

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Rich

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 10:14 AM

Council File No: 22-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a teacher in Los Angeles. My heart is broken watching education being gutted everywhere while you are considering increasing funds to our ineffective (at best) and infamously barbaric police department. Money shows what is valued. It is the city's choice to spend so much on carceral systems such as policing and surveillance in particular at the expense of everything else. You are just adding to a cycle that keeps perpetuating conditions of poverty, deprivation, trauma, and interpersonal harm in our communities. Every dollar spent by LAPD could instead be used for housing, health care, education, and other investments that actually contribute to people and communities being safe and healthy. Dig deep inside of yourselves and consider what a well supported community could look like. It doesn't look like what we've already done. Please do something different, do not keep throwing money at something we know doesn't work. Build something new. Mx. Julia Rich

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Name: tiff guerra

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 11:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote NO on the LAPD budget increase! Community members need support and funding for services that are life-affirming, not that go to police. Police consume a large portion of the budget that is needed to fund true safety for the community. LAPD's budget already consumes around half the city's discretionary funds, and this increase will push their operational budget to \$1.91 billion, a \$149 million increase from last year's adopted budget. This increase will mean LAPD's operational spending has grown 54% in the past decade alone. It is the city's choice to spend so much on policing at the expense of everything else that keeps perpetuating conditions of poverty, deprivation, trauma, and interpersonal harm in our communities. Every dollar spent by LAPD could instead be used for housing, health care, education, and other investments that actually contribute to people being safe and healthy. LAPD's budget includes millions of dollars of funding for surveillance technology that is used to target, harass, and control our communities. Mass surveillance creates the conditions that endanger Black, brown, migrant, unhoused, and poor people. We demand all surveillance tech be defunded and abolished.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm deeply concerned about the budget proposed by Mayor Garcetti for LAPD in 2022-2023. I urge you to reject the increase in funding for LAPD. With this proposed budget, funding for LAPD would be the highest in history, despite community demands for divestment from spending on police and investment in life-affirming, accessible, and supportive community programs and services. In addition to the city budget, LAPD also receives millions of dollars in funding each year through grants from the federal government and donations from private and public corporations and individuals who want to support policing programs and technology. There is no shortage of funding for police. However, as spending on policing, overtime, and increasing surveillance and technology rises, the community is not better off, and perpetual policing and occupation contribute to conditions that endanger Black, brown, poor, and migrant people, and communities. Every dollar spent by LAPD could instead be used for housing, health care, education, and investments that actually contribute to people being safe and healthy. Vote against Garcetti's 2022- 2023 LAPD budget increase and vote for the safety of your constituents with increased community care.

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Name: mariella saba

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 11:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is an act of violence towards los angeles communities targeted by police state violence and beyond. This is a step in the wrong direction for everyone. This kind of money could help solve so many issues in our communities including housing needs, youth programs, access to food, mental health needs, etc. all which would make our communities stronger and healthier with less need to be criminalized! Please don't allow this to happen on your watch, please don't be complicit in harm, please no more blood on your hands.

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Name: Cody Sloan

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 08:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD and Defund Surveillance Hi, My name is Cody Sloan, and I am a resident of Los Angeles in 90029. I'm deeply concerned about the budget proposed by Mayor Garcetti for LAPD in 2022-2023. I am calling today to urge you to reject the increase in funding for LAPD. With this proposed budget, funding for LAPD would be the highest in history, despite community demands for a divestment from spending on police, and an investment in life-affirming, accessible, and supportive community programs and services. In addition to the city budget, LAPD also receives millions of dollars in funding each year through grants from the federal government, as well as donations from private and public corporations and individuals who want to fund policing programs and technology. There is no shortage of funding for police, though as spending on policing, overtime, and increasing surveillance and technology rises the community is not better off, and perpetual policing and occupation actually contributes to conditions that endanger Black, brown, poor, and migrant people and communities. Every dollar spent by LAPD could instead be used for housing, health care, education, and investments that actually contribute to people being safe and healthy. We urge you to vote against the budget increase for LAPD. Thank you, Cody

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Name: Betty J

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 08:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Stop funding the police state. This is not what the general public wants or needs!!! Listen to your constituents and work on community based solutions, resources to uplift those in poverty rather than surveil us and defund the police!!! We are SO sick of this fight with ya'll. It's absolutely disgusting the way you continue to criminalize and neglect the people of Los Angeles. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

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Name: Sherryvaron

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 09:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: paul.krekorian@lacity.org,
Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org,
councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org,
councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org,
Councilmember.Price@lacity.org Call City Council Members: Hi,
My name is Sherry Varon and I am a resident of Los Angeles,
90025. I'm deeply concerned about the budget proposed by
Mayor Garcetti for LAPD in 2022-2023. I am calling today to
urge you to reject the increase in funding for LAPD. With this
proposed budget, funding for LAPD would be the highest in
history, despite community demands for a divestment from
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increase for LAPD.

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Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles in Venice beach, I am deeply concerned about the budget proposed by Mayor Garcetti for LAPD in 2022-2023. I am calling today to urge you to reject the increase in funding for LAPD. With this proposed budget, funding for LAPD would be the highest in history, despite community demands for a divestment from spending on police, and an investment in life-affirming, accessible, and supportive community programs and services. In addition to the city budget, LAPD also receives millions of dollars in funding each year through grants from the federal government, as well as donations from private and public corporations and individuals who want to fund policing programs and technology. There is no shortage of funding for police, though as spending on policing, overtime, and increasing surveillance and technology rises the community is not better off, and perpetual policing and occupation actually contributes to conditions that endanger Black, brown, poor, and migrant people and communities. Every dollar spent by LAPD could instead be used for housing, health care, education, and investments that actually contribute to people being safe and healthy. We urge you to vote against the budget increase for LAPD. Thank you.

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Name: Candace Cable

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 02:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed Department on Disability budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The proposed budget makes a greater investment than ever before in addressing the much needed resources for people with disabilities in the City of Los Angeles. Creating more job opportunities within the Department allows staff to focus on ensuring that the needs of the disability community are addressed and helps the City meet its goals and mandates related to service, equity, and compliance. Ensuring that there is sufficient staff to operate within the Department increases the capacity of the services provided to people with disabilities. The positions the Department has requested are vital to fulfilling the mission of proposing, developing and implementing policies, programs, services, and activities that will improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities in Los Angeles. In light of the rise of 'long COVID' as a persistent and significant health issue, proper staffing and access to the resources within the Department would allow DOD to prepare for and provide guidance and resources for people affected. As "long COVID" is a condition now protected by the ADA, Rehabilitation Act and Affordable Care Act, people with this disability are entitled to full and equal opportunities to participate in and enjoy all aspects of civic and commercial life. The support requested from this proposed budget would create an opportunity for DOD to recommend and implement changes to the way that our City operates to accommodate a person's long COVID-related limitations. The Student Worker Program creates an opportunity for young people with disabilities to acquire work experience. Research on similar programs has shown that program participants not only graduate at higher rates, but also have a higher chance of being employed post-graduation and can have higher lifetime earnings overall. This initiative would help reduce the poverty that students with disabilities often experience despite having successfully completed college and graduate school requirements. Additionally, the proposed budget would allow the Department to create key departmental liaisons to implement an emphasis on initiatives targeting constituents with low-income and homeless individuals with disabilities to ensure that the needs of both communities are addressed.

Communication from Public

Name: Jim Yarbrough

Date Submitted: 05/13/2022 08:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Less \$ for police and surveillance. More money to address drug addiction, mental health, jobs, health care, housing, child care and after school programs. Address the root causes of crime and make it more possible for people to do good/well in the first place, and this will make the police officer's job easier, and bring in more revenue for the city if citizens are working and have even a modicum of buy-in and security. Homes, not handcuffs.