced to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). This is essential as technology around the world continues to drive society forward. I have personally seen how children light up look through the telescopes, touching the meteors, and watching science experiments unfold before them. Please reconsider any cuts to this LA institute.

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa Quinzi

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:12 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: please dont cut out funding for parks and recreation. we need to keep the employees who take care of our park facilities! the world is growing darker, dont contribute to that. nature comes first.

Communication from Public

Name: Vincent S Asbjornsen

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:14 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The park system in Los Angeles is an integral part of the community at large, especially Griffith Park and Observatory. It would be a loss to reduce the Department of Recreation and Parks workforce as they are responsible to maintaining parks' value and integrity.

Communication from Public

Name: L. Steinman

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:15 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA's parks are an essential service... they must be maintained and kept safe for all LA citizens. Please do not cut jobs from Rec and Parks. I use LA parks every day... Griffith Park and more... it's the first place I take visitors. Protect RAP from budget cuts! thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Rivera
Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:16 AM
Council File No: 24-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Letter of Support



May 2, 2024
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Elimination of 8 positions at EWDD

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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. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Rivera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "R".

Maria Rivera

Vice President Workers United/SEIU and Regional Manager, WSRJB Workers United-SEIU

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:19 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: One of the City's most valuable attractions is the Griffith Park Observatory. It is a unique resource. Visitors and Angelenos alike marvel at its profound nature. Funding for this immensely popular venue should NOT be reduced by even one cent! Please consider this plea. Loosing or lessoning even part of the awesome experience that is the Observatory would be devastating. Please please keep its current funding levels. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. It will mean the world to a multitude of people.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Floyd

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:26 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Budget cuts to the Griffith Observatory could impact a number of residents in Los Angeles by potentially impacting the ability of lower income Angelenos from visiting the observatory free of charge. The programs available to visitors and students free of charge provide educational and inspirational opportunities to children and adults alike. My son and I go to the observatory regularly because it is free and we can't find a better park to visit for the day without being charged an arm and a leg. As a single mom who only makes enough to rent a room, cutting funding from the Observatory could impact my family by limiting our options for affordable and fun activities not to mention impact the learning opportunities for countless other families who can't afford tickets to the privately owned children's museum like the Discovery Cube. Please, please, PLEASE protect RAP from budget cuts and protect the Griffith Observatory and park as well. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Lori Severt

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:29 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Griffith Observatory is vital to developing future leaders in STEM. Living in Fresno, our students don't have easy access to visit the observatory but our students were highly engaged in the online classes that we participated in during the 23-24 school year. The disparity between the wealthy and working middle class is making it very difficult for our students to access experiences that engage them in science, technology, and mathematics. We need future leaders and problem solvers and the experiences provided by the Griffith Observatory to inspire and excite students to learn about our planet within the solar system is vital to the future health of our planet. Funding for this program and the expertise of the scientists working at the observatory should not be cut. Consider the impact on students/families who are struggling to survive in this economy---these are the people that will lose out on experiences that the Griffith Observatory provides, free of charge. I understand that the city council has to look at funding and make cuts but weigh the impact of taking away this funding and how it will negatively impact our future leaders in STEM.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:31 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Sir/Madam, I am a 5th-grade teacher employed by LAUSD, writing to emphasize the significance of Griffith Observatory school programs in aligning with the NGSS Science standards for my students. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, we were unable to finance any field trips this year, including a visit to Griffith Observatory. The virtual online program provided by the Observatory has proven to be a valuable substitute for my students to engage with educational content and interact with knowledgeable science staff. It is essential for all students, particularly those lacking funding for field trips, to have access to the school programming offered by the Observatory. If the program continues to be funded, it would be devastating for my school.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Holmstrom

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:32 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fund the observatory! It is important for education, literacy, science of the future. Let's not go back to the "dark ages!"

Communication from Public

Name: Amalia

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:42 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Griffith observatory is deserving of being well taken care of and protected. In a city where homelessness and violence has taken over, we need a safe space for our children to experience freedom to safely run around, hike and specially look at what is beyond our earth. Every child should have access to our observatory.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin Diehl

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:42 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to keep as many of the positions at the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), as possible as you consider the budget. A big part of what makes LA a place we want to live in is are our ability to go outside and enjoy nature in public spaces. In particular Griffith Park is not just a landmark, but a living space for people to walk, bike, hike, and learn about the stars. I both bike there and am a supporter of the Griffith Observatory, which provides important astronomy programming to the general publics and STEM educational initiatives for LA students. I understand there are many worthy causes the budget needs to cover, but please consider the importance of our LA parks for its residents' well being and for the city's overall health (including financial health and economics development).

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:45 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect RAP from budget cuts! Our incredible city parks, including Griffith park and the Observatory are more important now than ever. With the decline of mental health in our city, these public resources provide a sense of peace and connection that nothing else can. I urge you to prioritize the care and upkeep of these vital spaces. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Rona Shamoon

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:45 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please support the Griffith Observatory, which is a public treasure!

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Name: Sonal Patel

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 09:50 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Katie Goldston

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:10 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: J. Cypis

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:15 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please protect RAP from budget cuts. The people of Los Angeles deeply need & deserve these public resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Cary K Baird

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:19 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The City has a huge inventory of public parks and open spaces paid for by the taxpayer. These City ASSETS require continuous ongoing maintenance to keep them up given today's general public do not respect these spaces as well as they used to. It would be totally irresponsible for anyone on the City Council to not protect and maintain these publicly paid assets with the required labor and budgets necessary to keep them up. Please give serious consideration to not allow these assets to degrade PAID FOR BY Taxpayers.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:20 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Recreation and Parks provides many useful services that help residents to relax, learn, and grow. This is a trying time for many residents with costs ever increasing and providing low-cost or free recreation at places like Griffith Observatory or any of the parks is essential to the health and wellness of all Angelenos. Please do not cut or lessen the support of park services. They ensure the safety and wellness of residents.

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Communication from Public

Name: Rob Johnson

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Recreation and Parks Department oversees some of the most wonderful places in Los Angeles for residents and tourists to visit. For residents, the parks and recreational areas provide economical places to spend time, enjoy the beauty of the area, and get healthy exercise. The parks and recreational areas also draw tourists here, along with their business. The Griffith Park Observatory draws residents and tourists, due not only because of its historical importance, its appearance in many movies, and its wondrous views of Fern Glen and Los Angeles, but also because of its educational value. The Observatory provides information on space and space science with the displays in its halls, and through programs in the planetarium and Leonard Nimoy Theater. It also provides valuable outreach programs for school children. These educational opportunities are priceless. We should be increasing the funding for the Recreation and Parks Department. It took a hit in 2008, and we should be helping the Department to further these gems of our city. Please increase funding for the Recreation and Parks Department, and certainly do not reduce its funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Edgar Ortiz

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:29 AM

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Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:32 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

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Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Charles Smith

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:41 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 10:42 AM

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Sincerely,
Andrea Gonzalez
Organizing Director
CLEAN Carwash Worker Center

Communication from Public

Name: Blair Westlake

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:05 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, and in particular Griffith Observatory. Both are treasured by the City's residents and visitors. The Observatory is one of the City's most cherished and unique locations. Please find a way to continue the level of support these organizations need to maintain and improve their facilities. The City is already on a downward spiral. Don't exacerbate that by cutting much-needed budgets. Respectfully submitted. Blair Westlake

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:06 AM

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Name: Courtney Cooke

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:11 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, and I believe that cutting the funds to the Observatory is a great mistake. The observatory is a great educational experience to the students of the Los Angeles School District, and all young adults. The Observatory has been seen in a great number of films and TV scenes, and is a tourist draw from around the world. Cutting staff and programs would have a negative effect both locally and internationally. The Leonard Nimoy theater has brought great scientific minds to discuss their research and findings. One recent Nobel Prize winner Kip Thorne appeared at the Leonard Nimoy theater to share some of his latest findings with the general public. The observatory needs MORE funding NOT less!

Communication from Public

Name: cindy i keefer

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:12 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Department of Recreation and Parks is a necessary organization for the city of Los Angeles. It creates the opportunity for higher learning as well as recreation for the residents and visitors from all over the world. To reduce the budget will limit the scope of this valuable asset to the city. The Griffith Observatory is the diamond in the ring of the Hollywood lights. This institution is the most valuable of all! This center enlightens all visitors with the opportunity to explore the mysteries of science that is explained throughout the programs developed by the experts, including the one and only Dr. Ed Krupp. I beg you provide the Griffith Observatory with the funds they need to expand their programs for the benefit of the City of Los Angeles and beyond.

Communication from Public

Name: MAURICE MBAABU

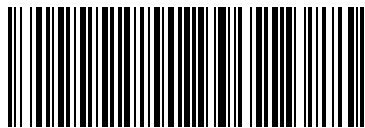
Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:17 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City council members, Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee Members Councilmember Blumenfield: (213)473-7003 Councilmember Harris-Dawson: (213)473-7008 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky: (213)473-7005 Councilmember Tim McOsker: (213)473-7015 Councilmember Rodriguez: (213)473-7007 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. I support Griffith Observatory and city parks as a safe environment and community recreation area for learning about the solar system, galaxies, and space exploration. These public resources provide opportunities for all citizens and visitors to meet local astronomers and engage them with questions pertaining to outer space and galaxies such as the milky way. I have had the opportunity to attend one event at the park and it was one of the most beneficial events thus far this year - All Space Considered With Special Guest Dr. Aomawa Shields at the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon Theater which took place on Tuesday, January 30, 2024(see attachment) I am writing to urge all city council members to protect RAP from budget cuts and maintain the jobs necessary for current and future events at Griffith observatory. The Foundation's mission is to support and promote Griffith Observatory as a home for science literacy, education, and public astronomy through resource development and advocacy in partnership with the community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Admit One - General Admission - \$0.00

Ticket 1 of 1

Communication from Public

Name: Paul M

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:24 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Griffith Observatory is a shining beacon in LA; it's iconic and a major, regular tourist destination, as well as being a delight for locals. Maintaining the health of the facility and programs here is a self-evident value add to Los Angeles as a destination and community. Please keep these things close to heart when considering budgets; cuts that affect the Observatory may have a short term benefit but are guaranteed to be a long term detriment.. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Gilliland

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:31 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, Griffith Park Observatory is a vitally needed public park, not only for the Observatory itself but for all the public programs it supports. I have been a member of the Observatory and supported it through annual donations for several years. I have enjoyed experiencing many of the shows and programs offered by the Observatory. Their emails include a number of programs for school children and others. It would be a loss for the entire community if these programs, etc. were to be limited or, worse, discontinued. Budget cuts are not what's needed where public parks are concerned. I am making it my mission to support and promote Griffith Observatory as a home for science literacy, education, and public astronomy in partnership with the community. Respectfully yours, Leslie Gilliland

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia V.
Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:35 AM
Council File No: 24-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Fund public parks not LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Jennie Bailey

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 11:40 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need more funds for spay/neuter. It's an incredibly expensive surgery that many cannot afford right now. We want to fix our pets but we can't always pay \$700 for a large dog. It would really help with curbing all the babies. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicola Borland

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:01 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You would be doing a disservice to this city if you remove funding from Recs and parks as we need green spaces in this concret jungle for our mental health, physical health and our diminishing environment. We need to also keep funding for Griffith Observatory, I urge them to protect RAP from budget cuts.

Communication from Public

Name: Bobbie Kingsbury

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:13 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to maintain funding for essential services and programs benefitting families, youth, the elderly and especially the workforce development programs crucial for garment industry businesses and low wage workers.



THE FASHION AUTHORITY

By Bobbie

May 2, 2024
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Elimination of 8 positions at EWDD

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Communication from Public

Name: rosemary williams

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Griffith Observatory and Recreation and Parks and think it is ridiculous that the Mayor would host her holiday party at the Observatory and then try and slash funding for it. There are so few free public spaces. Support free learning. Support green spaces.

Communication from Public

Name: HOLLY KNIGHT

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:20 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I SUPPORT GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY AND RC AND PARKS, THEY PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICES. DO NOT CUT FUNDING TO THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

Communication from Public

Name: THOMAS WILLIAMS

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:22 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Griffith Observatory and Recreation and Parks

Communication from Public

Name: Kara Knack

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:32 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

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Name: Jillian Clark

Date Submitted: 05/03/2024 12:33 PM

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