

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca Park

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**Council File No:** 20-0291

**Comments for Public Posting:** Covid19 threatens respiratory systems of citizens and citizens in confined spaces. Under this emergency resolution I ask that we include a measure that prohibits the use of pepper spray & rubber bullets & extreme force by policing forces on peaceful protestors that hospitalizes and further increases the risk of infection of our city's citizens. I ask that we include a measure that prohibits policing entities from overcrowding vans and confined spaces of peaceful protestors.

(Dear) Mayor Eric Garcetti,

We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folx. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.”

We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart.

After City Council cowardly avoided voting or revising your draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. I am urging you, Mayor Eric Garcetti, to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget. Public opinion is with me (see attached graphs). You can attach the data visualization graphics found below.

Thank you for your time,

Rebecca

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Viola

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:41 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The local COVID emergency is the LAPD and the curfew that the city is imposing. YOU are creating a Covid emergency but continuing on with the curfew. LAPD is out in force, no masks, spitting in people's faces. They are putting hands on us, they are rounding us up into smaller and smaller areas so that it is impossible for us to social distance. They are a direct threat to this emergency that you admit still exists. In addition, the curfew, the city imposed curfew is creating a huge Covid risk. People are being rounded up and put on buses and left there for hours at a time. You need to handle this part of your Covid emergency that you are exacerbating. General Comment: I stand with the street vendors. Your hypocrisy between how you treat them and restaurant owners is criminal. We are coming for you all in this regard. Do better by these street vendors. I watched you allow restaurants to open and waive the permit/inspection process. President Nury, your opening remarks at yesterday's meeting clearly demonstrate how you value property far more than you do human life. Property crime is not violent crime. Is it inconvenient, is it upsetting, is it sometimes financially damaging...YES. But it is not the same as the loss of life that we suffer daily at the hands of law enforcement in this country. Adopt the PeoplesBudgetLA now and meet the Demands of Black LA.