

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: SPECIAL MEETING - AD HOC POLICE REFORM COMMITTEE Wednesday, June 24, 2020 JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER - ROOM 340 - CITY HALL - 8:00 AM Item 20-0769 (a.k.a. Motion 1 in this meeting). I'm in support of this motion, except for the language about assistance from the LAPD. Police are for law enforcement only, which is and should be a very narrow function. Police are not health providers, not youth counselors, not EMTs, not addiction specialists, not housing specialists. So they should not be dispatched as if they are. And they should not receive the funding those professionals and organizations need. As a general public comment.... Motion 1 is a good start, but it's not enough. Why aren't there more motions to address what we're all asking for? We must defund the police. We have a culture here that must be dismantled and rebuilt, not reformed. That means cutting the police budget by 5%, but by 90% or more. ?That's a hell of a lot of money that could be used for non-threatening, non-violent interventions. This means you just adopt the People's Budget LA and take public input on its implementation. Our Pentagon budget is out of wack nationally and so it is with our police here in LA. And for similar reasons: lobbying and influence of the status quo. This means you've got to be courageous, actually be representatives, and cut your ties to the status quo, and specifically the influence of the police protective league.