

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Feinman

Date Submitted: 05/02/2021 11:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am Rochelle Feinman and reside in Council District 4. 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. We need to have animal crossings over the freeways, so that the animals can survive. 2. Grant hiring authority for 140 Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff positions. The people are stretched thin as it is. To reduce staff positions hurts the quality of life in our community. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: I am David Wagner and reside in Council District 13. 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.

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Name: Andrea Newman

Date Submitted: 05/02/2021 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Andrea Newman and I live in Council District 4. I believe Griffith Park is a very special place, and because of that 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. Thank you for your attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Gustincic

Date Submitted: 05/02/2021 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Council District 4 where Griffith Park is of particular concern (my neighborhood abuts the park). But I value all city parks and I would like to see the Committee recommend two park- and wildlife-related 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 measures to retain wildlife connectivity and reduce habitat fragmentation. 2. Grant hiring authority for 140 Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff positions. Deferred maintenance caused by lack of staff will cost the City far more over the long term. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alamelu Natesan
Date Submitted: 05/02/2021 09:10 PM
Council File No: 21-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Chair Krekorian, Hello, I am Dr. Alamelu Natesan, a pediatrician working in the Los Angeles County at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. Through my work in caring for children, I take care of thousands of immigrant children and their families in the City of Los Angeles. I strongly urge the Budget and Finance Committee members to support additional multi-year funding to the Los Angeles Justice Fund that ensures due process for ALL, no matter an individual's background or residency. The fund must not have ANY exclusions and must be a multi-year program. A permanent and universal Los Angeles Justice Fund would protect all human beings facing deportation in immigration court. LA must lead the rest of the country with this fund. While the Mayor's budget does not reflect a commitment to immigrants and due process, we urge you and other genuine leaders to move the LA Justice Fund from a pilot program to a permanent one. It is one thing to say that our city of Angels protects immigrants, our budget must reflect our values. We cannot allow immigrants who have suffered the most and given the most during the Pandemic to continue to be vulnerable to unjust federal policies. Leaders, like you, have an opportunity to invest in long-term and systemic solutions to help the most vulnerable Angelenos. We implore you to do the right thing- fully fund this critical civil and human rights infrastructure. The City should do its part by allocating one-third of the program costs: \$6.42 million over the next two years, with \$3.16 million earmarked for Year 1 and \$3.26 million for Year 2. This amounts to only .00028% of the City's annual \$11.2 billion budget (and about .01% of the LAPD's \$3+ billion budget). Multi-year funding is essential to address the scale of the problem and the realities of immigration court proceedings, which often last years. Without a multi-year investment, it is impossible to build capacity and grow the program to ensure critically-needed representation. Our La Comadre Network has experienced how other cities where we have a presence, including Long Beach, Denver and San Diego, have made a significant commitment to these types of deportation defense programs. Los Angeles can and must do better. Los Angeles should once again be the leader in immigrant protections- especially because this city is built on the back of immigrants. We have a moral obligation to do the right thing. Funding the LAFC is also a cost-effective strategy to

support Angelenos and their families, who need and deserve institutional support as they have given so much to the economic welfare of our city. Respectfully, Alamelu Natesan, MD UCLA Pediatrics

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Keaton

Date Submitted: 05/02/2021 07:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Laura Keaton and I reside in Council District 4. 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. Thank you, Laura