

Communication from Public

Name: Rosalie Preston

Date Submitted: 05/10/2024 10:08 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support Mayor Karen Bass's request for \$185 million for the Inside Safe program which has successfully addressed the tent encampments and RV encampments of those without housing, including funding for motel room and other interim housing, supportive services for those experiencing homelessness, transition support for permanent housing, and funding to acquire properties for permanent housing. In my neighborhood of Harbor Gateway North, the Inside Safe clearance of a tent encampment along the south side of the 105 freeway at Hoover Street was a successful example of the effectiveness of the program, with the area remaining nearly free from a return of homeless to that particular location and a rapid response when new tents appeared.

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Name: David Tran

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 12:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Councilmembers, I am writing as a concerned citizen of Canoga Park regarding the significantly increased police budget while hampering down absolutely essential city services like LA Sanitation/Bureau of Sanitation, Housing, Rec & Parks, Street repavement services coupled with LADOT/Metro (transportation) funding, City Controller budget, and Bureau of Street Services. It is deeply disappointing to me the budget of the police is being proposed to increase by \$138.2 million: the increase in LAPD funding could fund the rest of the Mayor's cuts on other critical services while still providing a funding increase to LAPD. I don't understand why LAPD is not being held accountable, and instead of seeking to establish offices that improve and hold police accountable, the budget is seeking to pump even more money when other aspects of this city are falling apart. The LAPD has proven to be inept at their job: look at Metro, who are looking to start their own in-house transit police force because LAPD officers simply stand around on their phones at the stations instead of actively patrolling (take it from an active user of the Metro system who has witnessed hundreds of police officers not doing their jobs). I beg my councilmember, Bob Blumenfield, and all other councilmembers to please not cut funding for any of these other essential city services while continuing to funnel money into a money-laundering, corrupt agency. Furthermore, Measure HLA just got voted in with a resounding near supermajority vote and Mayor Bass just visited Paris claiming to gain "so much insight" from that visit: what insight did you gain? Fund more police and defund active livable streets? That's clearly not what is going on in Paris, as they have tripled the number of active bikers since Mayor Hidalgo took office. If this budget gets approved as is, it will signal a further betrayal of the City Council and Mayor Bass as they prioritize public image over substantive results. To be honest, though, many people in LA are getting tired of the continued state of this city: we demanded more active streets in a clear vote a few months ago and dense housing with Mayor Bass' election, yet you're doing everything in your power to minimize this? Shameful. Increasing funding for street repavement would enhance the optics of the mayor across ALL demographics--car users, bicyclists, bus users, etc--if it entails the implementations promised by Measure HLA.

Can we please get more housing too? Why are housing services being slashed and why is not enough being done to upzone this sprawling city? The solution is beyond simple: upzone and build more, but we keep bending over for bureaucracy and NIMBYs. I promise you that I will not vote for Mayor Bass or my councilmember again if this budget gets approved in its current state. Stop increasing funding LAPD and decreasing funding for critical city services!!!!!!!!!! It looks terrible, and the city is already littered with trash!! We need more cleaning services, among many other improvements to city services not named LAPD. Give the people what they asked for: implement Measure HLA with enthusiasm to have a beautiful city by 2028.

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Name: Vanessa Bailey

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 01:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Decrease police budget Only fund new police hires as needed
Invest in more community based safety, violence prevention
workers Hire folks to pick up trash, clean the gutters, remove
weeds Support small businesses Community based clinics, mental
health treatment Some alternatives to incarceration-job training
Invest in after school programs, youth centers, skating rinks
Healing circles, family counseling Free public transportation More
green spaces, minus the concrete Libraries Street maintenance
More investment in community based legal services

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Keogh

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 07:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: May 12th, 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, Osei-Duro LLC. 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. Osei-Duro LLC. 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, Molly Keogh Co-Founder and COO Osei-Duro LLC.

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

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Sincerely,
Molly Keogh
Co-Founder and COO
Osei-Duro LLC.

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Name: Teerell lamb

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 02:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: In researching the myriad of issues that exist, and I totally support her sense of the budget

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 02:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am very disappointed in Mayor Bass' decision to cut staff and budgets from many departments that contribute to public safety. It's alarming to see the continued divestment from sources as LAPD's budget simultaneously increases. This is a blow to all Angelenos who exist in marginalized communities that continue to suffer and in the worst cases die from decisions like these.

Communication from Public

Name: sara zaldana

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT cut the funding for our parks! Our city already lacks so much green space, the few parks we do have should be maintained as much as possible. They currently do not look their best as it is, I cannot imagine how much worse they will get if funding is decreased.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Campos

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 02:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Mayor Bass's Budget with respect to collaboration between City, County, and State agencies working together to provide essential services to those facing mental health crisis.