

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a Los Angeles city high school student in Councilmember Sarah Samantha Garcia district 1 and resident of Downtown Magnets Highschool. I am aware that a new budget is to be voted on Thursday, May 23 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2024 and that it proposes that almost 50% of the city budget is allocated to police. This concerns me because I think a generous amount of money should be budgeted to other important places such as public library that can benefit from it. I urge the Council to commit to support Los Angeles youth by reducing the funds for Los Angeles Police and moving those monies to other departments. To ensure my safety and ability to thrive, here are some departments the Council can move money towards: I think its important to budget to Los Angeles libraries as well because this is a resource many students and people in the La area use and i think would benefit from if money was given to these public libraries.