

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0769

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. I call on my Council Member David Ryu to support the motion as well.

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Name: Nicole Plescia
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:57 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I support Item 48.

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Name: LA Jews For Black Lives

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Comments for Public Posting: To: Los Angeles Members of the City Council From: LA Jews for Black Lives To Members of the City Council: We are 1300+ Jews in solidarity with both our Black Jewish community members and all Black residents of Los Angeles. We affirm that Black Lives Matter, and demand that the city's actions reflect this. We are therefore strongly against the proposed city budget, which would allocate over half its general funds to a police force that terrorizes Black communities as well as the unhoused, undocumented, and other marginalized communities. We support the demands of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles to #DefundthePolice. We call on you to: ?commit to a People's Budget that affirms life, not by spending 51% of the city's general funds on the police as proposed, but by investing in housing, good jobs, healthy food, the environment, youth services, public transportation, parks and libraries. ?pledge to reject donations from police associations in runs for any future political office. ?stand up for Black lives, vocally and unconditionally. We 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. As Jews, we work to build a world that honors our common humanity, as our Torah recounts that all people are created B'Tzelem Elohim - in the image of God. The principle of Pikuach Nefesh teaches us that the preservation of life must be our highest priority. And we learn in the Mishnah that anyone who destroys a single life has destroyed the entire world. The murders by police officers continue to destroy the holiness and sanctity of our world. We urge you to uphold the values that our diverse communities share and pursue justice for all Angelenos. More than 1200 local Jews, Synagogues, Clergy, and other Jewish Organizations have signed on to this petition. Approve the People's Budget. Support Black lives. Sincerely, Synagogues Beth Shir Shalom Nefesh Temple Ramat Zion Clergy Daniela Gesundheit, Cantor, Shir Libeynu Rabbi Adam Lautman Rabbi Aimee Gerace, Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center Rabbi Amy Bernstein, Kehillat Israel Rabbi Aryeh Cohen Rabbi Jocce Hudson, Temple Israel of Hollywood

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Nefesh

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Clergy

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Rabbi Benjamin Ross, Leo Baeck Temple

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, Beth Shir Shalom

Rabbi Robin Podolsky

Rabbi Susan Goldberg, Nefesh

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Change-Links

Camp Gilboa

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, Southern California

East Side Jewish Activist Collective

Feminism All Night

IfNotNow - LA

Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace

Jewtina y Co.

JQ International

Jewish Voice for Peace - Los Angeles

Los Angeles Contemporary Archive

Mapping Jewish Los Angeles

Never Again Action - Los Angeles

Women's Empowerment Foundation

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Allie Levin, IfNotNow

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Tim Stratton

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Rachel Kosberg

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Nathalie Saphier

Katy Dolle

Mollie Abelman

Sarah Rogozen

Benjamin Kuerschner

Emily Franklin

Nitzan Barlev

Emma Tolkin

Arielle Hollies

Jonathan Matz

Suzanne Boretz

Alexander Billet

Claire Gerson

David Levitus

Melanie Z Weinstein

Anitra Wetzel

David Altschul

Estee Chandler

Chelsea Frank

Benjy Steinberg

Shannon Bellanca

Sara Newman

Noa Rubin

Sarah Jacobus

Eden Hain

Leah Knopf

Mariah Shevchuk

Erica Wachs

Catherine Ho

Eve Angle

Karen Liebowitz

Kim Kyne

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Mereoni Qarau

Jessica Wisnowski

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Alexis Reiff

Rebecca Sales

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Jennifer Wang

Stephanie Pearl

Marlee Goldshine

Jacob Wasserman

Josh Pearl

Mallory Garrett

Eric Schiffer

Lisa Alonso

Nina Berenfeld

Blake

Cipra Nemeth

Heather Nichols

Samantha Ossip

Erica Gross

Barbara Lewis

Stephanie L Sedway

Marty Schwarz

Isaac Thrupp

Danielle Lev

Jacob Ross

Jordan Meklir

Matthew Levitt

Seth Litt

Pini Herman

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Eli S Wirtschafter

Lauren Tannenbaum

Daniel Freire

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Justin Cohen

Nicholas Losorelli

Alex Kelly

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Ziva Swire

Micah Gordon

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Meridith Wynne

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Rachel Bernstein

Taylor Martin

Corine Toren

Rachel Schneider

Ellie Lasarow

Hannah Borison

Ali Waxman

Pamela G Jacobson

Pesach Chananiah

Alison Golub

Nadine Levyfield

Businesses

Actaeon Players

David Kordansky Gallery

HMH Casting, Inc.

Laurie Shapiro Art

Los Angeles Yoga Club

Love Extremist Radio

The Breathing Effect

Southern California Counseling Center

Communication from Public

Name: Geoff Williams

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Geoff Williams and I live in Chatsworth (District 12). I'm a member of the West Valley People's Alliance and I am in favor of the People's Budget. On 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. These are the kind of solutions we need. However, knowing that these kind of studies and reports can take a long time, I would just emphasize the urgency with which this kind of action is needed. Additionally I think the LAPD should be involved in this process as little as possible, as it is obvious they are looking out primarily for their own interests rather than the well-being of the community, and I do not trust them to participate in good faith. I would also like to say that while this motion is a great start, it is nowhere near an all-encompassing solution. To truly invest in our communities properly, we need to de-fund the LAPD. The proposed cuts of around \$130 million to the LAPD budget do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the \$3.15 billion LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. Thank you, Geoff

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Zempel

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 05:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of 90039, and I am writing today to say that 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 we have seen these past few weeks, armed police presence escalates non-violent situations, and more often than not results in unnecessary death and damage. We need alternatives to sending armed police into our neighborhoods in order to protect the people of our communities. Most police officers agree that they are ill-equipped to deal with mental health issues, and therefore investing money into a team of social workers or mental health professionals would not only be beneficial to the community, but it would be a relief to officers who are already overworked and simply lack the training and patience to deal with these situations. The way the system works right now is actually creating more crime, and through police presence it leaves behind a class of people that become labeled as "criminals." By having police show up to non-violent emergencies, they do what they are trained to do - punish the "criminals." What often results is these people are arrested and thrown in jail because it's an easy solution for officers to "deal" with the problem. This results in more and more people unfairly caught up in our criminal justice system. And that's often the best-case scenario. The reality is that when people are involved with armed police officers, they are often less lucky and do not escape with their lives. In fact 1 in 4 of every police killing is a person with mental illness. Los Angeles has an enormous homeless problem, which goes hand in hand with our inability to provide mental health to our community. By diverting funds from LAPD and setting up a system where unarmed service providers are able to help these non-violent people it will be the first step in breaking this deadly cycle. Thank you, Laura Zempel

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 07:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion offers a positive way for Los Angeles to move forwards towards appropriate care for our most vulnerable citizens -- I support creating teams of unarmed crisis response workers in Los Angeles, and I encourage you to support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles, I am writing in support of the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I hope that the City of Los Angeles can be a leader in reimagining public safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to speak on action item 48. I support Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. How our city is responded to these calls is NOT working and will never work. We need trained professionals who understand mental illness and the communities that they are serving. We also need MUCH bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. Our LAPD should absolutely not be receiving over 50% of the city's budget. We are paying them to do more harm than good. This is NOT working. There are better ways and we need to figure them out, first by relocating these funds towards communities and alternatives to police. The police are making things worse. It is disgusting that during a pandemic you even had the thought to increase the LAPD budget while cutting the budget for housing and jobs. Who do you work for? Who pays for your jobs? How in the world does that make ANY sense? For some, there is truly no visible light at the end of this tunnel. As restaurants and bars shut their doors once again while we are STILL in the first wave of this pandemic and just waiting for the second to come in just a couple months. People can't feed their family, anticipating having to pay months worth of back rent, houseless folks are having a hard time finding a damn bathroom and the city's black and brown communities are being hit hardest by both the viciousness of this pandemic and by the LAPD. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOW ARE YOU PROTECTING WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR COMMUNITY? WHO DO YOU WORK FOR? The way I see it is there is already blood on your hands.... How much more do you want? How many more lives need to be ruined before you get your shit together. LA deserves better.... LA demands better.