

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Bennett

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 06:41 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mark Bennett and I reside in Council District 4. Because of my love for Griffith Park, I request the Committee take action to recommend corrections to the Mayor's proposed budget: 1. Save the four critical staff positions within City Planning in order to complete the Wildlife Pilot Study and implement upcoming measure to retain wildlife connectivity and reduce habitat fragmentation. 2. Grant hiring authority for 140 Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff positions. Preserving our parks and maintaining them today are important to me and I'm sure all Angelenos. Please do your best to protect them for now and the future. Sincerely, Mark Bennett

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Name: Alice G Goldman
Date Submitted: 04/29/2021 06:14 PM
Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am Alice Goldman and reside in Council District 5. I have been hiking in Griffith Park for over 25 years and I hope to continue hiking there for another 25 years. Therefore, I am very concerned about protecting Griffith Park, as well as the other parks in the city. For me, Griffith Park is a special Los Angeles treasure. I want the park to retain its integrity as a habitat for deer and for birds and even P22 and the coyotes. Therefore, I would like the City Planning to be able to complete the Wildlife Pilot Study and to implement upcoming measure to retain wildlife connectivity and reduce habitat fragmentation. In addition, I think Griffith Park, and other parks in the city are understaffed. Griffith Park has been vandalized by spray paint on the rocks. And I have noticed that over the years, littering has become an increasing problem. Therefore, I would like to see the city allow the Parks and Recreation to hire the staff needed to maintain the integrity of Griffith Park and the other city parks.

Communication from Public

Name: Climate Resolve, Climate Reality LA, and The Coalition for Clean Air

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 10:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please see our attached support letter for a standalone environmental justice element.



May 4th, 2021

The Honorable Members of the LA City Budget and Finance Committee
200 N Spring St,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Support - Budget Impact Report for the creation of a stand alone environmental justice element.

Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members,

We strongly believe that an independent environmental justice element is necessary in order to affect real, substantive change in land use policy, and as such we support Budget Impact Report #294 for the creation of a stand alone environmental justice element.

Our work intersects the systemic issues that land use racism has caused across communities. We see formerly redlined communities that still face staggering tree canopy inequities, BIPOC communities that still face massively disproportionate pollution, and glaring inequities in resources that support resilience to climate change.

Working to create a paradigm of reparative planning that addresses centuries of harm is no small task. As such it is of the utmost importance that the City Council ensures that we provide a well resourced, and intentional platform to address systemic inequities in land use in the City of Los Angeles.

The stated purposes of SB 1000 are to “facilitate transparency and public engagement in local governments’ planning and decision-making processes, reduce harmful pollutants and the associated health risks in environmental justice communities, and promote equitable access to health-inducing benefits, such as healthy food options, housing, public facilities, and recreation.”

Given the scale of the history of harm in these areas, and the myriad of other issues addressed in the General Plan, community engagement around environmental justice policies to incorporate in various areas throughout the plan will very likely be insufficient.

We have a historic opportunity to create a framework for environmental justice in the City of Los Angeles, and we respectfully urge you to answer that call.

Sincerely,

Bryn Lindblad
Deputy Director
Climate Resolve

Tara Barauskas
Chapter co-chair
Climate Reality LA

Andy Hattala
Chapter co-chair
Climate Reality LA

Christopher Chavez
Deputy Policy Director
Coalition for Clean Air

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Michael Dorman and reside in LA County. Because of my love for City Parks, and especially Griffith Park, I request the Committee take action to recommend corrections to the Mayor's proposed budget: 1. Save the four critical staff positions within City Planning in order to complete the Wildlife Pilot Study and implement upcoming measure to retain wildlife connectivity and reduce habitat fragmentation. 2. Grant hiring authority for 140 Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff positions. Thanks Michael

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Name: Griffin Rowell

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 03:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: People across the U.S. took to the streets last summer to demand defunding the police. Every dollar LAPD spends on surveillance, violence, and caging could instead pay for the life-affirming investments that actually make communities safer, like housing, health care, schools, social services, and jobs. Calls to defund the police are extremely popular. A Loyola Marymount study found last fall that almost 2/3 of Angelenos want to redirect more LAPD funding and over 1/3 want to COMPLETELY DISMANTLE police. Stop letting police unions write the budget. Stop enabling cycles of harm. Be brave. Angelenos are sick and tired of having essential services underfunded while the police budget balloons. We demand a budget for the people, by the people, not blank checks to a deadly militarized police force that terrorizes the city.

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Name: Travis Longcore
Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 11:01 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: See attached letter, updated with inclusion of Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society.

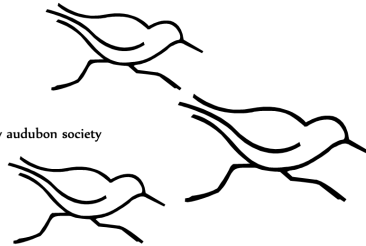
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Los Angeles /
Santa Monica Mountains Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



santa monica bay audubon society



May 5, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
Budget and Finance Committee
City of Los Angeles

Re: Mayor Proposed 2021–22 Budget / Special Meeting / Budget and Finance Committee

Dear Councilmembers:

We are grassroots conservation organizations in the City of Los Angeles. Each of the Audubon chapters overlaps with a portion of the City, from the San Fernando Valley to San Pedro. The Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society seeks to increase understanding of California's native flora and to preserve this rich resource for future generations, operating within the Santa Monica Mountains and San Fernando Valley. Endangered Habitats League and The Urban Wildlands Group work within the City and throughout the region. We all agree that the City should enact the ordinance developed as part of the Wildlife Pilot Study over the past five years and to fund positions to ensure that the ordinance is implemented and enforced.

The Santa Monica Mountains are being inexorably degraded through unsound development practices. The Planning Department has worked carefully to develop measures that would reduce those impacts while still allowing reasonable development. To be effective such an ordinance requires staff for interpretation and enforcement.

We are disappointed that Mayor Garcetti zeroed out staff resources for this proposal in his draft budget and respectfully request that you restore funding to the Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Ordinance in the 2021/2022 budget and act quickly to pass the ordinance.

Sincerely,

Catherine Rich
The Urban Wildlands Group

Travis Longcore
Los Angeles Audubon Society

Dan Silver
Endangered Habitats League

Jess Morton
Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society

Dave Weeshoff
San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

Snowdy Dodson
Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, California Native Plant Society

Adrian Douglas
Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society

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Name: Alexandria E Wood

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 06:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm concerned with all of this billions of grant funding and all of these account less number of people that are still struggling on the streets. Where is the funding actually going? Clearly it's not to the people of the streets, these people aren't ignorant or uneducated, including myself. I'm one of the people out here in Korea town. I speak...we don't deserve to have to live like segregated outcasts. With all that money I don't see it going to abandoned lots that could be housing many ppl if you're segregating so be it. I wanna emphasize I'm disabled and left for dead. Do something. We are the people. We are supposed to make the decisions not congress. But they've taken that away. I'm educated when it comes to politics. I have friends in police and sheriffs but I'm stuck in the middle.

Communication from Public

Name: Maegan Mattock

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 06:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Maegan Mattock and I am with CASA of Los Angeles and a strong supporter of Invest in Youth Campaign. This public comment is for item #1. I strongly support the proposed budget's 1.1 million allocation to create the City's 1st ever youth development department. This investment is the first step to fully funding a department that will serve the City's youth. I also want to UPLIFT that while this first step is so important we will need all of your support to ensure that there is long-term investment and a funding stream for this youth department. We need to have a centralized youth department to support us in receiving the programming and resources our young people need throughout LA. We need city council to support and make sure this happens and we want to make sure it is reflected in our city's budget to support the over 3,000 youth experiencing homelessness, the over 480,000 living in poverty, and stop the 18,753 youth arrests. It is for this reason that we need to fully fund the Youth Development Department.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 06:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Danielle, and I'm a resident of Los Angeles. My council member is Nury Martinez. I'm writing to comment on our budget. We need REAL housing and healthcare, street services, holistic programs and opportunities, instead of shelter and policing. Let's take that 8 million from LAPD patrols around Special Enforcement Zones and use that to fund programs that meet the needs of those living on the streets. The city has already voted to defund police with the passage of Measure J, let's honor the will of the people and get our unhoused neighbors into permanent housing rather than shuffling them from one temporary and precarious situation to another with no support.

Communication from Public

Name: Douglas

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 12:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I think the that money could go to put homeless people in housing or to remodelate parks or to fix some streets and sidewalks because in my expirience Los Angeles police department doesn't do nothing to help me for example the times I've been robbed and still didnt do nothing and I think that money cut be put on to make investigations in the kids who are molested sexually by foster parents the that is wrong and also to stop abortions. I'm homeless and live in Ktown.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ellen Shane. I am the Executive Director of the Emily Shane Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity serving disadvantaged children at risk of academic failure with no recourse, at various sites across Los Angeles. I would like to give public comment on item #1. Our nonprofit charity strongly supports the proposed budget's 1.1 million allocation to create the City of LA's first ever youth development department. The 1.1 million would be the initial funding necessary to get the department off the ground. There will still be a need for long-term investment and funding to maintain and ensure the continued operation and sustainability of the youth department. Young people are in need of the programs and resources this department will provide. In addition to the issues of youth homelessness, poverty and arrests, our foundation's focus is in providing academic tutoring and mentorship to help those disadvantaged students risking academic failure receive our much needed support. It is intensive and individualized. Education is a way to help these students pave the way to a successful and bright future. We are just one of a myriad of services that would greatly benefit the youth in this city. We hope that you will choose to fully fund the Youth Development Department!