

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: After a year where LAPD killings rose 157%, and over 30% of those were people experiencing mental health crises, granting LAPD more money to respond to mental health calls is a tacit endorsement of the wholesale slaughter of the mentally ill. Passing this grant application will unavoidably lead to even more deaths of innocent civilians whose only crime is experiencing a mental health crisis. This council has committed to "reimagining public safety" and yet more money than ever is being pumped into an institution that remains a bigger threat to public safety than a solution to it. Police should not be responding to ANY mental health calls, as those calls should be handled by mental health professionals. No amount of "training" will change the culture of an organization that believes it can kill with impunity. Do not pass this grant application.