

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Gore

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 09:05 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members, As a 'native' Angeleno, I urge you to REJECT the proposed budget cuts that would eliminate critical climate and environmental programs and close three animal shelters. * I request that you to OPPOSE the suggested elimination of City Planning's Wildlife, Rim of the Valley, and Environmental Justice work programs, LASAN's Biodiversity and Healthy Soils Program, and the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office. These are worthy programs that are designed to collaborate and make Los Angeles a better, safer, and more resilient place for the humans and animals who call Los Angeles home. As Los Angeles faces the increasing impacts of climate change (reference recent Palisades and Eaton fires), these programs are more critical than ever. I urge you to reinstate them as part of a long-term vision for a resilient and sustainable city. * I also urge you to STOP the proposed closure of three animal shelters, which would overwhelm the remaining facilities, flood our streets with stray and abandoned animals, and push the live/save rate down from 85% to 70%. This would undo years of progress and create an animal welfare and public health crisis across our neighborhoods. Thank you for your leadership and service.

Communication from Public

Name: Renee Guerrero Deleon

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 09:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, The Southern California Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, advocates for safe, healthy, and secure jobs for all workers, and aims to disrupt the root causes of work-related injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. We build worker power through coalition-building, direct action, training, and education & leadership development. The organization is founded on the principle that workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths are preventable. We are urging you to reject the mayor's released budget proposal due to the exclusion of funding for seven day labor centers. This current proposal undeniably puts day laborers at risk. Los Angeles City Council has made repeated claims that this is a sanctuary jurisdiction, yet the current proposal's exclusion will only leave the most vulnerable Angelinos behind. These day labor centers operate as trusted hubs for immigrant day laborers, serving as places that communities trust to relay important information on workers rights and offer essential social services. In the aftermath of the devastating wildfires Los Angeles saw earlier this year, there are workers focusing on cleanup efforts with employers that are egregiously out of compliance, exposing day laborers to immeasurable risk and serious long term health effects. Some are even unsure of who their employer is. The organizations who are disseminating vital information regarding critical health and safety rights in response to these violations are these day labor centers. These are the places that day laborers come to in times of climate, health, and political disasters. Los Angeles needs to continue to invest in these programs in this political climate, not defund them. Reject the mayor's current budget proposal and allocate money that will truly make Los Angeles a sanctuary city. Thank you, The Southern California Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health



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Thank you,

The Southern California Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health

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Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 02:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reverse the proposed cut to the Department of Disability and also add a line item funding prevention, treatment, education, and support services for Long COVID.

Communication from Public

Name: Enyo Sherman

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 02:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to see MORE funding for programs that promote public welfare, such as improved public transportation, subsidized housing, environmental protection, and LA Animal Services. More funding for the Citywide Cat Program, TNR, and spay/neuter programs! LESS FUNDING FOR THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 05:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am Susan Steinhauser and I'm a resident in CD-11. I am writing about the fiscal year 2025-2026 proposed budget (Council File #25-0600): 1) Now is not the time to reduce the number of police officers protecting our community. I understand the need to allocate limited funds fairly but oppose the slowdown in LAPD officers from more than 8700 this year to 8400 by June 30, 2026. I live in a neighborhood where such a decrease, coupled with the elimination of civilian positions in the LAPD, would reduce the size of the force when Brentwood, my neighborhood, continues to see a rise in burglaries and armed robberies. Earlier this month, there was an armed street robbery at 3:50PM. 2) No funds should be given to Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) at this time given Los Angeles County's withdrawal and recent information about misspent funds and mismanagement. 3) LA Department of Transportation Budget should not be reduced by 22%. Such a reduction will reduce an already small workforce that helps with traffic management. Sunset Blvd., a Brentwood major thoroughfare, is a nightmare for most daylight hours and that should not be exacerbated. It's not good for health, it's not good for commerce, it's not good for safety. 4) Proposed cuts to Public Works should be eliminated or lessened. If they are approved, it will take even longer for essential services including street repairs, tree-trimming, and sanitation to occur. 5) Cuts to the Department of Recreation and Parks should be eliminated or lessened. Maintenance of Barrington Park and Crestwood Hills Park is already inadequate. Parks are an essential part of healthy city infrastructure. They keep residents healthy, get people outdoors, and build strong communities. Every neighborhood needs dedicated "green" space for their residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Rocio

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 06:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Parking in the in CD8 is terrible. Some residents have parking at the rear of our properties which would alleviate street parking. However the alleys near clearing of over grown vegetation and repaving in order to be utilized. We paid our taxes and the alleys should be maintained for usage by residents. Stop with the socioeconomic discrimination! We the south LA residents deserve the same services and acces public roads and alleys as other city of LA areas. Alley from 48th street to 52nd between Arlington and Van Ness.

Alley From 48th St and 52nd St, behind Arlington and Van Nes Ave 90062



Communication from Public

Name: Amy Ash

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 06:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget doubles LAPD funding from 2017 numbers yet crime has gone down. Also data has shown the safest countries don't have more police, they have more equity. The fact that more than a thousand jobs would be cut and important services closed like daycares, day laborer centers, and vision zero, shows the goal of this budget is not to help people but to prepare to expel the poor houseless folks from the streets and oppose protesters leading up to the Olympics. This is a militarization of our city rather than a funding and support of its people in a time when federal services are being cut and we need our city support more than ever. The police budget should be scaled back to 20% of city funding not 48%. Our city services need to be prioritized over the Olympics. Traffic violence exceeds homicides and every year the police budget has increased these numbers of ppl dying on our streets have increased not decreased. Data shows building safer streets, densely with transit makes us safer. Also stop using gas leafblowers on city property. How can you expect residents to stop using them if the city uses these harmful devices that contribute to air and noise pollution, 200 times than a car. Please do the bare minimum to reduce air pollution. Municipalities around the world don't use them why is LA. A leaf on the ground doesn't require such pollution to be moved. I strongly oppose money being spent on helicopters. I have a first hand experience of the waste these cause, as I did a "fly along" while working with the city and we did not observe any criminal activity, instead I was flown to the beach and the pilot decided to fly circles around Dan Bilzerian's house. I was also sexually harassed by almost every pilot in the station. As our world heats up, there will be more fires & floods and this city has done nothing to prepare or mitigate for these disasters. Also more heat means more chance for crime and people dying on the streets. We need more green spaces, cooling centers, extended hours for libraries, community centers, we don't need helicopters. It is a shame that corporate controlled media does not hold this council more accountable for its corruption and decisions that disparage its constituents. However the people have spoken loud and clear. We need our streets made safer for all people, we need housing built, we need to prioritize people not punitive measures. Also learn to behave in a professional manner, it is embarrassing how you talk and walk

around during public comment, no other city council behaves so impudently. It is embarrassing for us as a city to see this.

Communication from Public

Name: Frankie Guevara

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 08:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: May 3rd was proclaimed as “Dia del Jornalero” in 2019 by the City of Los Angeles, making history as the first City in the country to recognize the importance of day laborers and their work. Six years later, the City of Los Angeles’ Mayor is leaving Jornaleros without Day Labor Centers, where they receive vital resources and information regarding employment, education, housing, labor rights, immigration services and other vital resources that are much needed. These centers also offer a safe space for jornaleros to seek a sense of belonging, and empowerment, foster positive mental health and well-being, and offer many other benefits. It is irresponsible for the City to ignore jornaleros and exclude them from the budget and from being seen by the community. Excluding these vital resources puts them at-risk for experiencing exploitation, violence, and abuse amongst many other harmful things. Closing the centers will cause the community to lose the vital connections we have with jornaleros. The City is essentially telling these members of community to disappear. Jornaleros need the support not only from the community, but the city as well especially during a time when the federal government is terrorizing and persecuting immigrant and undocumented communities. I, along with many other members of our community urge the city to protect these critical community resources and fund the centers now.

Communication from Public

Name: Thelma Waxman

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 09:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from the Brentwood Homeowners Association, which represents approximately 4,500 homeowners and condominium residents living west of the 405 Freeway, north of San Vicente Boulevard, and east of Canyon View Drive.



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May 15, 2025

Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Yaroslavsky and Honorable Members,

The primary role of government is public safety. The proposed budget cuts to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), as discussed during recent Budget and Finance Committee meetings, pose a direct and unacceptable threat to the safety and well-being of the residents of Los Angeles.

Brentwood: A Community at Risk

Established in 1946, the Brentwood Homeowners Association¹ (BHA) is the largest homeowner association in the 90049 zip code. **A significant portion of our membership lives in a designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)** and has been forced to evacuate multiple times due to wildfires.

At our most recent annual meeting, a show of hands revealed that **half of our members have been victims of crime**—a figure later confirmed by our 2024 community survey. These are not statistics. These are real families facing real threats to their safety.

City government has many responsibilities, but none is more critical than ensuring public safety. For nearly 80 years, BHA has worked in partnership with the City to uphold this shared commitment. However, the looming budget deficit and potential cuts to essential services now threaten that partnership—and more importantly, the safety of our community.

Undermining Fire Protection in VHFHSZs

We applaud Councilmembers Yaroslavsky and Raman for recognizing the need for better **wildfire protection through their motion (Council File 25-0006-S35)**, which highlights the growing intensity and year-round nature of fire season in Los Angeles.

Yet the proposed budget cuts directly contradict the motion's intent by reducing LAFD staffing, delaying equipment maintenance, and limiting emergency response capabilities—especially in areas like ours, where fires sparked by homeless encampments have forced evacuations.

¹ BHA represents approximately 4,500 homeowners and condominium residents living west of the 405 Freeway, north of San Vicente Boulevard, and east of Canyon View Drive.

The motion specifically calls for:

- Enhanced deployment of resources during Red Flag conditions
- Improved safety protocols in VHFHSZs
- Better resident notification systems
- Proactive, cross-agency emergency coordination
- Expanded public education on fire risks

Reducing LAFD funding undermines all of these goals and puts our most vulnerable residents in danger.

Police Staffing and Rising Crime in Brentwood

Former Councilmember Mike Bonin, in his 2017 "Back to Basic Car" white paper, wrote:

"Too often, I hear from constituents that they rarely see a patrol car in their neighborhood, or that it takes LAPD too long to respond to an emergency call. Our neighborhoods deserve better. **We need more patrol officers.**"

Those words ring truer today than ever. Brentwood is served by the West LA Community Police Station, which covers 65.14 square miles and 784 street miles, the largest area of any LAPD station. Our resources are stretched thin, and the consequences are clear:

- In 2024, burglaries rose 45% over the previous year.
- In the first quarter of 2025, burglaries rose again over the prior year.
- Just last week, two residents were robbed at gunpoint at 4:00 PM on a residential street.

Cutting sworn officer positions—and eliminating critical civilian roles in the LAPD—would weaken patrol and investigative capacity at a time when we need more support, not less. Our fears are compounded by the fact that Los Angeles is preparing to host the World Cup (2026), Super Bowl (2027), and Olympic Games (2028). Public safety must be reinforced—not diminished—in anticipation of these global events.

Broader Impacts of Proposed Cuts on Brentwood

- **LADOT:** A 22% cut in enforcement will worsen traffic and parking conditions. Brentwood already suffers from congestion, and the post-Palisades Fire recovery effort has led to thousands of additional vehicle trips through the Sunset and 405 corridors.
- **Public Works:** Cuts to tree trimming, sanitation, and street repair will lead to longer delays and higher service fees. During last year's storms, a neglected tree fell and blocked Bundy Drive for two days, isolating residents without alternative access.
- **Rec and Parks:** Budget reductions will keep Barrington Park and Crestwood Hills Park in a state of disrepair. These are critical recreational areas for our families and seniors, yet they already suffer from inadequate upkeep.

Budget and Finance Committee

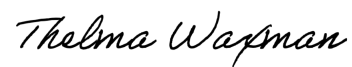
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We recognize the difficult fiscal decisions ahead. But balancing the budget should not come at the expense of the safety, health, and quality of life of the people you represent.

We urge you to preserve funding for LAFD, LAPD, LADOT, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks. Public safety is not discretionary—it is foundational.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thelma Waxman".

Thelma Waxman
President

cc: Traci Park, Councilmember, Council District 11

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Chen

Date Submitted: 05/15/2025 11:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Traffic crashes killed more people than homicides in Los Angeles last year. Cutting essential city services like transportation, street services, disability services while increasing the already bloated LAPD budget will continue to harm and endanger the lives of Angelenos. I'm asking the city to: 1) Restore funding to the transportation, street services, and city planning departments so that my city councilmember can stop using his discretionary funds to do basic city services like fix the street lights on Sunset Blvd. Street lights save lives by ensuring that pedestrians are visible to drivers when crossing! 2) Invest in unarmed crisis response teams which are proven to be effective and cost-saving (\$35 per call vs. LAPD's \$85 for the same amount of time) by expanding this life-saving program to three new divisions for \$4.46 million. 3) Cut the LAPD's helicopter budget which costs us \$50m a year, heightens racist surveillance of Black and brown communities, generates harmful noise pollution for neighborhoods of color, and does not make Los Angeles a safer city. The LAPD's helicopter budget ALONE is more than the budget of 14 city departments – this program causes significant harm to Angelenos. Freeing up this funding would allow the city to fund essential services that actually improve our lives. Fund legal representation for undocumented Angelenos at a time when they're being cruelly targeted by the federal government. Please fund \$1m to RepresentLA so they can protect the lives of our undocumented neighbors! The LAPD is responsible for \$100 million in liability costs in fiscal year 2024, according to an LAist analysis of city controller data - don't make other city departments pay for their negligence.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyra Kilston

Date Submitted: 05/14/2025 04:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the Barnsdall Art Park. As a former docent at the Hollyhock House, I can attest to the incredible cultural treasure this house is and the importance of access to art exhibitions and high-quality art classes at Barnsdall Art Park. It was a huge honor when the house was granted UNESCO status, and it would be deeply shameful if it had to close to the public. The house and art classes are all income-generating enterprises and beloved by many across the city. Please consider retaining the essential personnel and allowing this treasure to remain open for the residents of Los Angeles and tourists who come and discover that Los Angeles does indeed value its unique history. SAVE BARNSDALL!