

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a proud taxpayer of the city of Los Angeles, I would like to state my firm NO on this item. This is a highly reactionary and unspecific use of 1 million dollars (out of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Unappropriated Balance for Mid-Year Adjustments). The claim in the proposal document is that the Jewish community is experiencing "fear" and therefore needs this money to fund Jewish Federation and Magen Am. First of all, you're assuming the Jewish community is a monolith-- but you do not speak for the experience of all Jews. Many members of the Jewish community have stood proudly with the Palestinian Freedom movement and have subsequently been brutalized by the LAPD (and other police) as well as the Zionist counter protestors-- and that violence is ON CAMERA! The answer is not-- and never has been-- more police. Especially because the city budget was just passed that added over \$138 million to the LAPD budget. The proposal is also incredibly vague. Yes, it mentions that Jewish Federation and Magen An have "provided security training for religious institutions to enhance safety and security" and "provides licensed security patrol services in Jewish communities" respectively, but there is no additional documentation vetting these two organizations. Without an exact breakdown of how this money will be allocated and what the exact end result will be, there are real fears this money will go straight to the IDF and further the violent militarization of this city. Discomfort about protests and activism and different worldviews/opinions is not fear and is not danger. There are community-based solutions to the fear mentioned in the proposal document that are also significantly cheaper than 1 million dollars. Don't waste my hard earned money. Or at least try to put more effort into your reactionary politics. No on this. Thank you for your time.