

Communication from Public

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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.

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Name: Yazan Vigilant Love

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Vigilant Love and our Los Angeles constituency, I would like to hereby express concern for and total opposition to the expansion of PATHE in Los Angeles. We demand this budget item be denied! Mental health care's success is utterly dependent on trust between providers and their clients. When community know their answers can endanger them or those they care about, they are less likely to seek mental health services they might desperately need. Furthermore, community already said NO to PATHE in 2018- they have directly stated their opposition to the training of providers, educators, and others that rely on indicators that criminalize mental health, religiosity, cultural affinity, and class. While the Police Commissioner claims these racial biases no longer exist, the fact of the matter is, study after study points to the fact that 1) implicit bias exists among public officials, service providers, educators, etc- their pre-conceived understandings of who a terrorist or extremist may be are largely informed by previous iterations of programs like this 2) the experiences of people who undergo programs like PATHE typically have mental health symptoms worsen, experience criminal censure, and ultimately stop seeking services they need out of fear, anger, and frustration. MAKE MENTAL HEALTH SPACES SAFE. REJECT PATHE!

Communication from Public

Name: Celine

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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, 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.