

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Brown

Date Submitted: 07/01/2020 12:34 AM

Council File No: 20-0769

Comments for Public Posting: City council should support alternative, unarmed responses to emergencies. When I was in my mid 20s I broke up with an abusive ex only to have him stalk me - he would be at the cafe when I got my coffee, on the corner waiting for me to pass on my bike while commuting, even at the pool at 6am where I swam, and outside my ground floor window at night. I was terrified. Because these were public places and he hadn't made any specific threats against me, I didn't know what to do. I was terrified to call the police because I knew that if he got angry, it was likely the police would hurt him in fear and that was not a result I could live with. If I could have trusted someone to intervene that I knew would have deescalated the situation and maybe got him into the therapy he desperately needed, I would not have had to suffer so much at the time or relive the terror every time I hear someone tapping on glass, or even if it rains at night. Please.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Laurel Gerch

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 07:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0769

Comments for Public Posting: I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. However, the proposed cuts to LAPD do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. Please do the right thing and adopt the People's Budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Isabella Roland

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Item 48: I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls as a way to defund the LAPD. Proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police.

Communication from Public

Name: laura stinger

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: item 48 and general comment: firstly, there were many people waiting to give public comment who were not able to, this is a democracy in the midst of a pandemic, there need to be more and more accessible ways for the people to be heard. secondly: i support item 48, the motion by wesson/martinez/harris-dawson to move non-violent calls out of police rotation and to non-police, unarmed responders. the definition of non-violent must be clear, so there is not a loophole allowing police yet again to deal with people experiencing houselessness, mentally ill people etc, which they have proven they are not fit to do. general comment: it is proven that police don't lower crime, economic opportunity, housing, proper health care and access to healthy food and education lower crime. if you have the money to provide these services instead of punitive and violent tactics why would you choose to fund police? where are your ethics? police are ineffective at keeping the public safe and effective at fear and death. you are public servants and we are asking for public services. we pay taxes and we vote and we are asking for public transportation, housing, health care, education. why do't you want to see people have these needs met? why did you get into public service? to get campaign donations from corporations who benefit from privatization and human suffering? Why are you caving to police union bullying? Defund the Police, a \$150 million cut is not enough, try \$1 billion. Divert this money into services, especially into historically underserved neighborhoods. This country must face its legacy of slavery and racism. Invest in black and brown neighborhoods. Lift up the people. Work with grassroots organizations to offer services to help people thrive. Black people are not criminals, defund the police. Invest in restorative justice. Defund the police, NOW. Black Lives Matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Holter

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am Los Angeles resident and I would like to address Item 48. I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. Proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. Thank you, Julia Holter

Communication from Public

Name: Sasha Huff

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Rosenbloom

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of city council district 13. I'm writing in support of Item 48: Wesson/Harris-Dawson's motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. Our communities, our families, our unhoused neighbors deserve to be treated with care and kindness. Non-violent alternatives will help our city keep ALL of our citizens safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Ross

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Jessica Ross. I support the motion to replace the LAPD with unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. I'm demanding that you defund the police and invest in communities. I've been listening to these meetings all month long and a moment that really stood out was when a councilmember argued that if we defund the police our city would become "The Purge". I find this comparison ironic. The premise of "The Purge" is that once a year the government sanctions a day where anyone can commit any crime they want and not face any kind of criminal charges. Well, the purge is happening. Only it's 365 days a year where the POLICE can commit any crime they want against Black and Brown people without facing any criminal charges. If councilmembers are really fearful of the purge, it is already here and you are actively participating in it. But there is still time to do something about it. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: sarah bram

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: RE Item 48 -- City council! Please support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls!! Also proposed cuts to the LAPD budget do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 10:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0769

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today regarding item 1 on the agenda for 6/24/2020 and general public comment to urge the City Council Committee on Policing to Pass the Wesson/Martinez/Harris-Dawson motion. I want to see alternatives to policing and robust community involvement in developing them. Police shouldn't be dispatched as mental health providers, youth workers, EMTs, or housing services. Non-violent calls should go to experts in the appropriate fields. We need to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: zurit z horowitz

Date Submitted: 06/24/2020 08:08 AM

Council File No: 20-0769

Comments for Public Posting: Police officers are meant to respond to acute violent situations. Other professionals such as social workers and deescalation experts should be dispatched in non-violent situations. If a person is undergoing a mental health episode, seeing a police officer only makes the situation more acute and scary. We need to invest in long term community mental health care centered around community needs (not interviewing the institutions but engaging with community and organizers in the community, putting programs in place and evolving as needed). Right now when someone's suicidal the police are called or if people are really lucky a unit with police and mental health professionals are called but they usually take hours to arrive. Then they're placed on a 72 hour hold and usually they're released again with very little support for housing or mental health afterwards. In situations with children we should invest in programs like OTTP which address the whole family. We also need to address homelessness with more places like Century Villages at Cabrillo. We need to stay invested in community mental health (which includes support for basics like housing and food) and evolve with feedback from the community. If we do all of these studies and then decide on the plan we end up behind the curve, we need to evolve as we implement.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Pinkston
Date Submitted: 06/24/2020 09:32 AM
Council File No: 20-0769

Comments for Public Posting: SPECIAL MEETING - AD HOC POLICE REFORM COMMITTEE - Wednesday, June 24, 2020 I'm a consituent from District 4 and I'd like to make public comment on items 1, 8, and general Public comment. In regard to Item 1 (20-0769) I support this item as a start. We need nonarmed alternatives to policing in non violent crisis situations, obviously. I think this is a good start, but we know that police has more contact with community than just responding to 911 calls. And for Black and Brown and homeless communities, the very presence of police can be life threatening. I think it's important that you remember that we're demanding change because people are dying at the hands of police officers. For Item 8 (20-0778) the LAPD can't investigate themselves, especially regard to protests against police brutality. Of course they will be biased, and the public doesn't trust Chief Moore, who implied that the protesters and looters carry just as much blame for George Floyd's death and the cops that murdered him! You have to remove this item from the motion. For general comment: We're asking for real change. Little reforms simply won't do, and I don't want to see more money going to the police for the reforms. We're pushing for a future where people's needs are met, where people are housed, where they have the care that they need, the support that they need. And we can have this if we as a community divest from the police and invest in our community. I agree with a previous speaker that if we're going to prioritize social and mental health workers, we need to pay them like they're a priority, and that's money that must take from the ridiculous LAPD budget. Ultimately we're imagining a society without police, which isn't a new idea. Like Wesson said earlier, This is an exciting time, but it's embarrassing that finally listening to your consitiuents becomes historical. Make real change, think bigger. Adopt the People's Budget. Black Lives Matter. Sincerely, Megan Pinkston