

Communication from Public

Name: Maddie shonholtz

Date Submitted: 05/13/2024 07:34 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support this budget student because as a formerly houseless individual who is now a member of one of the many los angeles based universities, it's important to me that everyone is given the chance to thrive. With improving the budget more opportunities and more safety will be allocated to those in need of both of those things. I believe this is a net positive and would not only better individuals but the los angeles community at large.

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Name: Ann Ervin Job

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Bass' State of the City Address outlined the task before us: Make Los Angeles be all that it can be--a city of which we can be proud. She has thrown down the gauntlet. It's a daunting task, but our Mayor is not timid. She is tirelessly committed to our City's bright future. I personally feel encouraged to step up and do my part. It is incumbent on all of us--City Council members, Neighborhood Councils, city departments, city workers, business owners, residents, all stakeholders no matter our status in life--to work together to meet the challenge of realizing our mayor's vision. It's a vision that surely we all embrace. I submit a target date for accomplishing the job: The Summer Olympics of 2028, a mere four years from now. Today is the time to start in earnest. To that end, let us commit to making significant progress toward our goal by The World's Cup in 2026. Let's use these two world events as an opportunity to finally 'get it done.' Though we face many challenges, the scourge of homelessness is our most pressing and embarrassing problem. Accepting and adhering to the Mayor's budget is the path to success. It takes money, hard work, and compassion. We have all three. I refuse to believe that WE as human beings, as Americans, as Californians, as Angelenos are OK with any one of us having nowhere to live safely housed. We remember a time when men, women, and children were not relegated to living on the street, in alleys, under bridges.... We have the financial and human resources needed to regain that Los Angeles. Do we care enough? That is the question. Even if the financial cost of ending homelessness were the only factor to be considered, I can assure you that not ending homelessness is and would be massively more expensive. It's not just the right thing to do, it's the smart thing to do. City Council members, in closing allow me to address you directly. I beg you to be honest, to be worthy of your constituents' trust, and to not reflect poorly on your fellow council members. If you have any purpose other than serving the people of your district and of your city, please resign now. Mayor Bass, thank you for your inspiring leadership. Thank you for the chance to be heard, Ann Job of Sylmar

Communication from Public

Name: Pastor Rudy Trujillo, Faith Center

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 02:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: May 15, 2024 Subject: Support for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Proposal, Council File: 24-0600 To The Honorable Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to express my strong support for the budget proposal for fiscal year 2024-25, particularly its focus on critical community needs. I especially commend the proposal's commitment to Public Safety. Investing in youth violence prevention programs like the GRYD, DYD, SNL and Hire LA's Youth is vital. These programs, when coupled with initiatives that provide educational and career pathways for young people, can offer a powerful alternative to violence and create a brighter future for our youth. Furthermore, I strongly support Reducing Homelessness via the allocation of resources for mental health and substance abuse services for individuals transitioning off the streets into housing with work ready opportunities. These combined efforts can significantly contribute to a safer and healthier Los Angeles. I also urge the council to prioritize maintaining Clean and Safe Streets. While I understand the challenges in addressing encampments, I believe a multi-pronged approach that includes increased investment in supportive housing and services alongside continued enforcement efforts can be most effective. I pray for your wisdom in making these important decisions and offer my commitment to working alongside city officials to build a better Los Angeles. Sincerely , Rudy Trujillo, Pastor New Life Faith Center pastorrudy.com, faithcenter.cc



"Rooted in Love, Growing in Faith, Finding Hope"

May 15, 2024

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To The Honorable Los Angeles City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the budget proposal for fiscal year 2024-25, particularly its focus on critical community needs.

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Furthermore, I strongly support **Reducing Homelessness** via the allocation of resources for mental health and substance abuse services for individuals transitioning off the streets into housing with work ready opportunities. These combined efforts can significantly contribute to a safer and healthier Los Angeles.

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Name: Michelle Costa
Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 05:46 PM
Council File No: 24-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles Room & Board is in full support of the Mayor's proposed budget.

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Name: David

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 06:39 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is David and I am a resident in downtown Los Angeles and I would like to see the streets cleaned and the pot holes fixed I would also like to see more affordable apartments. I would like to see more opportunities for ex offenders to receive more meaningful jobs and help the poor and the homeless more efficiently I urg the counsel to pass the mayors budget I see far to many pot holes and homeless people and all aforementioned above thank you.

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Name: Luis

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 06:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Luis Garcia I'm a resident of Los Angeles, I write to urge the city council to pass the mayor's budget I would like Los Angeles public schools to have more resources and funding for supplies and extra curricular activities and I would also like homelessness to be addressed and public health to have more resources also. Thank you for your time

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Name: Manuel

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 06:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Manuel Lara, a resident of Los Angeles, and I urge the City council to pass the Mayor's budget. I live in this mess on a daily basis, something needs to be done, past! I would like to get the name of someone in your office and their phone number in order to contact them. There's over 41,000 homeless!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Cabrera
Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 06:42 PM
Council File No: 24-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to pass the Mayors Budget because homeless/housing is a serious concern in CD1.

Communication from Public

Name: Faitdon Gipson

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 06:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express the need to suppo the mayors Budget is far too much homeless going on out here needs to be addressed needs to be decreased. Prison population addressed issue of mental health, so please support the mayors budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Hirschkoff, President, Housingmv.org

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 11:30 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in full support and appreciation of Mayor Karen Bass' ongoing commitment to continue to respond the homeless emergency and funds in the proposed city budget for 2024-2025 to reduce homelessness. With her ongoing plans to break new ground with new strategies and to deliver more services as well as housing to bring more people inside from tents, cars, and RVs. I also agree that we must continue our efforts to prevent Angelenos from losing their homes and ending up on the streets. This budget that allocates a total of \$950 million to continue responding to the homeless emergency and funds efforts to reduce homelessness. It's understood that services are being delivered in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, further reducing the projected costs associated with confronting this crisis this year. Two of the goals that are supported by this budget proposal are the lowering of the cost of housing and developing a stronger model for delivery services necessary to make sure those homeless in Los Angeles can move from the streets and never return. We, of Housingmv.org, a non-profit 501c3 organization, have been working diligently since 2021 and continue to do so to provide food, clothing, hygiene items, and many services to the homeless living on the streets our local community, Mar Vista. Housingmv collaborates with the UCLA Mobile Medical Clinic, CLARE / MATRIX Substance Abuse Clinic, the UCLA Jules Stein Eye Clinic, and the Venice Family Clinic to provide healthcare and supplies to our homeless community members on a weekly basis. We highly appreciate all of Karen Bass' budgeted funds and efforts to improve and resolve the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Bobby Arias MSW, MPA

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 11:44 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: May 14, 2024 Honorable City Council, Champions in Service (CIS), has been dedicated to providing essential services to gang-involved and gang-affiliated re-entry residents in the Northeast San Fernando Valley for over three decades. Throughout our years of service, CIS has actively engaged with various initiatives in partnership with the City of Los Angeles, including LA Stars, LA Bridges, and currently, the LA GRYD contract. The GRYD contract has allowed us to implement vital violence reduction interventions, intensive case management services, tattoo removal, and therapy programs in Districts 7 & 6 with remarkable success. Notably, one of our significant achievements is a 26% reduction in gang violence within our community. In collaboration with the LAPD, CIS has played a pivotal role in founding the SFV Coalition on Gangs, which has been meeting consistently every first Thursday of the month for over 30 years, despite operating on a non-existent budget. The Coalition comprises various community agencies serving underserved populations, including representatives from law enforcement, elected officials, academic institutions like CSUN Graduate School of Social Work, local businesses, and concerned residents. We wholeheartedly urge the City to continue its full support and funding for the GRYD initiative. This sustained investment is crucial for the GRYD network to persist in its mission of fostering a safe and thriving community for all Angelenos. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your continued support is instrumental in our collective efforts to build a better and safer city for everyone. Sincerely, Bobby Arias, MSW, MPA



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Sincerely,

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Blinky Rodriguez

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Cleator

Date Submitted: 05/11/2024 02:21 PM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the mayors budget to support mental illness and senior homelessness

Communication from Public

Name: Archie Hoggan, Executive Director, The Beacon House Association of San Pedro

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 09:52 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: "The Beacon House Association of San Pedro (The Beacon House) is on the frontline of the homelessness crisis and opioid epidemic facing the great city of Los Angeles and the state of California. Every day, we witness the immeasurable suffering felt by individuals, families, and communities. The Beacon House supports Mayor Bass in her ongoing efforts to assist and empower organizations on the frontlines of this vital fight. With Mayor Bass's support, The Beacon House will continue to provide free, long-term treatment to people who need it most – those suffering under the unbearable weight of addiction and homelessness. Mayor Bass's budget is socially responsible in that it addresses L.A.'s most vulnerable communities, while promoting growth."

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 10:45 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate and applaud the investment in public safety and homelessness, I am confused about how safety on buses and light rail will be addressed, specifically. The Metro Ambassadors are helpful, but I know they can't really do anything if someone is on drugs and taking space in a public area. This morning's news reported that three separate attacks on three different people in three different areas of the city occurred. And all those people were doing was waiting for the bus. I have often opted to Uber or Lyft to avoid taking the bus or light rail. I cannot drive. And my optimal options to engage with and invest in the city, the bus and light rail, are severely hindered by a lack of safety and cleanliness on the bus. The underground system is dark, the signage is not clear--but most alarmingly are the number of seemingly homeless and drugged up people on the subway. My friend saw someone shooting up in the subway earlier this year. My coworker had someone slam a hammer right next to her by a man who was clearly deranged. I have been in extremely dirty cars smelling of excrement and marijuana. Passengers who are obviously going to work or an event huddle to one side of the car while people with mountains of sleeping bags and duffle bags stay on the other side. Some of these individuals obviously look and act like they are on drugs. I DO NOT feel safe taking the subway, and that means I will opt to stay indoors and spend less money than I should in a major metropolis advertised as a tourist destination. I know people are trying and the budget reflects lower crime and less homelessness--this is a good thing. But it would be nice to have specific information on safety and cleanliness on the bus.

Communication from Public

Name: Lenni

Date Submitted: 05/15/2024 10:53 AM

Council File No: 24-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the budget for our district to focus on the needs of our community: food insecurity, support for education and supplemental programs (robotics). Our children need food security so that they do not have to worry about being hungry, they can put their energy into doing well in school. I help pass out food with La Foodbank to hundreds of families each week. Their stories are heartbreaking and they need the support. Our volunteers need the support to help these families.