

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lionel M.

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 12:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, My name is Lionel M. I am writing to you to address a critical issue at this critical time in our city. I am a graduate student studying in Public Administration, MPA. I have taken courses in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology and Criminal Justice, B.A. I have been reading and studying a lot on social problems like poverty, homelessness and unemployment. I have worked for many years in different sectors of the economy, from the private sector to the public sector, including volunteer work such as Green-Peace, the Sierra Club and Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles. Throughout my life, I had to struggle to find employment in a city that is divisive and tribal. The main reason I am writing to you is to discuss on the issue of diverting funding from the Los Angeles Police Department to other Social and Community Programs that are vital to the development of our city residents. Programs like Workforce Development and Training, Education and other important programs and services such as Counseling and Mental Health programs aim at helping residents who need help and or assistance in rebuilding their lives. I am worried about my future and that of other people with similar circumstances. The problem as we see it is addressing Homelessness and reducing the impact of Poverty on ordinary Americans living in the city of Los Angeles. I am a low-income American with a College Education and I am still struggling to make a living. I also fear that other Americans with a similar situation are going through the same circumstances. There are homeless (un-housed) people living on public streets (e.g. city parks, sidewalks, near freeways, abandoned building, etc...) who are suffering due to food insecurity, living in the outdoors with no shelter, being victimized by other people who abuse un-house people, and so much more. We should first start by giving shelter (a place for the homeless) people to live in. Second, we must provide counseling like mental health and personal development to these folks so that they can rebuild their lives. Third, provide job training and education to the homeless people. Also, in cases involving homeless people with mental health problems including alcohol and drug addiction, we must provide intensive rehabilitation for this population because they need the most help due to personal problems. Many organizations like Everyone In - Los Angeles, Neighborhood

Legal Services of Los Angeles, Legal Aid Foundation, Green Peace, the Sierra Club, and other organizations have advocated for and demanded that the City Council of Los Angeles and Mayor Eric Garcetti take immediate action in addressing the homelessness problem plaguing our city. If we don't address the homelessness problem immediately, many un-housed people will die on public streets. We should also tackle vandalism and trash because pollution is affecting nature and contaminating the local environment and waterways and ocean. We must take immediate action in diverting the funds from the city police known as the Los Angeles Police Department to programs that actually help the residents of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. We must use the funds for programs and services that actually uplift our impoverished communities so that we can make life better the working poor and the poor. In conclusion, I strongly urge you to divert funding away from the largest city agency which is the Los Angeles Police Department and to DIVERT those funds to social and community programs to uplift the lives of Brown and Black folk, not just in Los Angeles but also in the San Fernando Valley because we also have social and economic problems affecting the poor and the un-housed community suffering daily. We need to radically transform our city to help change the status-quo so that we can have a better life. As a resident in Council District 6, I strongly urge my Council President Nury Martinez (CD-6) to divert funds from the LAPD and to use those funds toward Social and Community Programs such as Workforce Development, Training, Education, Open Space (Parks), Graffiti Removal, Providing Housing for the Un-Housed population, provide Counseling for residents, Mental Health programs and services, JOBS for the Unemployed. WE can make life better if we work together. We can get things done. Respectively, Lionel M. MPA Candidate, studying Homelessness in the Public Sector

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Ms. Martinez

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 09:02 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** CF 20-0692-s83 See attached CIS from Wilmington NC



## WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-0692

October 27, 2020

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- We further request that the City of Los Angeles use some of these funds **to invest in the Wilmington Skills Center** located at 217 Island Avenue with an emphasis on trade for this current climate since not all are college bound. Include welding, electrical, HVAC, auto mechanics, auto body, plumbing. We need to STOP the violence and work **with a purpose that is people focused.**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gina Martinez". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Gina Martinez, Chair

On behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

## Two people killed, two wounded in Wilmington shooting

An approximate location of Wednesday's shooting near the 800 block of Bay View Avenue.

(Los Angeles Times)

By [JACLYN COSGROVE](#) STAFF WRITER

SEP. 18, 2019

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Arciniegas was walking near the 600 block of North Lagoon Avenue when multiple people approached him and began shooting.

Authorities say the assailants fled in a white sedan.

Anyone with information about Wednesday's shooting is asked to contact the LAPD Harbor Community Police Station at (310) 726-7700.

*Times staff writer Nicole Santa Cruz contributed to this report.*

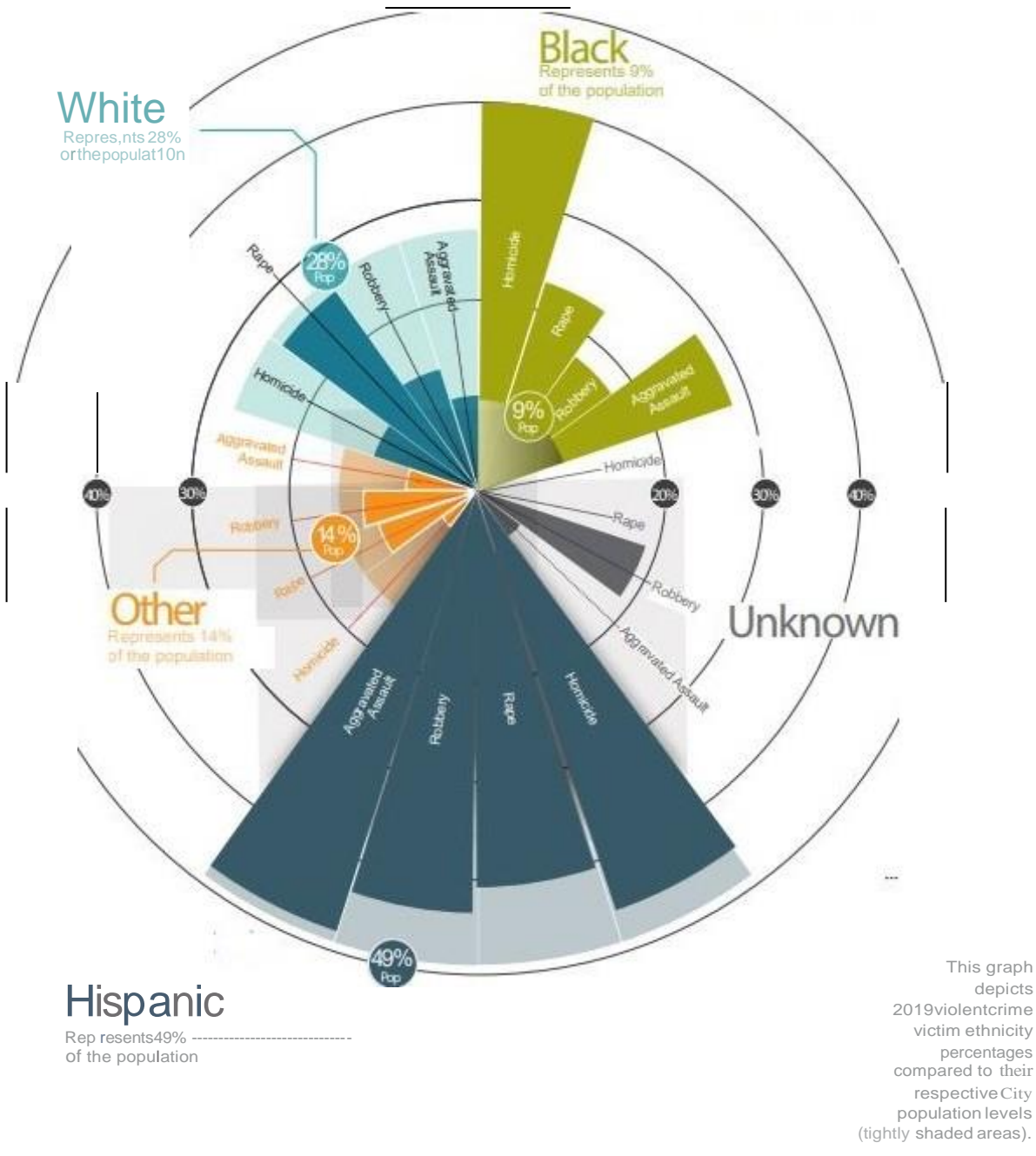
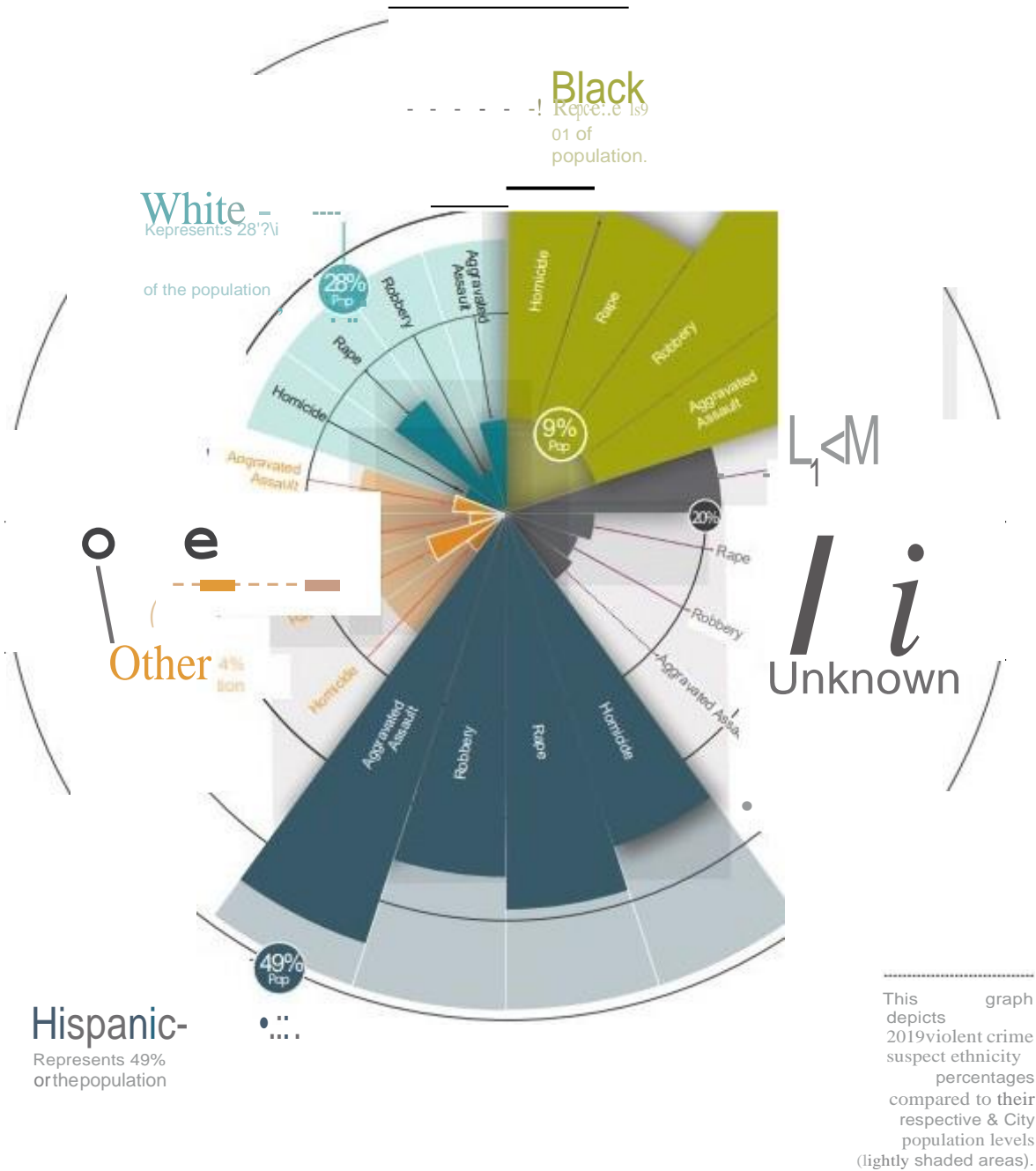
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STATS MAP



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LOS ANGELES VICTIM VIOLENT CRIME BY REPORTED RACE

	Blk	Hisp	Whi	Other	Unk
Population	9%	49%	28%	14%	N/A
Violent Crime	44%	39%	8%	2%	7%

Homicide	34%	34%	6%	1%	26%
Rape	32%	36%	15%	7%	7%
Robbery,	52%	35%	5%	2%	6%
A99. Assault	36%	44%	9%	3%	8%



Hispanic victims accounted for 13,683 of the four most violent crime each categories. Which represented 46 percent of the 29,794 total violent crime victims in 2019. Black victims accounted for the second highest group with 7,088 victims, or 24 percent. of the total. White victims had the third highest count with 4,296 victims, or 14 percent of the total. Victim of Other ethnic Victims (Includes Asian/Pacific Islander,) accounted for 12,446 victims, or eight percent. of the total. Victims of Unknown ethnicity accounted for 2,281 victims. or eight percent of the total.

	Blk	Hisp	Wht	Other	Unk
Population	9%	49%	28%	14%	N/A
Homicide	40%	47%	10%	3%	0%
Rape	24%	41%	26%	9%	0%
Robbery	15%	44%	13%	11%	17%
Agg Assault	29%	48%	14%	6%	3%

Victim Violent Crime	24%	46%	14%	6%	8%
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Shooting in Wilmington: 6 victims the last 12 months

## Raemond Jarrod De Leon Santos, 19

OCT. 5, 2020

Raemond Jarrod De Leon Santos, a 19-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the 1200 block of Drumm Avenue in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County coroner's records.

Shortly before 2 a.m., Santos was sitting in the driver's side of his gray Honda Accord with a cousin when another vehicle stopped nearby, said Los Angeles police Det. Dave Cortez. A person got out of the car and began shooting at Santos and the other man through the driver's side window.

Santos was pronounced dead at the scene at 3:06 a.m. His cousin, Jesse Meza, 18, died at a hospital.

Santos had been visiting Meza, who lived in the area.

Cortez said he believes Santos and Meza were "misidentified" as gang members.

"We're trying to figure out what this is all about," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Cortez at (310) 726-7889. Those who wish

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Do you have information to share about the life of Raemond De Leon Santos? The Homicide Report needs your help. Please fill out this form.

## Jesse Adrian Meza, 18

OCT. 14, 2020

Jesse Meza, an 18-year-old Latino, was fatally wounded Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the 1200 block of Drumm Avenue in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County coroner's records.

Shortly before 2 a.m., Meza was sitting in a gray Honda Accord with a cousin when another vehicle stopped nearby, said Los Angeles police Det. Dave Cortez. A person got out of the car and began shooting at Meza and the other man, who was sitting in the driver's seat.

Meza was pronounced dead at a hospital at 3:05 p.m., according to coroner's records.

Meza lived in the area but was not a gang member and neither was cousin, Raemond Santos, 19.

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## Kevin Renard Yarbrough Jr., 31

AUG 29, 2020

Kevin Renard Yarbrough Jr., a 31-year-old white male, died Saturday, July 18, after being shot near 1025 McFarland Ave. in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

Do you have information to share about the life of Kevin Renard Yarbrough Jr.? The Homicide Report needs your help. Please fill out [this form](#).

# Daniel Felipe Delgado, 19

JULY 1st, 2020



Daniel Felipe Delgado, a 19-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Sunday, July 5, near East Pacific Coast Highway and Drumm Avenue in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

About 1:45a.m., Delgado was driving a burgundy Honda Accord on East Pacific Coast Highway and made a left onto Drumm Avenue, said Los Angeles Police Officer Jeffrey Tiffin. Delgado, who was with two others, was driving a friend home.

Another vehicle, possibly a dark-colored sedan, followed behind him and a person inside shot at Delgado's car from behind, Tiffin said.

Delgado was struck and taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Delgado was driving his friend home from a Fourth of July gathering, police said. It's unclear what prompted the shooting.

Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at (310) 726-7884 or (310) 726-7887. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at ...

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# Freddie Gomez Zavala, 45

JUNE 2, 2020

Freddie Gomez Zavala, a 45-year-old Latino male, died Tuesday, May 12, after being shot near 1523 Island Ave. in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

Do you have information to share about the life of Freddie Gomez Zavala? The Homicide Report needs your help. Please fill out this form.

# Gus Bolanos Jr., 30

FEB.27, 2020

Gus Bolanos Jr., a 30-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Friday, Jan. 31, in the 200 block of West Anaheim Street in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

About 11:52 a.m., Bolanos was in the passenger seat of a parked car when a man approached him and shot him multiple times, said Los Angeles Police Sgt. Scruggs. Bolanos was pronounced dead at 12:05 p.m. at the scene, according to coroner's records.

The suspect was identified by detectives as Jose Gonzalez Ruiz, a 29-year-old Latino, Scruggs said. He is the ex-husband of Bolanos' girl friend, Scruggs said.

Gonzalez Ruiz was charged Feb. 6 with one count of murder with gun allegations, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office and court records.

Gonzalez Ruiz has pleaded not guilty and is due back in court March 12.

Anyone with information is asked to call Harbor Division homicide at ...

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**Name:** Contreras

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 09:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Wilmington NC took official action and filed the following community impact statement on CF200600s83. Please attachment.

Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-0600s83 – Are we for or against this?

No position will be taken on this CF -We are not taking a different position. Only advocating for the funds to come to Wilmington. The motion is to approve a letter and or CIS

**For clarification:** The funding has already been cut from LAPD and it doesn't matter if we were for or against it. Many Neighborhood Councils write a Community Impact Statements on a Council File either for or against and later take a different action on the same council file. It is not uncommon to do it. Sometimes the stakeholders persuade them to take a different approach. Or they decide to do it for other reasons and it isn't necessary to explain why your council is filing another community impact statement on the same CF with a different position. There is no rule on how many times you can file a CIS on the same council file. Sometimes the CF number is changed by City Hall and the NC has to take action again on the new council file. Also, every community in LA will try to get this funding for their community so we need to persuade them to grant it to Wilmington

NOTE: The yellow highlighted area is to stand out for you and stakeholders. It will be removed before sending.

**DRAFT Letter** on the motion made by City Hall to defund the LAPD and reinvest these funds back into disadvantaged communities. Wilmington fits that criteria.

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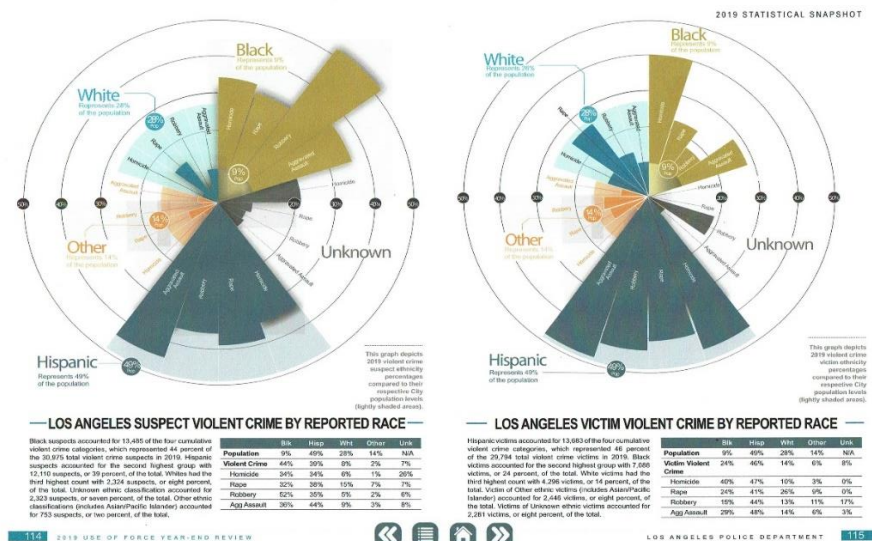
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**Name:** Chelsea Baldemor  
**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 10:23 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83  
**Comments for Public Posting:** YES on item 34. But this money needs to help black Angelenos. It's not a city council district slush fund. It must be used to fund Black organizations that serve the community!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Johnson

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a staff member at CDTech a nonprofit based in South Central Los Angeles. I support Agenda Item #34 because it is important to reinvest money into supportive social programs that uplift the community and boost self worth. We can do this by reinvesting funds into Homeless prevention programs, Youth Employment programs, and last but not least Re-Entry Programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leslie Johnson

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

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Vice President of Organizational Development  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Benavides

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 10:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Michelle Benavides and I would like to give public comment on item #34. As a young person living in Los Angeles, I would like to uplift the youth over at BLM and the people's budget and to those that participated in the Reimagine public Safety meetings last year for leading this work. I want to appreciate the city council who has made changes to its plan of using diverted funds from LAPD from street beautification to focusing on furthering community investment, organizations, and investment into over-policed communities. We are glad to see that the city is taking action and listening to the demands of the community and , there is still more that can be done when it comes to youth development . We need long term investment in our communities and long term investment in positive youth development. There is a need for the city to create a Youth Development Department to create a long-term strategy and vision for youth across LA city. We need to include those in the conversations about divesting from LAPD into how we want the remainder of these investments to be made. A stand alone youth development department would grant our youth opportunities that were stripped from many other folks and me for so many years. Establishing a Youth Development Department now is the most effective public safety strategy and smartest investment of public safety dollars!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lyndsey Nolan

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like to remind the Council that this money was intended to help Black Angelenos, that it came out of the demands of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles and all of the protests last year. It's not intended to be a city council district slush fund. It must be used to fund Black organizations that serve the community! Some examples of Black community-serving organizations include Los Angeles Community Action Network – EcoHoods project, The Professional Community Intervention Training Institute (Aquil Basheer), Advocates for Peace and Urban Unity (Kevin Orange and Ben Owen), Affiliates and Offenders Recovery Program (Bernard Cooper), and Reclaiming America's Communities through Empowerment (Wiz and Moon).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** yvette nunez

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** Item 34 general public comment I am Yvette Nunez and have been working at CDTEch for nearly 25 years. As a Non-profit working in South Los Angele, we have seen first hand how investment in programs for youth employment , re-entry programs and homelessness can positively impact our community South LA is a community that is had been historically under-served and the only way to change that narrative is to invest in these programs now. We must uplift our communities – we must support renewed efforts like those by Councilmember Price's effort to invest in Universal Basic Income, Homeless prevention, Youth Employment, and Reentry programs. Doing so will help inform decisions on how critical resources are being redistributed to Council District 9, and other Los Angeles communities in need. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julia Mangione

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:18 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** Comments for Item Number 34 - My name is Julia Mangione and I am a Public Allies Los Angeles Alumna. I am making this comment in solidarity with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and the People's Budget in support of overriding the Mayor's veto, and most importantly, to redirect the \$88 million from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) towards initiatives that reimagine public safety and support disenfranchised communities of color. This includes investing in the Guaranteed Basic Income pilot program, investing in youth employment in training programs, homelessness prevention programs, re-entry programs, and other equity and community development initiatives led by BIPOC-led organizations. Be on the right side of history, and reinvest these funds into the communities that have been most harmed by the LAPD's racialized violence and murder of Black and Brown people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** William G Flores-Diaz

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:19 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a stakeholder in cd9 and would like the council to support and pass item 34. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessy

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a member of a United Parents and Students and one of the things we focus on is reimagine public safety. Investing in community intervention workers provides a more effective and safer alternative that works to dismantle gang violence at its root, that has an everlasting and effective impact in the community. By funding the hiring and training of intervention workers to end gun and gang violence is an investment to our communities most affected by this violence. I support funding peacemakers and I ask that your support item 34 too. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paolina Cuevas

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** District 9, identified as the region with the highest poverty rate, was expected to receive more than \$21 million before the Mayor vetoed the spending plan. Other programs that District 9 will be pursuing, contingent on the outcome of Tuesday's vote, include but are not limited to: an unarmed crisis response team, community intervention workers helping to reduce violence in neighborhoods, homelessness prevention, and other community-based initiatives that address economic inequality and prevent poverty. Other supportive social programs to uplift the community and boost self worth include homeless prevention programs, youth employment and re-entry programs. I am urging the council to vote yes on item 34 and override the mayor's veto!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kasandra Cordova

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 11:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Kasandra and I would like to give public comment on item #34 & General public comment. As a youth organizer with the Invest In Youth coalition who lives in Boyle Heights. I support item 34 & I want to echo and uplift the call to use diverted funds for black led Organizations. These funds can impact the lives of black Angelenos, support community members doing the work, However, there is still a need for long-term investment when it comes to youth development and ensuring our black and brown young folks are being served holistically. Using divested LAPD funds for the creation of a youth development department would not only be listening to the demands of youth but would also be a way to reimagine public safety. A ydd is a step in the right direction to Combat the historical injustices, inequalities, inequities, and exclusion that generations of youth especially youth of color have had to face in our city. Re-imagining public safety also means INVESTING IN OUR young folks. Stop criminalizing our youth and instead provide them with the tools and resources they need to be successful. Establishing a Youth Development Department that serves equitably, that works alongside other youth serving entities, and that offers holistic resources young folks want to see is long overdue & will be the first city wide strategy this council adopts for Youth Development.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jovita Angel

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 12:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** Item #34 I am in support of overriding whackcetti's veto of a spending proposal that would have redirected money into much needed initiatives. Growing up in district 9, I spent time skating in the streets because there wasn't easy access to youth programs outside of Summer Night Lights. Councilmember Price's vision for the guaranteed basic income pilot is something that is overdue in our community and it would be devastating if we are unable to make this a reality asap. It is necessary for us to move away from collaborating and calling the police in our communities, in order to protect the people we need to create community intervention programs, community led crisis response teams, the people who will be in charge of them also need to have a relationship with the community. You can't serve the community like it needs to without truly understanding the community and humanizing our struggles. The current conditions of district 9 and other districts in marginalized communities are due to inadequate and racist policy/laws, overriding Garcettis veto is just a drop in the sea of changes that must happen to correct the sins of past and current politicians.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pablo Barrios

**Date Submitted:** 03/02/2021 04:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600-S83

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning, my name is Pablo Barrios and I'd like to leave a comment regarding agenda item 34 on today's meeting (3/2/21). I'm the program manager for the Covid Initiative for CDTech. CdTech is positioned to support community members to address economic disparities in South LA. It's important to note that South LA is on the cusp of a gentrification tsunami and Covid-19 will intensify displacements in the coming years. Item 34 is attempting to address economic neglect with tangible on the ground resources such as homeless prevention programs, youth employment, and re-entry programs. I would like to encourage the City Council to override the Mayor's veto because this is an issue of equity. As a public health worker living and working in South LA for years I have seen first hand the disproportionate need in South LA and I hope this is not a one off but rather a step towards larger systemic initiatives.