

Communication from Public

Name: traci kato-kiriyama

Date Submitted: 03/09/2022 10:00 AM

Council File No: 21-1476

Comments for Public Posting: Please reject TVTP (“Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention”) and any policies that rebrand CVE (“Countering Violent Extremism”) - these are harmful policies that encourage communities to police their own. This grant will fund the expansion of PATHE, a program created during LAPD’s pilot program of CVE. This framework essentially outsources policing to community leaders that youth should otherwise be able to trust and approach without the divisive context of and potential to be profiled, especially when they are trying to engage in community, in their faith practices, and in attempting to seek mental health services. Those are all sacred spaces where safety and trust must be the context for their engagement. They are spaces and relationships that should be protected and not infused with a culture of fear and policing that is based on insubstantial, flawed and incorrect research. please protect youth and community from further threats of being policed by those they should trust the most.

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Name: Daniel Garvin

Date Submitted: 03/09/2022 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I strongly urge you to reject the proposed Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevent Grant(TVTP) which is simply a rebranding of the Countering Violent Extremism(CVE) strongly rejected by the LA community in 2018. I stand with UTLA and other community groups in demanding this racist and unscientific surveillance program will primarily harm oppressed communities like African Americans, Muslims, and immigrants. Please reject the TVTP and focus on providing badly needed social services and affordable housing to solve the issues of crime in our city. Sincerely, Daniel Garvin CD14

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Name: Alex Kanegawa

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Comments for Public Posting: Writing in as a concerned community member in Gil Cedillo's district (District 1), I am speaking against the “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention” (TVTP) grant being proposed towards LAPD. It is clearly a rebrand of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), an insidious surveillance initiative that masquerades as counterterrorism and 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: Jason Reedy

Date Submitted: 03/09/2022 09:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers: I am writing to you on behalf of the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition to express our deep concern and opposition to the proposed Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant that the City Council will vote on today. We urge you to reject this grant and refuse this money from the Department of Homeland Security. This grant would be used to expand an LAPD program called PATHE that will target and criminalize youth and community members as potential “extremists.” The City Council has received a letter in opposition to this grant by Stop LAPD Spying Coalition, Palestinian Youth Movement, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, and Vigilant Love, signed by 40+ community organizations, including Black Lives Matter, Students Deserve, United Teachers of Los Angeles, ACLU of Southern California, and many others. The City Council’s Public Safety Committee meeting was flooded by public comments from community members nearly unanimously in strong opposition to TVTP and PATHE. And each council member has received hundreds of emails opposing this grant. A similar grant from the Department of Homeland Security was blocked in 2018 by an outpouring of community opposition, including a letter from the United Teachers of Los Angeles strongly opposing Countering Violent Extremism, or CVE, which has now been rebranded as TVTP in an attempt to go around the back of the community. The American Federation of Teachers opposed a similar program by the FBI. Community members, youth organizations, and teachers wholeheartedly reject TVTP and PATHE and any program that attempts to turn educators into informants in order to target youth as extremists. Make no mistake: a vote for TVTP is a vote for racial profiling. The LAPD will eventually use this money and the program it funds to profile and target youth based on race, religion, political ideology, and disability. They are just using “behavior” and “risk assessments” as proxies. An LAPD training guide for CVE, the precursor to TVTP, listed being “passionate about Somalia”, having “absolute faith in the mosque”, and “outrage over US or Western foreign policies” as possible risk factors for extremism. The cop LAPD has appointed to lead the program presided over the surveillance of protests during the George Floyd uprisings. And PATHE is rooted in the Suspicious Activity Reporting / iWATCH program

which audits revealed to be vastly disproportionately targeting Black residents of LA. This program will also re-traumatize people seeking mental health care and make it harder for your constituents to access the services they need out of fear of being targeted by law enforcement. Make the city council represent the will of the community of LA which is overwhelmingly against increased surveillance of youth. Reject TVTP. Do not accept this money for another racist LAPD surveillance program. Jason Reedy

Communication from Public

Name: Seo Yun Son

Date Submitted: 03/09/2022 10:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers: I am writing to you as a concerned constituent of this great city to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant that the City Council will vote on Wednesday 3/9. We urge you to reject this grant and refuse this money from the Department of Homeland Security. This grant would be used to expand an LAPD program called PATHE that will target and criminalize youth and community members as potential “extremists.” The City Council has received a letter in opposition to this grant by Stop LAPD Spying Coalition, Palestinian Youth Movement, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, and Vigilant Love, signed by 40+ community organizations, including Black Lives Matter, Students Deserve, United Teachers of Los Angeles, ACLU of Southern California, and many others. The City Council’s Public Safety Committee meeting was flooded by public comments from community members nearly unanimously in strong opposition to TVTP and PATHE. And each council member has received hundreds of emails opposing this grant. A similar grant from the Department of Homeland Security was blocked in 2018 by an outpouring of community opposition, including a letter from the United Teachers of Los Angeles strongly opposing Countering Violent Extremism, or CVE, which has now been rebranded as TVTP in an attempt to go around the back of the community. The American Federation of Teachers opposed a similar program by the FBI. Community members, youth organizations, and teachers wholeheartedly reject TVTP and PATHE and any program that attempts to turn educators into informants in order to target youth as extremists. Make no mistake: a vote for TVTP is a vote for racial profiling. The LAPD will eventually use this money and the program it funds to profile and target youth based on race, religion, political ideology, and disability. They are just using “behavior” and “risk assessments” as proxies. An LAPD training guide for CVE, the precursor to TVTP, listed being “passionate about Somalia”, having “absolute faith in the mosque”, and “outrage over US or Western foreign policies” as possible risk factors for extremism. The cop LAPD has appointed to lead the program presided over the surveillance of protests during the George Floyd uprisings. And PATHE is rooted in the Suspicious

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Name: Michael Novick

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the so-called Target Violence & Terrorism Prevention program, it is thinly veiled retread of previous efforts to stigmatize and criminalize particularly the Muslim community. As someone raised in an Orthodox Jewish working class immigrant family, I recognize the scent of fascism and scapegoating. I am resident and registered voter in Los Angeles, council district 10 (currently with no representation on the Council) and I urge the remainder of the City Council to reject this measure.

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Name: Kelsey Ichikawa

Date Submitted: 03/09/2022 07:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 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. As a fourth generation Japanese American and former psychology researcher, I am alarmed about the use of community institutions and racialized metrics of risk to surveil and target marginalized individuals, who already face many barriers to accessing affirming mental health care. I am reminded of the surveillance strategies used to monitor, vilify, and forcibly assimilate Japanese Americans in the 20th century. 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: Raul Anorve

Date Submitted: 03/09/2022 11:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Raul Anorve, and I am a resident of Los Angeles, 90032. I'm deeply concerned about a proposed grant for the LAPD from the Department of Homeland Security called the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant or TVTP. I am calling today to urge you to reject the TVTP Grant on the City Council Agenda and refuse the money from the Department of Homeland Security. The LAPD is seeking to use this money to fund the expansion of its PATHE program, which will create a 500-person team of teachers, counselors, clergy, and law enforcement to surveil and target youth and other community members. Though the LAPD claims that PATHE is a program meant to prevent school shootings or "domestic terrorism", it does nothing to address white supremacy. It instead reinforces and continues the white supremacist targeting of Black, Muslim, Indigenous, and Immigrant youth. I urge you to vote against this grant. Thank you