

Communication from Public

Name: Yesenia Cruz

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 02:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Armando Molina

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 03:42 PM

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Name: Natalie Godinez
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Name: Manny Gonez
Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 04:09 PM
Council File No: 21-0600
Comments for Public Posting: See the attached letter for details



May 5, 2021

Budget and Finance Committee, Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Angelenos Need Equitable Urban Forest Canopy Now - Consideration of Mayor Garcetti's FY 2021-22 Proposed 'Justice Budget' for Urban Forestry

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Budget and Finance Committee Members,

Thank you for your leadership and support for Los Angeles's urban forest! **A healthy urban forest is essential, green, and inclusive infrastructure** to a thriving, sustainable, and resilient city. Los Angeles's urban forest, if properly planned and managed, can protect Angelenos from many of the current and future impacts of climate change including saving lives from extreme heat, capturing and cleaning water, improving human health and wellbeing, and providing many other benefits. For example, a study found that for every \$1 spent on tree planting and maintenance, urban trees deliver \$5.82 in benefit in California (McPherson et al., 2016). However, the urban forest canopy is not equitably distributed in the City. According to the [Los Angeles County Tree Canopy Assessment](#), led by TreePeople and Loyola Marymount University, 18% of the City's tree canopy grows where less than 1% of the City's population lives. The newly published [Los Angeles Urban Forest Equity Assessment Report](#) found that funding is an overwhelmingly important component in addressing the historically under-resourced, inequitable distribution of the City's urban forest.

TreePeople is relieved that there is over \$6 million for tree planting, watering, and tree trimming to maintain our urban tree canopy in the proposed budget. **While this is a good downpayment, more targeted investments are needed to realize a true 'Justice Budget'.** To better plan, plant, and care for Los Angeles's urban forest to achieve climate benefits and environmental justice, we urge you to consider the following urban forestry budget items in the Mayor's 2021-22 Proposed 'Justice Budget':

- Building *critical* urban forestry capacity in the City by adding the following crews in the Urban Forestry Division under StreetsLA to better support the proposed tree planting and maintenance including:
 - Adding two *new* trimming crews
 - Adding at least one *new* tree care crew, especially for tree watering
 - Adding at least one *new* tree planting crew
- Adding *essential* support staff for the City Forest Officer to expedite improvements to and the coordination of urban forestry work in the City
- Maintaining current authorized positions in the Department of Recreation and Parks, including forestry and maintenance positions, by restoring *all* positions proposed for deletion associated with the Separation Incentive Program (SIP)

Looking ahead, we urge the City to prioritize the discussion and consideration of the following recommendations from the [Los Angeles Urban Forest Equity Assessment Report](#) to address persistent urban forestry equity issues facing the City's *frontline communities*:

- **Trees as inclusive infrastructure:** The City needs to further explore how to utilize trees as green and inclusive infrastructure for public health benefits, consider partnerships needed and potentially alternative measures of success for urban forestry projects (e.g., tree planting) that include meaningful community input and experience.
- **Equitable financing:** The City needs to consider how to ensure funding allocated for the urban forest achieves equitable outcomes rather than following traditional cost-benefit analyses.
- **Maintenance and co-ownership:** The City needs to develop effective models for tree establishment care, especially watering, that include community as an important partner.
- **Building multi-generational coalitions:** The City needs to invest in the next generation of urban foresters.
- **Reclaiming the Right-Of-Way:** The City needs to strategically invest in Right-Of-Way (ROW), develop incentive programs, and explore other mechanisms to increase tree canopy in historically marginalized areas and disadvantaged communities of color.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to confront the existential threat of climate change. Equitable investments now in the City's urban forestry canopy can tackle this existential threat -- putting the City on a pathway to achieving a greener, healthier, and more climate-resilient future for all Angelenos.

Respectfully,

Manny Gonez
Director of Policy Initiatives
TreePeople

Johng Ho Song
Executive Director
Koreatown Youth and Community Center

Tori Kjer
Executive Director
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

Jamie T. Hall
President
Laurel Canyon Land Trust

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Mark Kenyon
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Isabelle Duvivier
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Laurel Canyon Association

Shelley Billik
Chair
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Katherine McNenny
Co-founder
Industrial District Green

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Jennifer Pope McDowell, Associate Director of Infrastructure
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Communication from Public

Name: Rocket Garcia

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 04:24 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Estella

Date Submitted: 05/05/2021 10:45 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Miki Jackson

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 12:15 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am with Housing is a Human Right/AIDS Healthcare Foundation. We must spend our money wisely and focus on housing for very low and extremely low income people. We can't build our way out of this crisis - especially not with units taking years to build and costing \$500,000 and up. We must truly support and cut red tape for adaptive reuse and encourage modular units. The City must get out of it's own way and stop charging fees that drive the cost of truly affordable housing through the roof. People are suffering and dying on our streets. We are out of time.

Communication from Public

Name: Kasandra Cordova

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 12:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kasandra, and I am an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give a public comment on item #1. It's nice to finally see money allocated to create our cities first-ever youth development department. I support the proposed 1.1 million but would like this body also to note that this proposed budget is to spend ONLY 0.57 % on youth-related services, less than 1 percent. While this first step is so important, we still need all of your support to ensure long-term funding so this department can adopt all recommendations written by the Executive Youth development task force and young people throughout the city, completed in February 2021. We need a coordinated youth department that serves equitably and offers holistic services young people ask for, not more youth cadet programs. A good way to ensure we have long-term funding is by defunding the proposed multi-billion-dollar LAPD budget. Currently, there are over 3,000 young folks experiencing homelessness, close to half a million youth living under the poverty line, and 18,000 youth arrests every year. This budget reflects our cities priorities; therefore, listen to the community, be part of the movement and ensure it reflects people, not more cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregory Wright
Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 05:01 AM
Council File No: 21-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I support the recommendations of the Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance Committee for funding and staffing to regulate and phase out oil and gas extraction in L.A. I understand these are additional to what was included in the Mayor's budget proposal for FY21-22, beginning July 1, 2021.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 08:36 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: At an unprecedented time in this city's history and the nations we are demanding that the draconian budget policies of previous generations are abandoned. We demand a People's Budget LA. We need care not cops, services not sweeps, house keys not handcuffs. We do not care how much the budget committee or mayor have been lobbied by the police association. Though we understand, we do not care that the cops use intimidation tactics to try to control city council. You were all elected to represent the people not the police. It's our budget emergency mgmt is <5% of the spending during an economic and health crisis. Eric Garcetti's proposal is an insult to everyone, including your neighbors, your families, your workers, your bosses (even if they won't acknowledge it). Give us our budget back, it should never be held hostage again.

Communication from Public

Name: Travis

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 08:40 AM

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Name: Sergio Ortiz

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Communication from Public

Name: Estela

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 08:51 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Testimony from resident currently experiencing homelessness in CD13: "This is Estela. Instead of going through the process to get an apartment, homeless people need to learn how to get along with others. Even right now I'm cleaning the streets and other homeless people tell me to stop that. There is a point we'll need to look for something to do. They need to learn how to communicate. Organizations that help homeless people should help gangsters do art and exercises. I live in poor areas of LA. The bathrooms never came to be cleaned even though I called. that's it. I clean them myself. Again homeless don't help. I don't want to be in dirty area. That's dumb, giving hotels. Open programs to help them learn some type of jobs....take some classes with technology. Open up schools for the homeless. If they can give money to everyone, why not give education to everyone?"

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Montes

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 08:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Fund budget items for human needs such as programs that serve the city resident. Cut from budget of LAPD. Also restore the 140 positions the Mayor has cut from Recreation and Parks. We need to maintain our parks especially in poor Latino and Black communities like Boyle Heights. Boyle Heights lacks green space; especially now with COVID restrictions!

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Hornor

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 09:46 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alexandra Hornor and I live in District 10 with my family. I am one of the thousands and thousands of people who've been mobilized by the BLM-LA coalition over the last several years, and I'm writing to urge City Council to support the Peoples Budget. What I've seen from elected officials over the last 3 years is a selective response to our problems in Los Angeles. And our elected officials saying one thing, while doing another. After the uprisings last spring, Mayor Garcetti said we had to "move from rhetoric to action to end racism" in Los Angeles, but all we need to do is look at his budget to know how little interest he actually has in anything more than sound bites. What we are asking you for is a holistic solution to the problems we face, and that's what community leaders have built with the People's Budget. They've done the work for you. You have been given a great opportunity here to let this terrible time of crisis lead to real change. The budget is a reflection of our values, and \$8 million dollars per day to LAPD isn't it. Giving tens of millions of dollars allocated to address our housing crisis to LAPD for sweeps and patrolling shelters on top of their already bloated budget, isn't it. The Peoples Budget IS it. The time for incremental change has long passed, you know that defunding LAPD is the only path to fully funding the services that our community needs, that my small children need in order to grow up in a city that reflects our community values. On Monday, Councilmember Ridley Thomas tweeted the words of Bernice King, that "we need a radical redistribution of wealth and power". I agree wholeheartedly, and City Council can take big strides towards that by supporting the Peoples Budget, defunding LAPD and redistributing those resources into services. I hear that my Councilmember Mark Ridley Thomas is considering a run for Mayor next year. This is an opportunity to show us how you would lead the City. We need a holistic approach to the problems we face, please adopt the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Carene Mekertichyan

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 09:56 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am urging you all to support the People's Budget LA and commit to defunding the police. Mayor Garcetti's budget still gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD; the Peoples Budget LA gives only 1.64% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. The proposed cuts are nowhere near substantial enough. 4.76% is not enough to truly defund the police. That is pocket change. The LAPD must be replaced by a non-LAPD, unarmed and well-trained alternative.

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Longnecker

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 10:05 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Day Labor Program was created by the City of Los Angeles in 1988 to address the large population of mostly immigrant workers seeking temporary work in our city streets. The day labor centers supported by city funding provided a safer space -- given that severe exploitation and unsafe working conditions are part and parcel with soliciting employment on street corners -- for workers to congregate and build community, access to bathrooms, and a means to establish basic wage and skill standards in the industry. Since then, the Program expanded to holistically address the needs of day laborers as they seek and secure jobs, by offering resources like literacy and English classes, information about health, labor and immigrant laws, and assistance with filing wage theft claims. Today, the Day Labor Program is as important as ever given that many undocumented immigrants continue to call Los Angeles home, and their immigration status continues to limit available job opportunities; while there are Worksource and other job centers throughout the city, day laborers are unable to access their services because of their status. The City must continue to invest in the Day Labor Program in FY 2021-22 if it is truly committed to workforce development for the entire population as part of our overall pandemic recovery plan. Through contracts with community based organizations, the Day Labor Program runs seven centers across the city in strategic areas of high need. Currently the Institute of Popular Education of Southern California (IDEPSCA) operates five day labor centers in Cypress Park, Harbor City, Hollywood, Downtown Fashion-District and Van Nuys. The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) operates the center located in the Westlake area, and Hope of the Valley operates the North Hollywood center. The day labor centers are located within Districts 1, 2, 6, 13, 14 and 15. The centers have even played a key role in disaster response not only during COVID but also during the past years' wildfires by connecting impacted workers with information, education, referrals and resources during these times of crisis. The pandemic increased the need for employment support and direct services for immigrant families, making the day labor centers a lifeline to thousands of Angelenos over the past fourteen months. The centers have served as hubs for their members and surrounding community to access food, housing, employment, wage theft

claims, and healthcare resources. Collectively the centers have served 13,088 community members through food distributions and have distributed PPE to over 4,608 Angelenos. Additionally, day labor centers disseminate reliable information on Covid-19 health guidelines, testing and vaccine information, which has been particularly important given the ubiquity of dis- and misinformation among these communities. In recent months we have taken on the role of supporting members to schedule vaccination appointments for themselves and their families; some centers will even host vaccination clinics in the coming weeks. At this point in the vaccine rollout, it is critical for the city to include adequate funding to help ensure that the centers can continue to reach out to the city's hardest-hit but least-vaccinated individuals. We call on the Budget and Finance Committee to invest in the Day Labor Program in order to support immigrant day laborers' health, safety, access to good jobs, and inclusion in the City's overall road to post-pandemic recovery. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Eli Longnecker IDEPSCA Development Associate

Communication from Public

Name: Laine Washington

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 10:11 AM

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Name: Irene Rivera

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Irene Rivera and I am Senior Policy Advocate and Organizer with the ACLU of Southern California. Our organization is a member of the Invest in Youth Coalition. I am here to 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. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela Hernandez

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 10:22 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Daniela Hernandez and I am the Youth Organizing Director with the Eastside community-based organization, InnerCity Struggle. I would like to give public comment on item #1. I strongly support the proposed budget's 1.1 million allocation to create the City's first 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.

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Communication from Public

Name: Lucy Herrera

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 10:27 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lucy Herrera and I am an organizer and adult ally with the Invest in Youth Campaign and a constituent of CD14. I will like to give public comment on item #1. I strongly support the proposed budget's 1.1 million allocation to create the City's 1st ever youth development department. The youth of Los Angeles deserve a stand alone YDD. There are over 3,000 youth experiencing homelessness, 480,000 living in poverty, and over 18,753 youth arrests in the city of LA. This \$1.1 million investment is the FIRST step to supporting the youth of LA however, we also need to identify a way to fully fund the youth development department so that there is a long term investment. We need to have a centralized youth department that will not only shift youth programs but also take the recommendations of the YD task force in providing a youth development framework that will use equity, inclusion, and most importantly allow youth to finally have decision making power in the city. We need all of our city council members to support and make sure this funding happens and to identify funding that can also fully fund this department so that the youth of LA are no longer left behind. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tanya Borja

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 10:29 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Tanya Borja I want to give public comments because we need LA City Council to support the 1.1 million the Mayor is allocating to establish our Youth Development Department. We also need LA City Council to honor the Youth Development Task Force Report we created to serve as a blueprint for the Youth Development Department. Thank you !

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa Perez

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Name: Tina Watkins-Quaye

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you so much for your time, work and commitment. I'm an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign commenting on item #1. I grew up in South Los Angeles, worked in the non-profit sector at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee for more than 20 years, and am now parenting young children: I strongly support the budget allocation (which should be increased) to create the Youth Development Department. Childhood has inherent worth and value that positively impacts community development and growth. Beyond that, the City will see measurable results in indicators for health and wellness, economic growth, public safety, cultural development and educational attainment when the recommendations of the YD task force are implemented. We live in the wealthiest nation in the world, in California which has the largest state economy in our nation, but our children are not supported with systemic investment in their well-being and development: Instead they're targeted by systemic poverty and racism. More than 3,000 youth are experiencing homelessness, and nearly half a million youth are living in poverty. I urge you to maximize initial investment beyond the million dollar seed funding recommended and fully fund the Youth Department.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellie McDaniel

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Children's Institute supports the proposed budget's \$1.1 million allocation to create the city's first Youth Development Department. For us, it's simple: every child, teen, and adult deserves to live a healthy and happy life. Central to our work is a dual-generation wraparound strategy, providing trauma-informed resources to strengthen and promote personal, family and community capacity for healing, wellness and success. As a member of the Invest in Youth Campaign, we advocate for a targeted long term investment to sustain the city's new youth department. With over 480,000 youth living in poverty, a centralized department for comprehensive youth supports and programming is critical to providing young people with the tools and opportunities to succeed and thrive. We strongly support the creation and investment of \$1.1. million for city's Youth Development Department.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruby Rivera

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:07 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ruby Rivera, I am the Director of Organizing with InnerCity Struggle, I am in support of the Invest in Youth Campaign and will like to give public comment on 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: Alberto

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:10 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Day Labor Program was created by the City of Los Angeles in 1988 to address the large population of mostly immigrant workers seeking temporary work in our city streets. The day labor centers supported by city funding provided a safer space -- given that severe exploitation and unsafe working conditions are part and parcel with soliciting employment on street corners -- for workers to congregate and build community, access to bathrooms, and a means to establish basic wage and skill standards in the industry. Since then, the Program expanded to holistically address the needs of day laborers as they seek and secure jobs, by offering resources like literacy and English classes, information about health, labor and immigrant laws, and assistance with filing wage theft claims. Today, the Day Labor Program is as important as ever given that many undocumented immigrants continue to call Los Angeles home, and their immigration status continues to limit available job opportunities; while there are Worksource and other job centers throughout the city, day laborers are unable to access their services because of their status. The City must continue to invest in the Day Labor Program in FY 2021-22 if it is truly committed to workforce development for the entire population as part of our overall pandemic recovery plan. Through contracts with community based organizations, the Day Labor Program runs seven centers across the city in strategic areas of high need. Currently the Institute of Popular Education of Southern California (IDEPSCA) operates five day labor centers in Cypress Park, Harbor City, Hollywood, Downtown Fashion-District and Van Nuys. The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) operates the center located in the Westlake area, and Hope of the Valley operates the North Hollywood center. The day labor centers are located within Districts 1, 2, 6, 13, 14 and 15. The centers have even played a key role in disaster response not only during COVID but also during the past years' wildfires by connecting impacted workers with information, education, referrals and resources during these times of crisis. The pandemic increased the need for employment support and direct services for immigrant families, making the day labor centers a lifeline to thousands of Angelenos over the past fourteen months. The centers have served as hubs for their members and surrounding community to access food, housing, employment, wage theft

claims, and healthcare resources. Collectively the centers have served 13,088 community members through food distributions and have distributed PPE to over 4,608 Angelenos. Additionally, day labor centers disseminate reliable information on Covid-19 health guidelines, testing and vaccine information, which has been particularly important given the ubiquity of dis- and misinformation among these communities. In recent months we have taken on the role of supporting members to schedule vaccination appointments for themselves and their families; some centers will even host vaccination clinics in the coming weeks. At this point in the vaccine rollout, it is critical for the city to include adequate funding to help ensure that the centers can continue to reach out to the city's hardest-hit but least-vaccinated individuals. As a site coordinator with IDEPSCA, I have been able to serve my community for more than 5 years and I see every day how workers rely on the centers being open and fully functional. We need to support them, as they are part of the broader workers who help to build and maintain the city. We call on the Budget and Finance Committee to invest in the Day Labor Program in order to support immigrant day laborers' health, safety, access to good jobs, and inclusion in the City's overall road to post-pandemic recovery.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Barboza

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:12 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Stephanie Barboza and I am an Youth Organizer with Pukuu Cultural Community Services. I will like to give public comment on 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. that is highly in need. 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. In the midst of COVID-19, Youth have experienced and hit hard by mental health issues, grief, and poverty. More than ever, it is important to create a Youth Development Department.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura zavala

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Laura Zavala and I am the Director of Policy and Campaign Development with InnerCity Struggle. I will like to give public comment on 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: Asuka Hisa

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:26 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Asuka Hisa (first name pronounced Aska; she/her). I reside in Council District #10 and work at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles in Council District #4 as an educator and executive administrator. I am also an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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 and underscore 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. Thank you for your support for this proposed budget to make a difference in young people's lives and, by extension, families and the community as a whole.
Asuka Hisa

Communication from Public

Name: Waldo Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:27 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Waldo Gonzalez and I am a strong supporter of the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristian Cardenas

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:31 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kristian Cardenas. I am a strong supporter of the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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: Cristina Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 11:47 AM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cristina Gutierrez and I am an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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. There are so many amazing organizations coming together to be part of the Invest in Youth Campaign and we are certain that with the 1st ever Youth Development Department we can make great things happen for our youth and communities. Having a positive impact on our youth is an investment in the future of our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Tsega Habte

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 12:30 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Tsega Habte and I am an organizer of the Eritrean community in LA. I am calling to urge the Budget Committee and all City Council-members to fully fund and fully staff the Civil, Human Rights and Equity Department. If we care about discrimination, we must fully staff at the civil rights department with investigators and high-level management that make it's discrimination enforcement arm a success. Having this kind of department has been long awaited. I have worked as a volunteer with the department, specifically with regards to getting the COVID-19 vaccine to more members of the African immigrant community, who were never reached out to before. Finally, we have been very successful and we have relied heavily on what we call "our Hope Department". If we are serious about equity, we must fully fund the city department with equity in its name. It's time to walk the walk! Our community is counting on the budget committee to support this critical department at such a time as this. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Panduro

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 12:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jessica Panduro and I am an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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: Oscar Alberto Dominguez

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 12:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Youth Organizer for the Invest in Youth campaign and a 26 year-old who was born in this city, I support the proposed budget's 1.1 million allocation to create the City's first ever youth development department. This long overdue investment is the first step to creating a department that will serve the City's youth especially those who have not been served and have been left out historically in this city but there needs to be more long-term funding for this department moving forward as 1.1 million will not be enough. While this first step is important, we must ensure that this youth development department creates a new vision for how the city serves, sees, and involves youth by making sure youth funding is held accountable, transparent, effective, efficient, equitable, holistic, measured, and most importantly youth-approved. I hope that these 8 new positions that have been proposed for the department include hiring young people as youth decision-making and youth employment is something we want to see as values upheld by the department and in our city government. As this department was created with the intention of centralizing youth programming and resources throughout the city, we want to remind you that youth funding is still sprawled throughout the 26 departments in this entire newly proposed budget and we hope that as the department is created that funding and programming be move into the department while collaborating with not only other city departments but with youth-serving community organizations, the County, and LAUSD as well. Young people are in need of an enormous amount of support and resources especially youth of color and youth from vulnerable populations during this pandemic which has worsened the inequalities, injustices, inequities, and trauma young people have been facing since the foundation of this city. So I hope one of the first priorities for the department is to help youth who have been most impacted by the pandemic which would be an equitable approach. We also hope this department also implements ideas and strategies from the youth development task force report that youth, youth organizers, youth advocates, adult allies, and community members help put together over the last year during a pandemic. Lastly, many youth know that our city's budget has not been prioritizing young people especially youth of color for a long time now as we look at the numbers and see

where most of the funding is going. Our city needs to do a better job representing the values the youth and community want to see in their city as this new proposed budget and those of past years does not entirely reflect that. Thank you for making this first step council members and we will be working with y'all along this process to make sure all youth voices, youth needs, and youth leadership is not left out.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey Sanchez

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 12:44 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lindsey Sanchez and I am an organizer with the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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. While this first step is important, we also need you all to honor the Youth Development Task Force Report that was created to serve as a blueprint for the Youth Development Department. All of your support is needed 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 and have support behind it because of the powerful impact it will have on youth living in the city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 01:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Listen to us: DEFUND. THE. POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Sikivu Hutchinson

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 01:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to support the People's Budget for the city of L.A. and to oppose the Mayor's proposal to increase LAPD funding. The city is drastically in need of more permanent supportive housing, as well as safe spaces, job and professional development services for youth. There are few if any accessible youth centers in the South L.A. area that provide culturally responsive, wraparound services for Black youth experiencing homelessness, domestic and sexual violence, unemployment and financial uncertainty. In addition, a recent LAT front page story documented the gross racial disparities experienced by small businesses owned by people of color in South and East L.A. These business owners were unable to access PPP loans and services at the same rates as white businesses on the westside. Owning a small business is a linchpin for generational wealth creation. Having access to job, educational, and professional development resources is also a linchpin of generational wealth creation. The City of L.A. should invest in the social capital, mental health, and educational welfare of young people of color who have been the most criminalized and disenfranchised by its over-investment in policing, jails, and surveillance. It is an outrage that Black and Latinx youth in CD8, CD9 and CD10 cannot readily access services that white youth in wealthier, protected enclaves of the city take for granted.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Reid-Wainscoat

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 01:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, The Center for Biological Diversity appreciates the leadership of Councilmember Krekorian and the rest of the Budget committee's approving the Environmental Specialist II position and the Planning Associate position yesterday to complete the wildlife pilot ordinance and we thank you for that. However, in Budget memo #206, the Planning Department is once again prolonging the investment in the full wildlife connectivity program, despite the fact that the entire City Council approved it. Planning Department's repeated exclusion of this program and the associated positions in their annual budget proves that this suggested delay is merely a tactic to avoid financial commitment to the program and will require external organizations to once again fight for a program that the city claims is a goal. This has been the pattern for the last three years and we urge the council to end this unproductive cycle now. The timeline on the Planning website says the wildlife pilot will be complete by the end of 2021. If the remaining positions don't start getting hired until July 2021, when their next budget request would go into effect, we lose valuable time. Our request today is that the Budget committee approve at least two more positions and funding for them, so that they could be hired on staff and working on the entire Rim of the Valley project by January 2022. The Rim of the Valley portion was added by Councilmember Krekorian. We love your vision and we are advocating to make it come to fruition. Thank you Elizabeth Please see our letter attached for a comprehensive description of why this program is so critical to the City of LA.



March 15, 2021

Mayor Eric Garcetti
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Mayor Garcetti:

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things, and a critical lesson that should not be overlooked is the link between environmental health and the health of people. A key element of environmental health is biodiversity, which is declining worldwide primarily due to loss of habitat (Chase et al., 2020). In the City of Los Angeles, there have been overtures towards addressing our declining biodiversity, but crucial and meaningful steps have not been solidified into policy. The undersigned organizations urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Wildlife Corridor Pilot Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget, and in alignment with your Sustainability Plan of 2019, direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021. By taking these necessary steps to protect the City's biodiversity, the City will also be supporting the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles.

As a reminder, in 2019's LA's Green New Deal Sustainability Plan, the 2021 Milestones and Initiatives are to "Set biodiversity targets and pilot LA's first wildlife corridor." However, in 2020, after the pandemic's initial impact, LA's draft emergency budget for fiscal 2020/2021 eliminated the Planning Department's Wildlife Pilot Study Program, which is the City's key contribution to the wildlife corridor pilot zone in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains. In response to this omission, hundreds of individuals and organizations wrote to the Planning Department and City Council, and through true grassroots interests, a reinstatement of some funding to the Planning Department kept this program alive.

We are reaching out to you to ensure this omission does not happen again and that you will include adequate funding in your draft budget for the Planning Department to timely complete this project. If we want our City's legacy to include the Green New Deal, we cannot end funding and suspend one of its important milestones.

To pull funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance would contradict the City's goals for a "prosperous, livable, safe and well-run" city as heralded in the 2019/20 open budget for the City, and runs contrary to related work and investments currently supported on both city and state levels. This Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance must continue to be an important priority, even in times of crisis, because it implements the City's immediate goals for the health and sustainability of the people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Los Angeles. We also note that as of March 10th, 2021, the City is expected to receive \$1.35 billion from the federal relief package, which will help address the City's budget constraints.

The City has an obligation under state law to protect endangered or threatened animal populations, and not approve development projects that may jeopardize the survival of such populations. The mountain lions of the Santa Monica mountains are provisionally listed under the California Endangered Species Act and are presently at risk of extinction, primarily due to loss of habitat connectivity and open space caused by poorly sited development and lack of wildlife crossings (Gustafson et al. 2018; Benson et al. 2016; Benson et al. 2019). The City has an obligation not to push this population closer to extinction by allowing further degradation of existing wildlife corridors through poorly sited development. The Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance are critical steps toward meeting the City's legal obligations and preserving the City's biodiversity.

Ensuring the protection of open space is also equally important for people. Open space has been vital to many communities during the pandemic and provided essential community spaces for safe socially distanced gatherings. This reaffirms the need for continued preservation and increased access to ensure all Angelenos experience the physical and mental health benefits of nature. Native landscapes help us regulate our climate, purify our air and water, pollinate our crops and create healthy soil (Lawler et al., 2014). In addition to the direct benefits from access, preservation of our native habitats and the species that rely on them is critical to our long-term health and wellbeing (Martin et al., 2020).

We know these times are challenging for Los Angeles and we applaud your work in protecting human health and safety. As we continue to fight the immediate threat posed by the pandemic, we must also look ahead and prevent future health crises from occurring. By supporting the City's long range wildlife corridor program, the City can join other leaders in forward-thinking efforts in biodiversity and environmental health, such as Governor Newsom's 30 by 30 conservation goals, and Representative Schiff's steadfastness in passing the Rim of the Valley Preservation Act.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to fully fund the City's Wildlife Pilot Study Program and Ordinance in your draft 2021/2022 budget and direct Planning to deliver a draft ordinance to the City Council by June 30, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Tony Tucci
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Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife

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Communication from Public

Name: Emmanuel Deleage

Date Submitted: 05/06/2021 02:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Emmanuel Deleage and I am the Executive Director of Casa 0101, a 501 c 3 non profit theater and arts education organization and a member of the Invest in Youth Campaign. I will like to give public comment on 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.