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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/21/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Transportation Commissioners, Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission

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Agenda Date: 05/22/2025

Item Number:

Summary: The PICO NC strongly opposes the proposed FY '25-26 City of Los Angeles Budget ("26LAB") to the extent that it would cut funding for the essential services, resources, programs, and infrastructure that PICO NC and its citizens prioritize—those related to the environment, climate change, transportation and mobility. PICO NC urges the Mayor and City Council to revise the proposed 26LAB and to adopt a budget consistent with creating the Los Angeles that we desperately want—and deserve—one that is safe, resilient, equitable, sustainable, and accessible for all. January's devastating fires (including the Palisades and Eaton fires)—some of the worst climate-exacerbated disasters in California

history—highlight the importance of ensuring adequate funding for climate preparedness and protection. PICO NC urges the Mayor and City Council to revise the 26LAB to ensure adequate funding for environmental and climate change programs and services. PICO NC further understands that the 26LAB's proposed cuts would also significantly hamper the City's efforts to comply with its legal and moral obligations in connection with transportation and mobility—issues central to the quality of life of every Angeleno. Not properly funding transportation and mobility services and infrastructure is particularly objectionable considering: (1) FY25-26 will be the first full budget preparation cycle since the federal government adopted PROWAG and voters overwhelmingly approved Measure HLA; and (2) Los Angeles streets are more dangerous than ever, with a pedestrian injured every five hours and killed every two days. PICO NC calls on the Mayor and City Council to amend the 2026 LAB and adopt a 2025-2026 budget that meets (or exceeds) the budget requests made by LADOT and Streets LA before the 26LAB was released.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

OPPOSITION TO FY 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL, CLIMATE, AND TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY PRIORITIES

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Position: **OPPOSE**

Dear Mayor Bass, City Council Members, Chief Administrative Officer Szabo & City Controller Meija:

The PICO Neighborhood Council (“NC”) strongly opposes the proposed FY 2025-2026 City of Los Angeles Budget (“26LAB”) to the extent that it would cut funding for the essential services, resources, programs, and infrastructure that PICO NC and its citizens prioritize—those related to the environment, climate change, transportation and mobility.

The PICO NC urges the Mayor and City Council to revise the proposed 26LAB and to adopt a budget consistent with creating the Los Angeles that we desperately want—and deserve—one that is safe, resilient, equitable, sustainable, and accessible for all.

Environment and Climate Change

PICO NC understands that the 26 LAB would significantly cut climate- and environment-related positions in nearly every department within the city. This short-sighted thinking will only lead to more catastrophes: without any mechanisms for emergency preparedness or planning for heat, flooding, or wildfires, all Angelenos will be at risk. Indeed, January’s devastating fires (including the Palisades and Eaton fires)—some of the worst climate-exacerbated disasters in California history—highlight the importance of ensuring adequate funding for climate preparedness and protection.

The Mayor’s proposal to eliminate the City’s Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) is especially alarming. CEMO was founded to ensure Los Angeles is prepared to execute an equitable response to the growing impacts of climate change. Discontinuing CEMO would pose a grave threat to LA’s climate readiness and leave the City even more vulnerable to catastrophic disasters like the January fires. Somewhat ironically, eliminating CEMO could even put at risk significant funding that the state recently awarded CEMO to develop a replicable Extreme Heat Blueprint, potentially *costing* the City money.

But the 26LAB would also cut many other key departments and programs that safeguard LA's environment and public health. Indeed, it would cut (1) the entire environmental justice unit at the Planning Department, (2) one hundred and fifty-nine positions at LA Sanitation, (3) the City's biodiversity and urban forestry and soils programs, and (4) the LA River Coordinator position, which has been critical in efforts to restore the LA River.

PICO NC opposes all such cuts and urges the Mayor and City Council to revise the 26LAB to ensure adequate funding for environmental and climate change programs and services.

Transportation and Mobility

PICO NC further understands that the 26LAB's cuts would also significantly hamper the City's efforts to comply with its legal and moral obligations in connection with transportation and mobility—issues central to the quality of life of every Angeleno. As reported by the Boyle Heights Beat on May 5, 2025, “Laura Rubio-Cornejo, the city of L.A.’s general manager for the transportation department, said the proposed cuts could jeopardize revenue generated by parking enforcement and implementation of Measure HLA and Vision Zero.”

Not properly funding transportation and mobility services and infrastructure is particularly objectionable considering: (1) FY25-26 will be the first full budget preparation cycle since the federal government adopted PROWAG and voters overwhelmingly approved Measure HLA; and (2) Los Angeles streets are more dangerous than ever, with a pedestrian injured every five hours and killed every two days. Moreover, the Olympics will not wait for Los Angeles to get its act together when it comes to infrastructure, and if we hope to achieve a “car free” Olympics and to serve Angelenos that use our City's infrastructure on a daily basis, it's imperative the City fund the planning work that must be done now, in order to get projects up and running before the games.

The PICO NC thus urges the City to realign its priorities with its legal and moral obligations and do everything in its power to put an end to the carnage in our streets and implement projects that help our City become more multimodal. Each day that our streets remain as they are, Angelenos are unnecessarily injured and killed due to traffic violence.

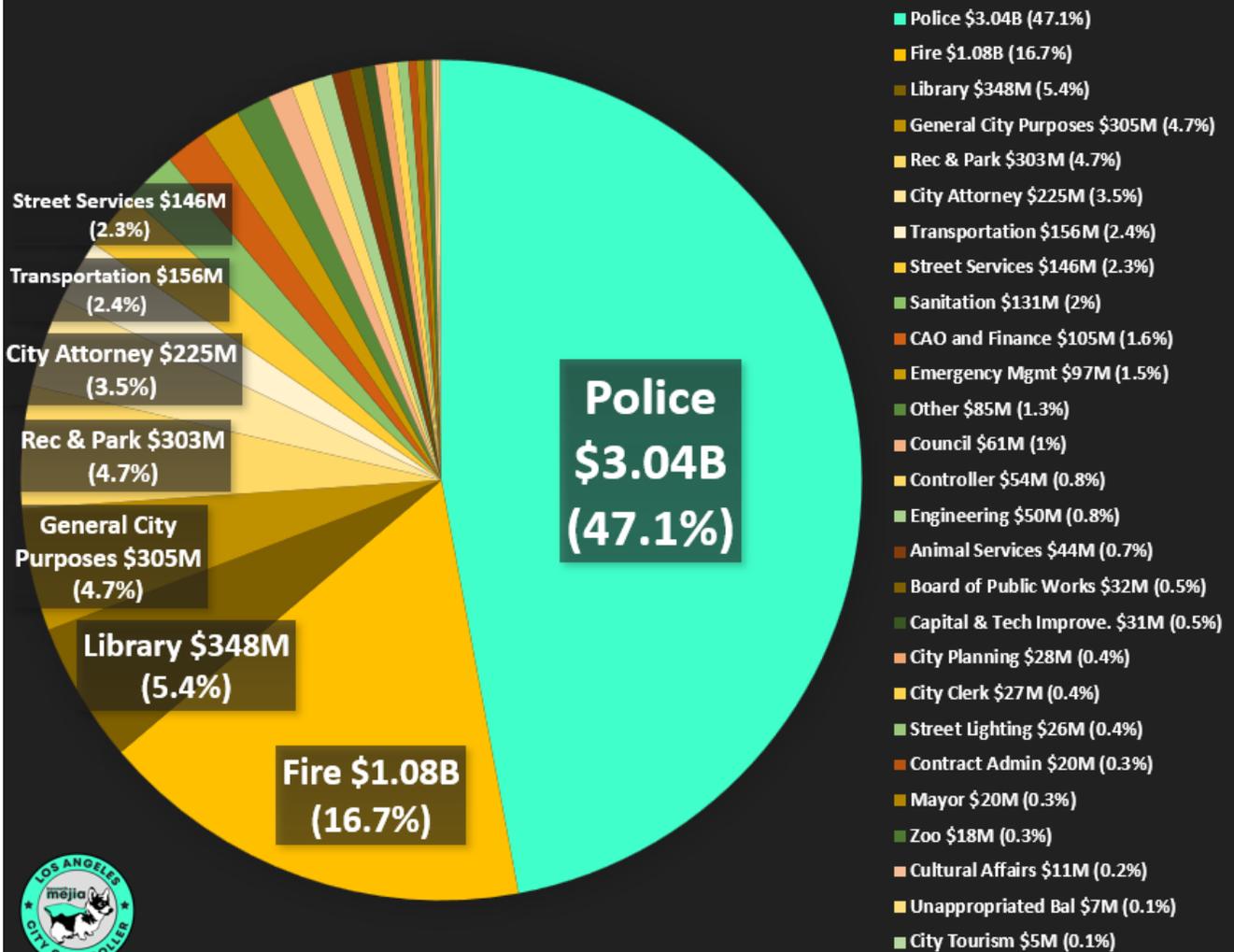
Thus, PICO NC calls on the Mayor and City Council to amend the 2026 LAB and adopt a 2025-2026 budget that meets (or exceeds) the budget requests made by LADOT and Streets LA before the 26LAB was released.

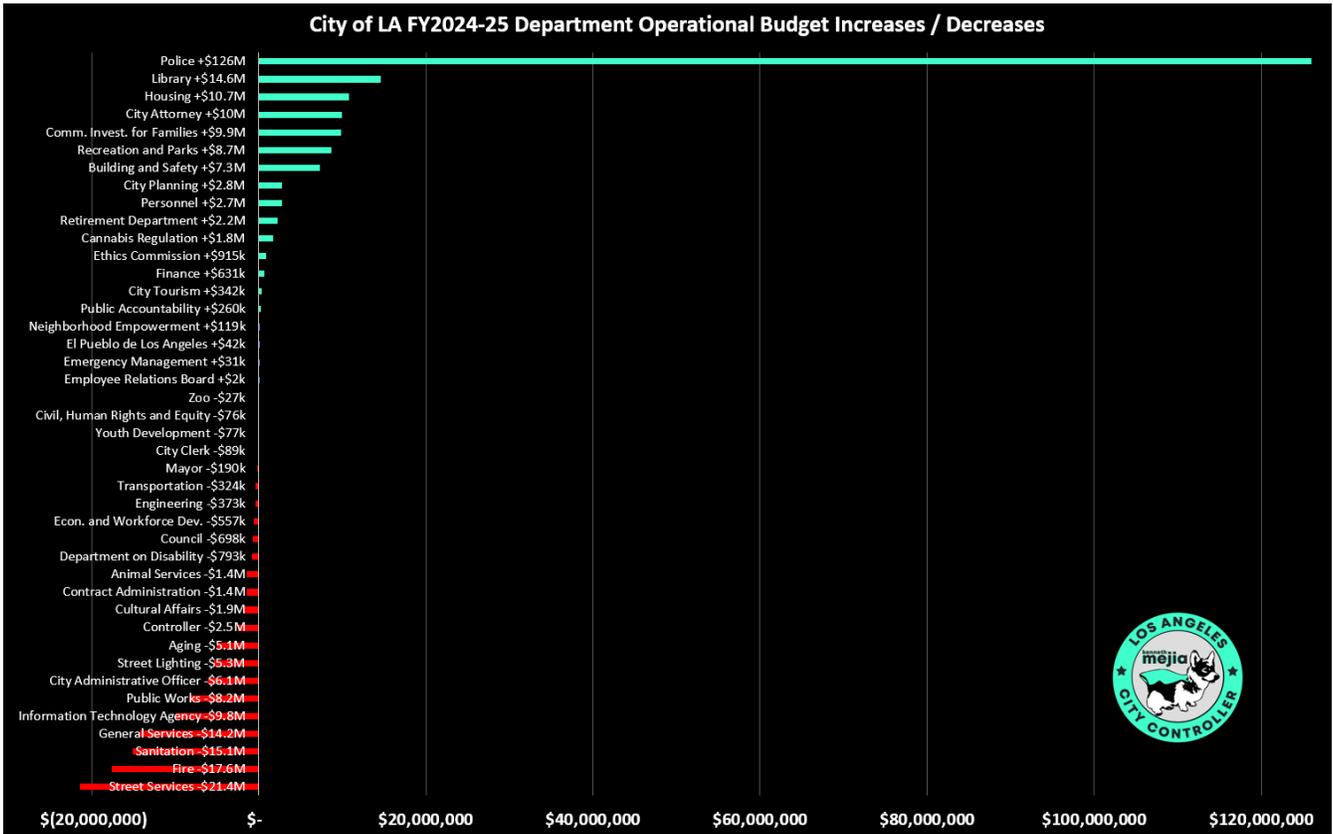
Alternative Methods for Balancing the Budget

Instead of cutting funding for environmental protection, climate-disaster preparedness, and safe, accessible transportation and mobility infrastructure (including multimodal transportation), PICO NC urges the City to increase funding for those essential and urgent priorities.

If the City needs to identify budget line items that are receiving outsized funding relative to the goals of Angelenos, which funding could be better allocated to align with those goals, the graphs below of the (a) 2024-2025 FY Unrestricted Budget; and of (b) changes from the 2023-24 FY Budget to the 2024-2025 FY Budget are instructive.

Mayor's Proposed \$6.45 Billion Discretionary (Unrestricted) Budget





Budgets and year-over-year budget increases and decreases like those reflected above and like those proposed in the 26LAB are **not consistent** with the goals and priorities of the PICO NC and its residents. Nor are they consistent with the realities we now face because of decades of global inaction on climate and environmental issues. PICO NC urges the City Council and Mayor to do better.

Lisa Kaye
 President
 PICO Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Kaye
 SECONDED BY: Jessica Lund
 YES: 12, NO: 1, ABSTAIN: 0, RECUSAL: 0
 ON THIS DATE: May 21, 2025