

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Back

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 01:44 PM

Council File No: 22-0766

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, name is Sarah Back and I live in Los Angeles in District 1. I write to ask you to vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council.

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Name: L. Kinsler

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 01:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is L. and I live in Los Angeles in district 13. I'm writing to ask you to vote NO on Agenda item 12 in Friday's City Council. The arsenal of military gear must be reduced. We are a city, not a military. LAPD should not have so many weapons of war. LAPD killed over 150 people in 2013-2021, averaging killing 1.3 people each month. Almost a fifth of those killed showed signs of mental illness. Four were actively suicidal when killed by police. We do not need LAPD to have MORE weapons, especially not more weapons of WAR.

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Name: Jenna Dilworth

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jenna Dilworth and I live in Los Angeles in District 37. I am writing to ask you to note NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. The proposed policy must be revised to fully specify what uses are authorized for each weapon. We are a city, not a military. LAPD should not have so many weapons of war. At a minimum, these policies must be revised to clearly and consistently prohibit use against 1st amendment assembly (e.g. rallies or demonstrations, following state law), including a complete prohibition in all crowd/assembly situations against aiming at the head, neck or any other vital organs.

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Name: J.Stephen Brantley

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 02:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to vote NO on item #12 this Friday. I am horrified to learn that this measure might further militarize Los Angeles law enforcement with very little guidance as to what equipment might be procured and how it might be utilized. We already have one of the deadliest, most corrupt, and most expensive police forces in the world. Further funding will only serve to harm Angelenos, not protect us. Put plainly, poor to working class folks are already completely terrified of the police, and will do anything to avoid exposure to law enforcement, even at a risk to our own health and safety, because the alternative is worse. The only thing this does is scare good people into hiding. It won't curb violence, it will only spark more. It won't prevent crime, it will only drive it into the shadows. We need community investment - funds for housing, healthcare, harm reduction, and alternatives to incarceration. Better resourced communities are safer places. Siccing the cops on our communities weapons of war will only cause further harm at a time when L.A. is already suffering in just about every way. Please do not support this! Vote NO!

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Name: Grace Doyle

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 03:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: LAPD proposed policy. I absolutely oppose what LAPD had put forth for consideration in this agenda item which should not be approved today. The Council has until Oct 26 (180 days after LAPD proposed its policy on April 29) to fully consider the matter. The proposed policy must be revised to fully specify what uses are authorized for each weapon and the arsenal of military gear must be massively reduced. But moreover, we are not experiencing a spike in crime and therefore LAPD's request is unwarranted all together- and actually a detriment to public safety.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 04:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello! As an LA constituent I beg you to please vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. Thank you so much!

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Name: Carter Moon

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 04:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Carter Moon and I live in District 11. I firmly oppose agenda item 12, I am against giving the LAPD more weapons in the strongest terms possible. We are a city, not a military. LAPD should not have so many weapons of war. LAPD has shot and killed 150 people between 2013-2021, they have consistently proven that they cannot be trusted with weapons and do not have the public's safety in mind. We should be working to demilitarize and disband the LAPD, not giving them more weapons of war to further brutalize Angelenos.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 04:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to ask you to vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. This agenda item should not be approved today. Council has until Oct 26 (180 days after LAPD proposed its policy on April 29) to fully consider the matter. This policy does not safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, or civil liberties (and AB 481 requires governing bodies to ONLY approve the use policy if it "will safeguard the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and civil liberties") and LAPD's proposed policy fails to define authorized uses for its militarized equipment, as required by the new law AB481. AB481 requires that every piece of military equipment must describe both the purpose and the authorized use. That's authorized use, not authorized user. The policy must describe under what circumstances a weapon is authorized for use. The proposed policy clearly must be revised to fully specify what uses are authorized for each weapon. The arsenal of military gear MUST be reduced. Vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/10/2022 08:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I already fear for the community at the hands of police officers. Murders by LAPD are up this year, and we need to protect LA residents from gun violence from cops.

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Name: Nora

Date Submitted: 08/11/2022 03:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hey, my name is Nora. I am a resident of LA in district 4 and I'm writing to ask you all to vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. I'm so tired of seeing our city struggle and by giving police more room to further militarize is only going to make things worse for everyone in this city that we all love. We have all seen that by giving the LAPD more money it doesn't get to the root of the problems at hand. We should be lifting each other up not adding more fear and control to people who are not actually protecting the communities here. It is ethically wrong. We are a city not a war zone. Please do not pass agenda item 12. The other night I saw five LAPD helicopters over my place of work. FIVE! The amount of money spent to get those planes in the air that could have been put into some other place is ridiculous. It will only get worse with more funding and more weapons of war. Especially when the police here just use those shiny tools to intimidate local residents on a daily basis. If they aren't keeping us safe now with an already huge budget how is giving them more going to make it better. Think of the people who make this city run and thrive, protect them and not just the property.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Tardieu Haines

Date Submitted: 08/11/2022 06:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to ask you to vote NO on Agenda Item 12 in Friday's City Council. Military weapons only encourage a police mindset that violence must be or should be used in a given situation, positioning citizens as the enemy of the police. This goes against community care and does nothing to encourage finding non-violent resolutions to conflict. If we want to foster trust between the police and our community, it is important for the police not to look like military personnel here for war and destruction which creates feelings of an unsafe environment for everyone. No one wants to feel like they're living in a warzone and we don't want police to treat our cities as such.