

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Layal

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:04 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** You must reject TVTP for the sake of the people. TVTP is nothing more than a rebranding of CVE, and is detrimental to our community. The community has already clearly spoken in opposition to CVE, and to simply repackage the policy that so many community members worked hard to dismantle and resell it to the public is duplicitous. There are no changes to the program outside of how it's being sold to the public, and it's shameful that this is even being proposed. This is detrimental to students, as well as to the trust built between youth and responsible figures- the fact that teachers oppose this so vehemently is evidence enough of this, as is the incalculable harm that CVE has done in the past. Further, it's so clear that this is extremely anti-Black and Islamophobic. The cop leading this program, Alex Vargas, led the surveillance of protesters in the George Floyd uprisings from his post as deputy director of the fusion center. He also claims to be an expert in "Sunni extremism" and trained at an Israeli institute of counterterrorism, learning techniques and tactics tested on Palestinians under occupation. As a Muslim and a Palestinian, there is no one I trust with the future of the youth in LA less than Alex Vargas. The LAPD may claim to be neutral or targeting all forms of extremism but we know that is false. This program will be used to target specific communities, political organizing, and protests - regardless of what the LAPD says. REJECT TVTP.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:51 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of CD13 zip code 90004. The rebranding of CVE is unacceptable and needs to be rejected for the health and safety of our communities. In 2018, LA community fought hard to reject the implementation of CVE programming- LA is the only city that successfully pushed back against the Department of Homeland Security's attempt to implement CVE. LA is a major reason why the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) rebranded CVE into TVTP. They openly name this in a 2020 report reflecting on the CVE grant cycle of 2016. The program itself has not changed and never well- DHS was created after 9/11 to explicitly surveil community in the name of national security- there never can be a community-safe program designed/ funded by the DHS. I urge you to reject this funding and as it seeks to harm and surveillance our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janis Yue

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:58 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a mental health occupational therapist who works with low-income Black and brown youth, I vehemently oppose TVTP. This grant, for “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” (TVTP), is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), which will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program that was created during LAPD’s CVE pilot program. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. The community rejected CVE in 2018 and we reject it again today no matter what LAPD wants to call it. TVTP is anti-Black and Islamophobic. The \$250,000 being proposed towards the expansion of PATHE would be much better used actually providing care-based resources to youth instead of promoting profiling and criminalization of vulnerable community members and the suppression of political organizing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** tiff guerra

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:31 PM

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communities. Earlier this month the police pushed for a \$213 million dollar budget increase which would result in their largest budget ever - and now they're requesting even more money for more surveillance. Our communities need housing, food, and education, not more money for the police. PATHE endangers free speech and community organizing: PATHE casts certain communities and social movements under suspicion of "extremism". A PATHE questionnaire obtained through a records request asks "Do you have a religious community affiliation?" and "Do you have a political or other community affiliation?" and "Do you have animosity towards any religious, community or political group?". PATHE and CVE frameworks more broadly are a threat to political organizing and can be weaponized against movements for justice. This effort to expand PATHE coincides with the Biden administration's recently released Domestic Terrorism Strategy, which criminalizes political activity, criticism of US policies, criticism of law enforcement, religious affiliations as indicators of "Domestic Violent Extremism." The intent of the expansion of policing paradigms like Countering Violent Extremism is to neutralize political activity and repress movements, as well as any attempts to self-sustain communities and build autonomy. City Council must reject this money from the Department of Homeland Security that will be used to target dissent. PATHE uses racial profiling: PATHE is grounded in the iWATCH/Suspicious Activity Reporting program, which the LAPD is falsely claiming was a "huge success". In fact, LAPD OIG audits repeatedly showed that this program was nothing more than a license to racially profile, with Black people vastly overrepresented and the majority of the SARs filed not even meeting law enforcement's own basic standards. A vote for this TVTP grant is nothing more than a vote for racial profiling. Please listen to teachers, families, community members, and students demanding no TVTP!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberli Meyer

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 02:12 PM

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(PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers.

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**Name:** Mike Bravo

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Board member of Venice NC but speaking for myself: This is a deceptive way to rebrand the CVE and implement harmful policies that are counter to the racial and economic justice principles you all have claimed to stand against. As an Indigenous youth educator working in targeted gentrifying communities it is very disturbing to know that this is even a consideration. This will only send us backwards in our attempts to constructively and restoratively move our communities and country forward. Many in the public ask that we respect law enforcement but moves like these just reinforce and exacerbate the public's mistrust of most law enforcement institutions who with this, seem adamant about bringing this on themselves. Invest in our communities!.. not rehashed and deficient, racist policies of old. Lets move forward please.

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**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 02:29 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Why does the L.A. City Council privilege the police when the police do and are attempting to do real harm to the community? Why are the Council and the LAPD so obsessed with invasive surveillance that arguably violates the Bill Of Rights? It is truly frightening to see the Council and LAPD push for TVTP and CVE, and all responsible people will resist and defeat these really misdirected and vile programs. The following are only a few reasons why I oppose TVTP and CVE. Do you wonder why good people say, "Defund the Police?" Police-state proposals like TVTP and CVE are reasons why. TVTP is CVE 2.0: This grant, for "Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention" (TVTP), is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), which will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program that was created during LAPD's CVE pilot program. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. The community rejected CVE in 2018 and we reject it again today no matter what LAPD wants to call it. CVE Rebranding is a Tactic: In 2018, LA community fought hard to reject the implementation of CVE programming- LA is the only city that successfully pushed back against the Department of Homeland Security's attempt to implement CVE. LA is a major reason why the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) rebranded CVE into TVTP. They openly name this in a 2020 report reflecting on the CVE grant cycle of 2016. The program itself has not changed and never well- DHS was created after 9/11 to explicitly surveil community in the name of national security- there never can be a community-safe program designed/ funded by the DHS. PATHE trains informants: This is a grant for LAPD to divide the community and cultivate informants - PATHE will create 500 new eyes on the street and in schools, mental health services, and religious spaces. These trained infiltrators will be using junk science and "risk assessments" to report on people they find suspicious, which will inevitably target Muslim, Black, Brown,

Indigenous, Immigrant, youth, poor people of whatever color, unhoused people, and disabled people. Teachers Oppose CVE, PATHE, and TVTP: In 2016, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) wrote to the director of the FBI in sharp opposition to its “Don’t Be a Puppet” program, similar to PATHE and CVE, citing its “emotional and psychological toll on innocent children”. In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers.

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**Name:** Andrew P

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 10:06 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hey: This program is just more racism, more policing, more surveillance. You want terrorism to continue? Keep doing this rather than supporting communities and throwing them under the bus. Keep the police at their throats, the bullets in their still-warm bodies, now hand-delivered by 'trustworthy' community memebbers, for the youth who can now trust no one. That's what this program does. Reject it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zainab Badi

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of LA CD 1 and am writing to express my opposition to the expansion of PATHE which is simply a rebrand of CVE, a program rejected by the Council in 2018. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. This is a grant for LAPD to divide the community and cultivate informants - PATHE will create 500 new eyes on the street and in schools, mental health services, and religious spaces. These trained infiltrators will be using junk science and “risk assessments” to report on people they find suspicious, which will inevitably target Muslim, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Immigrant, youth, unhoused people, and disabled people. The police officer leading this program, Alex Vargas, led the surveillance of protesters in the George Floyd uprisings from his post as deputy director of the fusion center. He also claims to be an expert in “Sunni extremism” and trained at an Israeli institute of counterterrorism, learning techniques and tactics tested on Palestinians under occupation. The LAPD may claim to be neutral or targeting all forms of extremism but we know that is false. This program will be used to target specific communities, political organizing, and protests - regardless of what the LAPD says. PATHE casts certain communities and social movements under suspicion of “extremism”. A PATHE questionnaire obtained through a records request asks “Do you have a religious community affiliation?” and “Do you have a political or other community affiliation?” PATHE and CVE frameworks more broadly are a threat to political organizing and can be weaponized against movements for justice. Furthermore, PATHE is grounded in the iWATCH/Suspicious Activity Reporting program, which the LAPD is falsely claiming was a “huge success”. In fact, LAPD OIG audits repeatedly showed that this program was nothing more than a license to racially profile, with Black people vastly overrepresented and the majority of the SARs filed not even meeting law enforcement’s own basic standards. A vote for this

TVTP grant is nothing more than a vote for racial profiling. Please reject this harmful and racist program. Communities of color in LA have been vocal about how harmful programs like this are to us and our loved ones. We do not need more police and surveillance!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Chappell

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 12:22 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to strongly oppose of the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant (TVTP). TVTP and the related PATHE and CVE do not make our communities safer, especially for our youngest neighbors. It turns trusted relationships, teachers and counselors, into sources of suspicion and cruel surveillance. Such programs also more negatively impact our Muslim and Black and Brown neighbors. Treating others with suspicion only increases violence and erodes trust within our communities. And it's appalling that such program would be incorporated into our city's budget in the future. TVTP is itself violence against our community. I am strongly opposed and urge the council members to say no to TVTP.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lolly Lim

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 12:40 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a community member of zip code 90028. I urge you to reject the \$250,000 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant from the Department of Homeland Security to expand LAPD's PATHE program. The PATHE (Providing Alternatives to Hinder Extremism) program will unfairly target Muslim, Black, Brown, Immigrant and Indigenous communities for surveillance and criminalization. LA's Countering Violent Extremism programs (TVTP's predecessor), including PATHE, have been developed and launched in an opaque process despite widespread community opposition. In 2018, over 60 LA-based organizations, including the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), pressured City Council and Mayor Garcetti to reject a CVE grant. TVTP and PATHE are only expansions of the CVE program that continues to criminalize, surveil, and repress our communities. The foundation of PATHE is LAPD's Suspicious Activity Reporting program. Repeated audits by the Office of the Inspector General showed this program disproportionately targets Black Angelenos. This program will also be used as an excuse to racially profile youth of color through "behavioral surveillance." The community already rejects this and the LAPD is trying to get this grant by going around our backs. I urge you to reject TVTP funding from the Department of Homeland Security.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ian Baran

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cerianne Robertson

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 12:50 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing as a resident of CD 13 and instructor at USC to convey to City Council the importance of rejecting the proposed \$250K TVTP grant to LAPD. This grant is just a rebranded version of the same anti-Black, Islamophobic youth surveillance program that Los Angeles community members — including UTLA — rejected resoundingly in 2018. Ensuring safety requires building youths' trust in role models and community leaders like teachers, guidance counselors, and therapists, while investing in education, healthcare, and housing. This program's proposal to train these same role models as informants for the police will have the opposite effect, and it will likely require more funds from LA to sustain it into the future, draining resources that could go to social investments that actually keep people safe. Reject this dangerous grant and program.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Akhil Gopal

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 10:45 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am emailing to urge the City Council and it's Public Safety Committee to unequivocally reject the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This is a grant for LAPD to divide the community and cultivate informants. They will use this program to fund the PATHE program to create 500 new eyes on the street and in schools, mental health services, and religious spaces. These trained infiltrators will be using junk science and "risk assessments" to report on people they find suspicious, which will inevitably target Muslim, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Immigrant, youth, unhoused people, and disabled people. A vote for this grant is a vote for racial profiling. In 2016, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) wrote to the director of the FBI in sharp opposition to its "Don't Be a Puppet" program, similar to PATHE and CVE, citing its "emotional and psychological toll on innocent children". In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers. As a teacher myself, I am infuriated by this attempt by LAPD to bring more surveillance into my students' schools. What they need right now is care - protection from Covid, secure housing, any other resources they need to thrive. They don't need to be treated like suspects or national security threats. This grant is antithetical to public safety. Educators and community members rejected a similar grant in 2018 and we reject it again today.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason Reedy

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 11:17 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing to you all today to urge you to REJECT the “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” grant funding, and against the expansion of the PATHE program in Los Angeles. As community members who have been organizing for years, we know that TVTP is simply a re-brand of Countering Violent Extremism. Several Los Angeles community organizations and community members have voiced our rejection of CVE and TVTP since its launch in Los Angeles, and we are continuing to do so. In addition to the several community organizations and thousands of community members who have sent you letters expressing opposition to TVTP and PATHE, it is important to remember that In 2016, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) wrote to the director of the FBI in sharp opposition to its “Don’t Be a Puppet” program, similar to PATHE and CVE, citing its “emotional and psychological toll on innocent children”. In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers. TVTP and PATHE utilize racial and religious profiling, falsely cast Muslim, Arab, Black, Brown, Indigenous and Immigrant communities under suspicion of "extremism," and chills political activism. PATHE is grounded in the iWATCH/Suspicious Activity Reporting program, which the LAPD is falsely claiming was a “huge success”. In fact, LAPD OIG audits repeatedly showed that this program was nothing more than a license to racially profile, with Black people vastly overrepresented and the majority of the SARs filed not even meeting law enforcement’s own basic standards. A vote for this TVTP grant is nothing more than a vote for racial profiling. Listen to your constituents, listen to our community, and say NO to TVTP and PATHE.



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RE: LAPD TVTP Grant

Councilmembers:

We, the undersigned organizations, demand that the LA City Council reject the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant for \$250,000 from the Department of Homeland Security. Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), and this grant will be used to fund a program called Providing Alternatives to Hinder Extremism (PATHE), which is itself a rebrand of LAPD's program Recognizing Extremist Network Early Warnings (RENEW), instituted under LA's pilot program for CVE. In 2018, the community successfully forced the mayor of LA to reject a \$425,000 grant to expand and continue LA's CVE program, in large part due to [a landmark statement by the United Teachers of Los Angeles \(UTLA\) unequivocally rejecting Countering Violent Extremism \(CVE\) and a related program called Preventing Violent Extremism \(PVE\)](#). Despite this outpouring of opposition, the LAPD has now violated the demands of the communities of Los Angeles by attempting to accept this \$250,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to expand this program. They want to use this money to create a 500-person team of spies and informants by training "community members" - including educators and social workers, to monitor people using a risk assessment tool and report on "suspicious behaviors." This deputization of educators and counselors as informants weaponizes the trust between students and the adults meant to support them. Teachers have repeatedly rejected these programs as well. Not only did UTLA wholeheartedly oppose CVE and PVE, but the

American Federation of Teachers (AFT), in opposition to a similar program instituted by the FBI, [highlighted its harmful impact on youth, their families, and their communities](#).

PATHE is not an ideologically-neutral violence prevention program. We've seen implementations of CVE programs in Minnesota similar to PATHE result in the targeting of [Black Muslim, East African, Somali and Native Youth](#). The racist intent of these programs would only be compounded by the racist LAPD. PATHE will be headed by Alex Vargas, the deputy director of LA's fusion center, a cop who oversaw the surveillance of protests in LA during the uprisings for George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, and who claims to be an expert in "Sunni extremism". Alex Vargas has trained at an Israeli counterterrorism center, learning counterterrorism strategies that were tested on Palestinians under occupation. [CVE as a framework for policing \(of which PATHE is an example\) has been developed with support and collaboration with Zionist organizations](#). While claiming to only take behaviors into account, PATHE is also a powerful tool for political repression and wholesale targeting of communities. A PATHE questionnaire obtained by the ACLU through a records request asks "Do you have a religious community affiliation?" and "Do you have a political or other community affiliation?" and "Do you have animosity towards any religious, community or political group?".

PATHE is rooted in the behavioral surveillance of Suspicious Activity Reporting and the iWATCH program, which the police falsely claim has been a "huge success." In fact, [this program was repeatedly shown in LAPD OIG audits to be a license to racially profile](#), with Black people vastly over-represented among Suspicious Activity Reports, and the majority of the reports not even meeting law enforcement's own basic standards.

PATHE is also grounded in radicalization theory, the presumption that monitoring behaviors using risk assessments can indicate which individuals are on a "pathway to violence." This program provides the police and their informants the ability to profile and target community members by criminalizing ordinary behaviors as well as political organizing, which will target Muslim, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Immigrant, youth and communities, unhoused people, disabled people, political organizing, and liberation movements, and it will contribute to the deportation pipeline.

Finally, this grant is another cash grab for the LAPD, temporarily funding a program that the LAPD will inevitably demand public money for later, contributing to LAPD's constant budget creep and ignoring calls from the community to defund the police. The LAPD has already demanded a \$213 million dollar budget increase and now they want even more money for more surveillance. The community demands that the Los Angeles City Council reject this grant and permanently terminate the PATHE program.

Stop the LAPD from going around the community's back. We rejected this program in 2018 and we reject it again today, and will continue to fight all programs that target our community and our youth as "extremists."

**Signed,**

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition  
United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA)  
California Faculty Association, Los Angeles (SEIU Local 1983)  
Black Lives Matter - LA  
Palestinian Youth Movement LA-OC-IE Chapter  
Vigilant Love

Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)  
Students Deserve  
Black Lives Matter Youth Vanguard  
International Indigenous Youth Council LA  
Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN)  
Youth Justice Coalition (YJC)  
MSA West  
SAALT  
MuslimArc  
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White People 4 Black Lives  
UCLA Center of the Study of Racism, Social Justice, and Health  
UCLA/CDU COVID-19 Racism and Equity Taskforce  
ACLU of Southern California  
Reimagine Public Safety USC  
Anakbayan LA  
California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC)  
We the Unhoused  
Streetwatch LA  
Mar Vista Voice  
Western Regional Advocacy Project  
NOlympics LA  
The Feminist Front  
Jewish Voice for Peace-Los Angeles  
The Sidewalk Project  
Ground Game LA  
Muslim Justice League  
Defending Rights and Dissent  
Justice for Muslims Collective  
CAIR LA  
LatinxFacutly4BLM  
JTown Action & Solidarity  
Armenian-American Action Network

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Remo

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:03 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am ashamed to hear that the LA city council will once again entertain the implementation of CVE programs in our schools and communities, especially after Angelenos fought so hard to reject an identical grant in 2018. TVTP is another name for the same racist, unscientific surveillance program peddled by the DHS. We don't want it!! As a young activist of color in LA, I am well aware that TVTP is designed to turn my own community members into informants, and this creates an incredibly unsafe climate for free speech in one of the most progressive cities in the country. Maybe the idea of neighbors spying on each other for the police made sense in Soviet Russia or East Germany, but here in the United States, we consider that an unacceptable overreach by the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amir Whitaker

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:10 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** PATHE casts certain communities and social movements under suspicion of “extremism”. A PATHE questionnaire obtained through a records request asks “Do you have a religious community affiliation?” and “Do you have a political or other community affiliation?” and “Do you have animosity towards any religious, community or political group?”. PATHE and CVE frameworks more broadly are a threat to political organizing and can be weaponized against movements for justice. This effort to expand PATHE coincides with the Biden administration’s recently released Domestic Terrorism Strategy, which criminalizes political activity, criticism of US policies, criticism of law enforcement, religious affiliations as indicators of “Domestic Violent Extremism.” The intent of the expansion of policing paradigms like Countering Violent Extremism is to neutralize political activity and repress movements, as well as any attempts to self-sustain communities and build autonomy. City Council must reject this money from the Department of Homeland Security that will be used to target dissent. In 2016, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) wrote to the director of the FBI in sharp opposition to its “Don’t Be a Puppet” program, similar to PATHE and CVE, citing its “emotional and psychological toll on innocent children”. In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers. The cop leading this program, Alex Vargas, led the surveillance of protesters in the George Floyd uprisings from his post as deputy director of the fusion center. He also claims to be an expert in “Sunni extremism” and trained at an Israeli institute of counterterrorism, learning techniques and tactics tested on Palestinians under occupation. The LAPD may claim to be neutral or targeting all forms of extremism but we know that is false. This program will be used to target specific communities, political organizing, and protests - regardless of what the LAPD says.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna Robinson-Sweet

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:31 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I call on the City Council to reject the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant funding. The TVTP will add to the surveillance of our youth, increasing the likelihood they will come into contact with law enforcement rather than dismantling the school to prison pipeline. The teachers, social workers, and community leaders who would be called on to "monitor" the activities of young people have already rejected a similar proposal in 2018 under the guise of Countering Violent Extremism program. I hope the council will honor the communities they serve and vote no on the TVTP grant funding. Sincerely, Anna Robinson-Sweet Council district 5, 90034

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tewelde Kidane  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:37 PM  
**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand that the Public Safety Committee reject the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant. This grant, for “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” (TVTP), is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), which will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program that was created during LAPD’s CVE pilot program. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. The community rejected CVE in 2018 and we reject it again today no matter what LAPD wants to call it.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raphael Kidane

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:39 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matyos T Kidane

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:39 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand that the Public Safety Committee reject the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant. This grant, for “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” (TVTP), is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), which will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program that was created during LAPD’s CVE pilot program. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. The community rejected CVE in 2018 and we reject it again today no matter what LAPD wants to call it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:59 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” (TVTP) is a racist - specifically anti-Black - and Islamophobic program, a rebranding of the CVE program, which pretends to help communities while actually criminalizing them. I trust the teachers who oppose this program, and we should listen to these teachers and community members about what is best for LA youth. Say no to this program, which will erode community trust, endanger free speech, and criminalize our communities!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Naoko Ward

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 05:00 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** Reject the TVTP grant. CVE outsources policing to community leaders that youth should be able to trust, sowing distrust and alienating the youth from their communities. In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE). Teachers are among those who work most directly with kids. If the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maraky Alemseged

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 05:00 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This grant, for “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” (TVTP), is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), which will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program that was created during LAPD’s CVE pilot program. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. The community rejected CVE in 2018 and we reject it again today no matter what LAPD wants to call it. In 2018, LA community fought hard to reject the implementation of CVE programming- LA is the only city that successfully pushed back against the Department of Homeland Security’s attempt to implement CVE. LA is a major reason why the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) rebranded CVE into TVTP. They openly name this in a 2020 report reflecting on the CVE grant cycle of 2016. The program itself has not changed and never well- DHS was created after 9/11 to explicitly surveil community in the name of national security- there never can be a community-safe program designed/ funded by the DHS. This is a grant for LAPD to divide the community and cultivate informants - PATHE will create 500 new eyes on the street and in schools, mental health services, and religious spaces. These trained infiltrators will be using junk science and “risk assessments” to report on people they find suspicious, which will inevitably target Muslim, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Immigrant, youth, unhoused people, and disabled people. In 2016, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) wrote to the director of the FBI in sharp opposition to its “Don’t Be a Puppet” program, similar to PATHE and CVE, citing its “emotional and psychological toll on innocent children”. In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the

community of LA - including teachers. PATHE is anti-Black and Islamophobic: The cop leading this program, Alex Vargas, led the surveillance of protesters in the George Floyd uprisings from his post as deputy director of the fusion center. He also claims to be an expert in “Sunni extremism” and trained at an Israeli institute of counterterrorism, learning techniques and tactics tested on Palestinians under occupation. The LAPD may claim to be neutral or targeting all forms of extremism but we know that is false. This program will be used to target specific communities, political organizing, and protests - regardless of what the LAPD says. PATHE uses racial profiling: PATHE is grounded in the iWATCH/Suspicious Activity Reporting program, which the LAPD is falsely claiming was a “huge success”. In fact, LAPD OIG audits repeatedly showed that this program was nothing more than a license to racially profile, with Black people vastly overrepresented and the majority of the SARs filed not even meeting law enforcement’s own basic standards. A vote for this TVTP grant is nothing more than a vote for racial profiling.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Bansen

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:42 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a public educator concerned with the Public Safety Committee's consideration of LAPD's pursuit of a grant to fund "Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention" or TVTP, which will especially hurt Black and Muslim youth and their communities. TVTP is a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), which will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program that was created during LAPD's CVE pilot program. CVE is a policing framework that outsources policing to the community leaders that youth should be able to trust by training them to profile people based on religion, race, and politics. This program manipulates relationships of trust that exist between youth and community members and their teachers and counselors and faith leaders in order to police them - sowing distrust in communities, alienating people from services, and expanding policing further into other sectors of society. The community rejected CVE in 2018 and we reject it again today no matter what LAPD wants to call it. I stand on solidarity with other public educators who realize the harm programs like PATHE, TVTP and CVE will inflict on youth. In 2016, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) wrote to the director of the FBI in sharp opposition to its "Don't Be a Puppet" program, similar to PATHE and CVE, citing its "emotional and psychological toll on innocent children". In 2018, the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) - representing more than 30,000 Los Angeles teachers and social workers - wholeheartedly rejected programs like CVE and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), and if the city council votes to approve this Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant, they will be blatantly disregarding the concerns and demands of the community of LA - including teachers. Moreover, I ask the Public Safety Committee to consider how limited public funds could be spent more responsibly. The LAPD claims that they want this program to be "sustainable" after the grant period, meaning they want PATHE to be folded into existing budgets - possibly requesting more money from the city to pay for it in the future. This is yet another example of budget creep, in which LAPD turns the "gift" of a federal homeland security grant subsidy into demands for more public money for more surveillance and more grave harm on our communities. Earlier this month the police pushed for a \$213 million dollar budget

increase which would result in their largest budget ever - and now they're requesting even more money for more surveillance. Our communities need housing, food, and education, not more money for the police.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Tattersfield

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:53 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1476

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose CVE, PATHE, and TVTP. Listen to the teachers & community advocates about racial profiling & free speech issues. We do not need more surveillance in our communities, especially majority Black & Brown neighborhoods.