

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria Alexander

**Date Submitted:** 07/02/2024 02:24 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0771

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly opposed this motion. Using public funds to finance armed private security forces is an outrageous misuse of public tax dollars. This will not keep our communities safe but only heighten tension and aggression amongst them and further endanger everyone. Considering the current onslaught by the state of Israel against the people of Palestine, to pass a motion such as this will send the message that those who wish to speak out against genocide and war crimes (of which Israel is being accused of by the international community at large) should only be further oppressed and silenced. Please vote 'NO' on this file. Whats more is that our communities truly cannot afford to take money away from public services like education, housing and health care, they need every cent they can get.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nick Shapiro

**Date Submitted:** 07/02/2024 06:23 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the use of public funds to pay for a private militia to protect some members of the Los Angeles community at the expense of others. The militarized police response to protests across the city, protected under the First Amendment, has already led to mass casualties among pro-Palestinian protesters. These private militias would only exacerbate this inequality in the provision of safety, and do so without the opportunity for public accountability. We must protect all citizens of Los Angeles, at their homes, campuses, and places of worship, but we must do so equally and fairly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roxana

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In a city that requires funds to meet the demand for housing, health, and other human services it is deplorable that the council would consider funding this unnecessary surveillance. Please do not allocate funds to this motion