

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Rasan Humphrey and I'm a resident of the San Fernando Valley and of Los Angeles City. I have a question to the council. Why weren't the police utilized to protect businesses. You don't need an army to scare away or discourage looters from looting if the police presence is there. Instead what I saw was protestors having to fend off rioters and looters while the police did not. I was at a peaceful protest on Monday over at Van Nuys and what I saw upset me. The police were watching us and that's fine. However what I do not support is them not doing their job. While protesting we had some people in our ranks wanting to disturb the peace. They through smoke bombs into the street and we had to go pick them up and put them out. They ran away but the police did not pursue. Did not address those people who wanted to disrupt our peaceful protest. I want to know why you failed to address this? Why didn't you have the police ready to protect the city and it's property so they would never even try to do anything to damage, loot, or disturb the peace of the protests? Why is it that we have to go chase off the people who don't want to protest but cause mayhem? I want answers. And I want solutions. You had enough time to expect and prepare for more chaos and looting. If you see a protest you should have expected the looters. Which makes me suspect you either wanted chaos to happen to distract the public from the point of the protest or that you just didn't care enough. Also! Why is it so difficult to find information on how we can participate in these council meetings, committee meetings, and also how to involve ourselves in our cities politics? How is it that the legal age to vote is 18 but, our education does NOT include politics! How do you expect these kids to know what to do, where to go, who to contact, when you don't even try to teach them in our public schools?! This NEEDS to change as well. That's all I have to say at the moment I hope and pray this gets to you. I hope you address what I have to say. Thank you.

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Name: Jarod Luebbert

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. The huge chunk of the budget that currently goes to the police department should go to programs that help communities, not to a department that is broken. Cutting it by \$150m is not enough when the budget is over \$3 billion. I would like to see these funds re-allocated to universal needs like clean water/air, education, healthy food, childcare, and housing.