

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Black lives matter! We need complete reform!

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to DEFUND THE POLICE. I am tired of sitting around and seeing how reform is NOT working. Body cameras did not work, for instance. Not only are body cameras no working, civilians are able to film acts of horrific police brutality in *broad* daylight, without them stopping at all. This is a clear abuse of power so engrained in these people that they no longer can tell the difference between right and wrong. We need to dismantle the policing system as it is now and build from the group up something NEW and that will not harm and TARGET black and brown people specifically. PLEASE DO SOMETHING. You are complicit with the brutalities if you do NOT. Although the idea of defunding the police has been around for some time, it is just now gaining traction. If Minneapolis can do it, we can TOO! Stop using the reason not to because of marginalized communities where there is crime. Statistics show that in situations of gun violence in those communities, the people living there don't even trust their own police to show up- they instead call neighbors- WHY do you think that is. ALSO statistics show that more funding into *education* significantly decreases crime. Let's put the money back into the people!!!!!!

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Comments for Public Posting: I am currently outraged at how the City of Los Angeles is handling people protesting yet once again the murder of another Black man in the United States. I moved here 7 years ago from Ohio thinking that moving to a big city and unquestionable blue liberal state would allow me to have more chance to be free and be myself. But as a Black person, all of the peace, one love, and "being open-minded" attitude that LA preaches about goes out the window and the police act like one of the reddest states below the Mason Dixon line. It's appalling to see the racism and violence that the police have treated peaceful protesters. Los Angeles has been a leader in treating the coronavirus but fell extremely flat in treating people who simply are just saying that they want equality and don't want to die doing some normal activity that any other non-Black citizen can perform. I am asking that the funds allocated to the police be significantly reduced to other programs that can help uplift our community and better management of how to train officers to actually create a space of safety and protection and not one of violence and fear. Even my friends in Ohio say "watch out for LAPD" which is embarrassing. Los Angeles is renowned in so many ways when it comes to culture, entertainment, fashion, business, and it is time that we become an example and leader in police reform and re-education.