



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

August 11, 2020

Mayor and City Council
Civic Center Plaza
411 West Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

SUBJECT: LBFD Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART)

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

This letter aims to provide you with a testimonial of Downtown Long Beach Alliance's (DLBA) interaction with and support for Long Beach Fire Department's HEART program in its current composition.

The DLBA is a non-profit organization representing more than 1,600 businesses and 4,000 commercial and residential property owners within the two Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Downtown Long Beach. During its normal course of service delivery, DLBA's Clean and Safe Team interact with the HEART program to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our Downtown and ultimately benefit its residents, business/property owners, and visitors.

On several occasions, DLBA has contacted Joel Davis (HEART Firefighter/Paramedic) to discuss individuals who appear to need medical services but are resistant to visiting the Emergency Room or Multi-Service Center for medical assistance. In some cases, the person was either transported willingly to the hospital or put on a Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) hold due to the severity of their medical situation. Our Clean Team has responded to HEART requests for cleanup at locations where individuals have left trash and other substances after being transported to the hospital.

DLBA's Homeless Outreach Specialist would often coordinate with HEART and other service providers to reach persons living on the street in Downtown. In fact, many persons living on the streets hold HEART in high regard for their willingness to listen to their personal and medical history with a non-judgmental demeanor. Individuals also appreciate the no lights and siren approach, as it is less embarrassing than the traditional fire department response of two fire engines. Without a doubt, it is very beneficial to have trained paramedics that have earned an individual's trust on hand to address an assortment of medical issues in the field or assure the individual that a hospital emergency room is the best course of care.

DLBA appreciates the opportunities to partner with HEART in Downtown and encourages the Mayor, City Council, and staff to maintain the current departmental composition and funding level for this highly effective and beneficial service to persons experiencing homelessness.



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Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the HEART program.

Sincerely,

Kraig Kojian

cc: DLBA Board of Directors
Xavier Espino, Chief of the Long Beach Fire Department

From: [Brocc Coward](mailto:Brocc.Coward@dlba.org)
To: [Brocc Coward](mailto:Brocc.Coward@dlba.org)
Subject: FW: Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART) Testimonials
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:42:30 PM

From: Jina Lawler <jlawler@tccfamilyhealth.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Brocc Coward <brocc@dlba.org>
Cc: Steve Be Cotte <SteveB@dlba.org>
Subject: RE: Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART) Testimonials

Hi Brocc,

My name is Jina Lee Lawler and I am the Chief Operations Officer at The Children's Clinic, "Serving Children & Their Families", DBA TCC Family Health.

The Children's Clinic, "Serving Children and Their Families", DBA TCC Family Health (TCC) is an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) licensed 330(c) FQHC community health center with 12 clinical sites, two mobile clinic and an administrative site in the Greater Long Beach area in the state of California. TCC was founded in 1939 when physicians and community leaders came together to provide access to health care for all children, particularly those affected by poverty. Since then, TCC has expanded to serve adults and has undergone tremendous growth, garnering local, state and national respect for the work we do under our guiding mission to provide quality integrated, innovative health care that will contribute to a healthy community, by focusing on those in need and working with patients and the community as partners in their overall well-being.

This week is **National Health Center Week**, and I wanted to take this opportunity, **Health Care for the Homeless Day**, to thank the HEART Team for your continued partnership caring for one of the most vulnerable populations in our community. Providing housing, health care, and basic necessities is a human right, and you all have done tremendous work to ensure those experiencing homelessness have their needs met and also to advocate on their behalf. We honor you and thank you for your commitment and work.

TCC Family Health (TCC), serves as a **Patient Centered Medical Home for over 40,000 patients of all ages in more than 140,000 visits per year** focusing on moving further upstream with prevention and early intervention services to prevent health and psychosocial issues from becoming chronic health conditions that place individuals at risk for homelessness. TCC also works to address issues and connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness to community resources to help them stabilize their lives and link them to needed resources. TCC is honored to serve almost **1,800 patients** experiencing homelessness in over **5,000 visits** at the Multi Service Center for Homeless

(MSC), at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, and at our other sites.

While we have not directly worked with the HEART team, I have heard of their work. During this time, where trust between those in uniform and those in our marginalized communities, the HEART team is a model of how those in uniform are part of our network of caring. I have seen HEART team members at community advocacy events speaking about unhoused residents in Long Beach. They work tirelessly to link these individuals to services. Often they are the first point of contact when a unhoused individual is in crisis.

Again, thank you for providing care for those who often are the most marginalized. I look forward to our continued partnerships in the future.

Jina Lee Lawler, MSW

Chief Operating Officer, The Children's Clinic, "Serving Children and Their Families"

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August 11, 2020

To: Broc Coward, COO
Downtown LB Alliance
Councilmember Jeannine Pearce
Second District, Long Beach

Re: Testimonial and Letter of Support for HEART

On behalf of Long Beach Rescue Mission, I thank you for the opportunity to write this letter of support for our LB Fire Department's Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART).

The HEART team is very valued by Long Beach Rescue Mission as we collaborate together with helping those who are most vulnerable, our homeless. The HEART team is the first point of contact, the message of "hope" to the homeless individual on the street while providing medical attention, resources, shelter, housing and services. Over the last few years, some of the clients of the Long Beach Rescue Mission were brought here by the HEART team, and many of these clients are now graduates of our 1-year New Life Program, with independent living, employment and reconciliation to their families.

I would like to share with you a testimony from one of our Case Managers who works with the HEART team:

"The HEART team has been very supportive in assisting us with getting homeless individuals living on the street the proper medical attention needed, allowing them to save a life that otherwise would have just died on the street. Joel and Justin are continuously serving the needs of our community, and what I have found so amazing about these guys is they do follow-ups with individuals who they have helped place and never forget them. I salute Long Beach HEART TEAMS!"

I believe that their service is truly needed, and "vital" to our community during this challenging time as we navigate our way through this pandemic. Especially valuable is that the team is certified in MHFA (Mental Health First Aid), which gives the opportunity to help those who are suffering from mental illness. Long Beach Rescue Mission is grateful to be in partnership with such an outstanding team of compassionate and caring first responders, and we support and value the work they do.

If you have any questions, or for further comments, please feel free to call me directly at: 562) 216-7611.

Thank you.

Robert Probst, Executive Director
Long Beach Rescue Mission



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From: [Broc Coward](#)
To: [Broc Coward](#)
Subject: FW: Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART) Testimonials
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:25:35 PM

August 10th 2020

Broc Coward
COO, Downtown Long Beach Alliance
100 West Broadway Suite 101
Long Beach CA. 90802

Dear Mr Coward,

I am writing today in support of the Homeless Education and Response Team (HEART) and the plan for this team in the Long Beach 2021 Proposed budget. "Redesign and restructure the HEART team model with a greater public health focus and utilize Nurse positions in the Health Department instead of Firefighters" is what the proposed budget states.

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As, a board member of Beacon for Him, I can't count how many times I was able to contact both of these teams to help asses and outreach those that needed services. On many occasions I have called the HEART/QOL teams directly to sit in the Beacon building with me when someone was sick, needed a bus ticket to get home, transport to the MSC, help with paperwork, or just talk to someone that needed another perspective and many other occasions when I needed help advocating for a person in need.

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Thank you for a moment in your day for my "two cents"

In Service,
Allison Kripp

From: [Broc Coward](#)
To: [Broc Coward](#)
Subject: FW: Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART) Testimonials
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:28:17 PM

From: sheila gibbons <giomigibbons@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Broc Coward <brocc@dlba.org>
Subject: Re: Homeless Education And Response Team (HEART) Testimonials

Broc, I have had dealings with the Fire Department's HEART program. I have nothing but great things to say about this nationally recognized team. While working at a soup kitchen here in Long Beach I had many opportunities to see them in action. There are always "regulars" in attendance that would show up for a meal. Many were seniors and or veterans. On several occasions we had to call the fire department to our site for medical assistance with this fragile group. Many of them also became regulars with the LBFD. Often it was because they couldn't get to followup appointments or get their refills of blood pressure medications. It was then HEART would get involved .

One case comes to mind of a very gentle man who was living on the streets. I watched his health go down hill over a few weeks. HEART got involved with his care. The team treated him with respect and offered him the dignity he deserved, not something this population is used to receiving. This man was very recalcitrant to even go to the hospital before HEART got involved in his care. They convinced him because of his blood pressure and chronic headache to go to the emergency room. . They continued to follow up with him and eventually convinced him to make contact with his family. He did which, led to him returning to his family and getting off the streets.

In my opinion, if HEART hadn't developed this relationship with our friend he would have remained on the streets until his early death. HEART needs to stay fully funded. The work they do is essential to the care of our most vulnerable people .

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Gibbons
Willmore Baking Company
Willmore City Heritage Association

From: taqwa gilani [mailto:taqwas@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:25 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Fireworks for City Budget

-EXTERNAL-

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Sincerely,

Taqwa Gilani

From: Pam Herrema [mailto:pam@triprint.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:20 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Do NOT cut the LBPB budget

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council Representatives,

As a tax paying citizen of Long Beach and a home owner in District 3 for over 20 years, I absolutely do **NOT** support any cuts to the Long Beach Police Department budget. We must highly prioritize the safety and security of our communities, with officers in sworn positions. We need to ensure our sworn officers remain in their positions. We must NOT cut their budget. We should instead increase their budget to work to ensure our citizens and surroundings are safe.

Thank you for accepting my public comment for budget issues at the City Council meetings.

Pamela Herrema
Long Beach, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: allison@densalonlb.com [mailto:allison@densalonlb.com]

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:35 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Agenda item 200759

-EXTERNAL-

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From: markalonzo2939 [mailto:markalonzo2939@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:51 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: I Ask, do not defund the LBPD

-EXTERNAL-

Dear mayor and city council, im against defunding our police department.

If you defund the police, crimes will rise because there will be less police resistance to answer to those crimes. what about the safety of our gay community? What about the safety of our elderly community? And what about the safety of our business community? in a year or less, the citizens of long beach will put enormous pressure on the mayor's office to increase the number of officers on the street to enhance police response times. Defunding will also put the city more at risks as a result of retirements and separations by officers for various other types of reasons.

Then we will be much thinner in police manpower. Lastly, we also need to consider how difficult it will be to find and recruit good qualified applicants for the job of police officer after the city has already spent tons of money recruiting and training the graduates of our last 2 police academies. And as we know now, very very few applicants are applying for the job.

As a resident and police supporter, i ask that you do not defund the LBPD.

thank you mr. Mayor and city council.

Mark A. McGlothern
Former LBPD reserve,
Strong police supporter, and
LBPOA honorary member. M#84

From: Monique DeLaGarza

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:38 PM

To: Alyssa Campos <Alyssa.Campos@longbeach.gov>; Kimberly Luna <Kimberly.Luna@longbeach.gov>; Alma Valenzuela <Alma.Valenzuela@longbeach.gov>

Subject: FW: 2021 Budget Needs to Defund LBPB

From: Fiona O'Leary [<mailto:Fi.OLeary@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:27 PM

To: City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; Monique DeLaGarza <Monique.DeLaGarza@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

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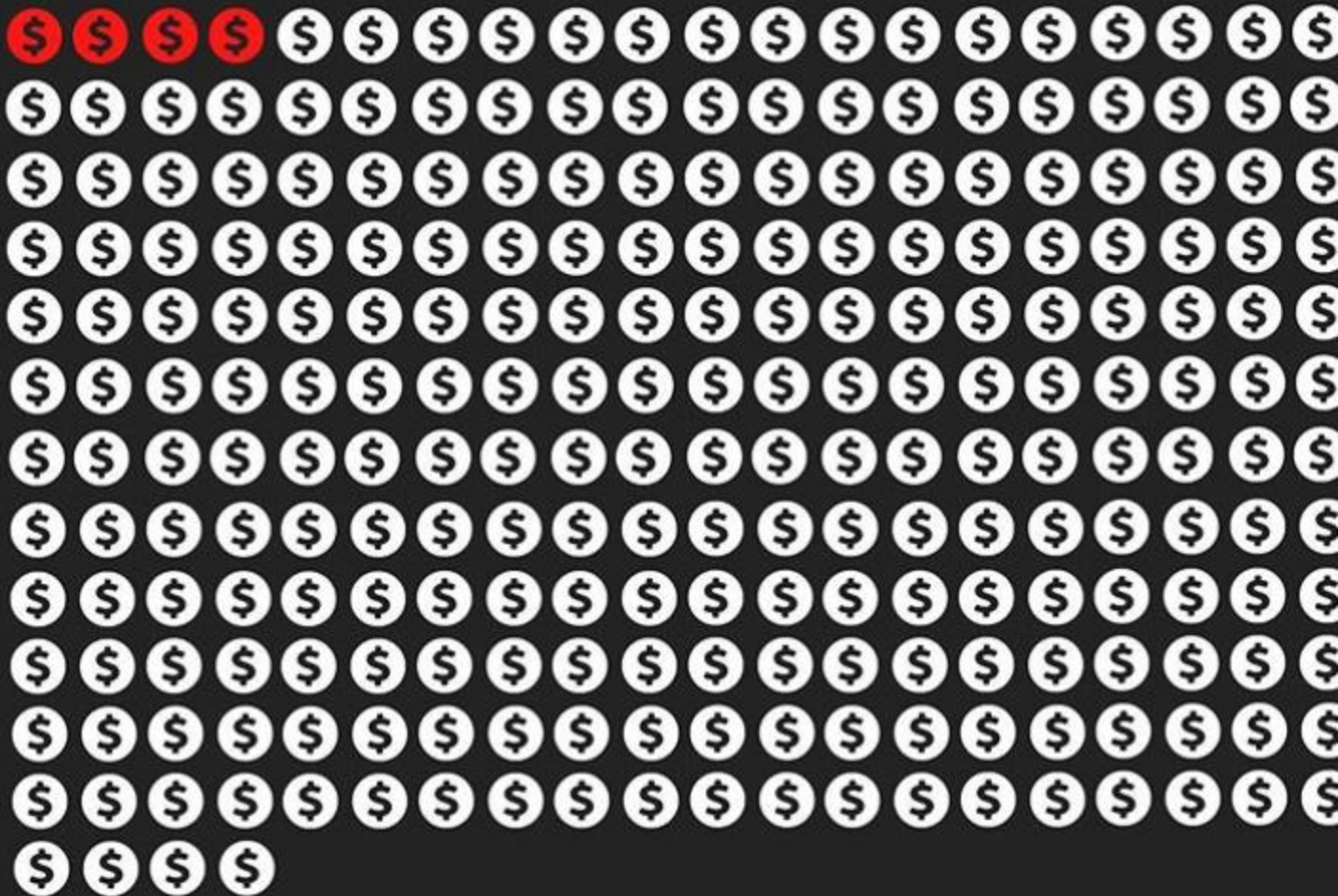
-EXTERNAL-

City Council Members, Mayor, and City Manager

Do a better job at Investing in Communities Of Color and DEFUNDING LBPB. Police do not prevent crime, they respond to it. So why are they still getting 44% of the city Budget. This is a sad example of where you priorities lie. The funds that the police get from the budget needs to be cut in HALF. Your ties to LBPB are showing very clearly, and only defunding LBPB can fix this.

This is not enough.

Amount of dollars **proposed to be cut** from
LBPD in FY2021 Proposed Budget (in millions)



\$240 million = 44% of the City's 2021 general fund
(According to the City's Budget Management Bureau, this number
may shift as there are still some "moving pieces.")

Source: Proposed FY2021 Budget Attachment M: Summary of Budgets by Department (General F

Do better for the people of Long Beach,
Fiona O'Leary, Resident of District 3

From: Fiona O'Leary

Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:43:15 PM

To: citymanager@longbeach.gov <citymanager@longbeach.gov>; monique.delagarza@longbeach.gov <monique.delagarza@longbeach.gov>; mayor@longbeach.gov <mayor@longbeach.gov>; district1@longbeach.gov <district1@longbeach.gov>; district2@longbeach.gov <district2@longbeach.gov>; district3@longbeach.gov <district3@longbeach.gov>; district4@longbeach.gov <district4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; district6@longbeach.gov <district6@longbeach.gov>; district7@longbeach.gov <district7@longbeach.gov>; district8@longbeach.gov <district8@longbeach.gov>; district9@longbeach.gov <district9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Stop Tom Modica and LBPB from Censoring Black Voices

Hello,

My name is Fiona O'Leary and I live in the 3rd district. It has come to my attention that Tom Modica is censoring the community. The Framework for Reconciliation was supposed to be centered around black voices and the black experience, and was created to specifically address the unrest stemming from protests against police brutality. Yet Tom Modica has taken it upon himself to censor our voices to spare the Long Beach Police Department any repercussions, which it so rightly deserves. Tell Tom Modica that his allegiance should be to the people and NOT to the LBPB. The LBPB should not and cannot have any influence in this Framework process.

I urge you to take up this matter with Tom Modica personally, along with other supportive members of the City Council. Demand Tom Modica refrain from censorship and racist practices when it pertains to any city matters, but specifically with the Framework process. Demand Tom Modica not allow the LBPB to influence any decisions regarding the Framework process as the purpose of this Framework is to address black inequity, of which the LBPB is guilty of instigating and perpetuating.

Thank you,
Fiona O'Leary

From: Carolyn Ozimok [mailto:carolynozimok@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:14 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

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Sincerely,
Carolyn Ozimok
District 4

-----Original Message-----

From: Sasha Rosenthal [mailto:sashasrosenthal@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 10:36 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Budget funds to fight illegal fireworks

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Thank you,
Sasha Rosenthal
District 3 Resident

From: Vern Schooley [mailto:vschooley@fulpat.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:00 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>
Subject: It is the wrong time to consider cutting the police budget . Vern

-EXTERNAL-

Vern Schooley

Partner

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Karen Reside <longbeachgraypanthers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Gabriela@everyoneinla.org; CityClerk; Myron Wollin
Subject: Support Letter for Project Homekey Application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-EXTERNAL-

Mayor, City Manager and Councilmembers,

The Long Beach Gray Panthers supports the Cities' application for Project Homekey funding for all seven sites that staff has presented. This is a unique opportunity to eliminate blight and provide much needed housing for Seniors who are in the highest risk categories for death from COVID-19. This funding is vital to increase the available housing resources in our community.

Karen

Karen Reside
Secretary
Long Beach Gray Panthers
1150 East 4th St
Long Beach, CA 90802



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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:25 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Divest from LBPD, Invest in Community (Item 14, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed FY21 budget, which only reduces LBPD's budget 1.7% relative to FY20. LBPD still receives 44% of the general fund, still has more staff than other departments combined, the same imbalance we've seen in past years. The investments in racial equity and reconciliation initiatives are only about 1% of the police budget.

This is not an adequate response to social movements which have been calling for defunding the police and reinvesting in communities of color. In the Framework for Reconciliation meetings, defunding LBPD was by far the most common recommendation. We can defund LBPD enough to both address the budget shortfall and invest in a People's Budget.

Reducing LBPD's budget should not be equated with reducing "public safety". When thousands of Long Beach renters face evictions in the coming months, LBPD will not keep us safe. LBPD won't keep us safe from COVID. For true public safety we need to invest in health, affordable housing, language access, and education.

This pandemic is building on existing racial inequities and hitting Black populations the hardest. In this crisis we need and we need leaders unafraid to shift resources to protect us. I urge you to adopt the People's Budget and reinvest Black Lives.

Thank you,
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Long Beach District 4 Resident

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Danielle Achiro <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:06 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall.

We need to reimagine community safety. We need care, not cops. From community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

Continuing to give LBPD \$240 million of our taxpayer dollars (44% of the General Fund)—including efforts to “civilianize” policing—does not make our community safer. The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in “racial equity and reconciliation” amounts to only 1% of the Police budget. Racial equity must start with divesting from racist police systems.

Courage is required on your part as a city leader to demonstrate that Black lives matter and to create the budget the people want and need. I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Lily Hodges <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:25 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Rethinking Safety

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing to suggest that police departments serve to keep people "safe" by dealing with the consequences of societal ills. The police, however, do little to help people so that they do not commit crime, become homeless, graffiti walls or whatever council members think is a bad thing that cops must address. In essence, LBPD is like overprescribing medicine for an illness rather than promoting healthy living habits to avoid the illness in the first place.

I hope you find it in your conscious to consider providing our community with more care than cops. Faith in people, faith in the community, faith in the power of help is needed. Faith in cops is not.

Thank you,
Lily Hodges

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Gina Chiappetta <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:23 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Continuing to give LBPD \$240 million (44%) from the General Fund does not make our community safer. The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in racial equity and reconciliation amounts to only 1% of the Police budget. Courage is required on your part as a city leader to demonstrate that Black lives matter and to create the budget the people want and need.

I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Rebecca Ruiz <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:41 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Nicolassa Galvez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:00 AM
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Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: May Lin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:19 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Kate Sachnoff <ksachnoff6@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:30 PM
To: Mayor; City Manager; CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Fireworks for City Budget

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Hello,

Thank you for your efforts on reducing illegal fireworks this year. I would like to request that funding be allocated in the upcoming budget specifically to combat the use of illegal fireworks in Long Beach. There are a few ideas I have for how funding could be allocated to maximize effectiveness:

1. New funding for administrative enforcement of fireworks violations to make enforcement of fines and/or community service easier by reducing the unreasonably high burden of proof currently placed on the prosecution for fireworks violations. Administrative enforcement of fines, if appropriately enforced, may be a significant source of revenue.
2. Increased funding for the City Prosecutor's Community Service program to ensure that violators who cannot pay fines perform their CS obligation.
3. Increased funding for Vice Investigations for the purpose of investigating sales, citing and arresting sellers, and seizing large quantities of fireworks before they are sold. This needs to be a priority starting at the very beginning of the summer, and also in the run up to NYE.
4. Funding for, or procurement of grant funds, for Animal Care Services for overtime for at least one week surrounding the Fourth of July and for a large publicity campaign in run up to the Fourth on how to keep pets safe and why fireworks are dangerous for animals (since they are always overwhelmed with scared lost pets at this time).
5. Funding for or procurement of pro bono services to do a city wide publicity campaign against illegal fireworks, stating not only the legal consequences of use but also the countless reasons they are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment.
6. Additional funding for fingerprint analysis of recovered or discarded fireworks or fireworks packaging, in order to assist in generating evidence to support a charge.

Thank you for your consideration on the issue of fireworks and how it impacts our neighbors in so many ways.

Sincerely,
Kate Sachnoff, District 3
207 Termino Ave.

Alma Valenzuela

From: Annie Cargirl <anniecargirl05@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Mayor; City Manager; CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Fireworks for City Budget

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-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

Thank you for your renewed attention to fireworks this year. Ideally a separate and distinct fireworks task force should be created since this has been a serious and ongoing problem in the city for many years already and there has been no decrease in explosives being set off city wide and no increase in enforcement of existing laws.

In the interim, I would like to request that funding be allocated in the upcoming budget specifically to combat the use of illegal fireworks in Long Beach. There are a few ideas I have for how funding could be allocated to maximize effectiveness:

1. New funding for administrative enforcement of fireworks violations to make enforcement of fines and/or community service easier by reducing the unreasonably high burden of proof currently placed on the prosecution for fireworks violations. Administrative enforcement of fines, if well enforced, may be a significant source of revenue.
2. Increased funding for the City Prosecutor's Community Service program to ensure that violators who cannot pay fines perform their CS obligation.
3. Increased funding for Vice Investigations for the purpose investigating sales, citing and arresting sellers, and seizing large quantities of fireworks before they are sold. This needs to be a priority starting at the very beginning of the summer, and also in the run up to NYE.
4. Increased funding to LBPD analysts to further analyze data on fireworks violations.
5. Funding for Animal Care Services for overtime for at least one week surrounding the Fourth of July and for a large publicity campaign in run up to the Fourth on how to keep pets safe and why fireworks are dangerous for animals (since they are always overwhelmed with scared lost pets at this time).
6. Funding for a city wide publicity campaign against illegal fireworks, stating not only legal the consequences of use but also the countless reasons they are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment. This would be most effective if the city contracted with a local advertising firm.
7. Additional funding for fingerprint analysis of recovered or discarded fireworks or fireworks packaging, in order to assist in generating evidence to support a charge.

Thank you for your consideration on the issue of fireworks. It has plagued this city long enough; please do not let it continue to endanger the livelihood of its residents..

Sincerely,
Anne Sherrill

Sent from my iPhone

Alma Valenzuela

From: Sidney Dejoie <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:39 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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-EXTERNAL-

Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in the current and strong support of defunding LBPD and to funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services we could simply cut the Police budget by 12% and that would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. Today, we need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

Continuing to give LBPD \$240 million (44%) from the General Fund does not make our community safer. The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in racial equity and reconciliation amounts to only 1% of the Police budget. I believe that courage is required on your part as a city leader to demonstrate that Black lives matter and to create the budget the people want and need.

I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Marlene Alvarado <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

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Continuing to give LBPD \$240 million (44%) from the General Fund does not make our community safer. The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in racial equity and reconciliation amounts to only 1% of the Police budget. Courage is required on your part as a city leader to demonstrate that Black lives matter and to create the budget the people want and need.

I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: John Peyton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to invest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need more homeless care, community health and affordable housing (for which Long Beach is to be commended for being so pro-active); language access and universal legal representation for immigrants. Budgets are a negotiation so this is a starting point for more equality through financial ensbling.

I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Shellmaud@yahoo.com Maudlin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

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The current pandemic has a disproportionate impact on Black lives and communities of color. Long-standing social inequalities put vulnerable communities at an increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19. Small businesses have been forced to close, people are losing their jobs and housing, and the end of the pandemic is not in sight. This is an opportune time to invest in our community.

I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Eel Costello <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Talyessin King <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Ali Lander <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: renata.mcelvany@gmail.com <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Laurie Meyers <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:24 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Nadia Tushnet <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:20 PM
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Katie Weidling <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Esther Kang <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:16 PM
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Sophie Prettyman-Beauchamp <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:07 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPB and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

To the Mayor and City Council:

Time and time again, it has been proven that there is less violence and poverty in communities with more resources, not more policing. From community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy. I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPB and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color.

Continuing to give LBPB \$240 million (44%) from the General Fund does not make our community safer. The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in racial equity and reconciliation amounts to only 1% of the Police budget.

Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. More money invested in the community will greatly reduce crime and improve conditions citywide, which is in the city and police department's best interest.

Again, I urge you to divest from LBPB and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity. Courage is required on your part as city leaders to demonstrate that Black lives matter and to create the

budget the people want and need. Local government must strive for what is best for the most underprivileged members of society. Please remember that the conditions they live in correlate to the wellbeing of everyone in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Finn Flaherty <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Natalie Pocino <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:36 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Support for the People's Budget! (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPd and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. As someone born in Long Beach, who went to high school here and currently lives here, I believe we cannot turn our backs on the needs of our community and neighbors. Cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall, without having to cut essential services. That's still 88% of the original police budget! Even during these tough times, this is such a clear and easy solution to how to keep our city thriving and our people cared for.

The LBPd receives almost half of our general budget! If cuts need to be made, it makes sense to cut what is already overinflated and unnecessary. The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in racial equity and reconciliation amounts to only 1% of the Police budget. If you truly believe that Black lives matter, if you truly care for your city and the people living in it, if you understand the time we live in and the importance of this moment, you'll understand that this is an easy and clear decision.

I urge you to divest from LBPd and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity. I love Long Beach, but it's thank to the people and communities in it; they deserve to feel loved back.

Thank you,
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Davy Yap <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:02 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund L.B.P.D. and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Honorable Mayor and City Council:

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Nayeli Diaz <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Elizabeth McDargh <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding the LBPB and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color.

The reason I support this instead of cutting essential City services, is because simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would help fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. That seems smarter to me.

Yes, we need police officers. But we also need care, because not every situation requires a gun and a badge.

We need care for community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants and wrongly imprisoned POC. Our LB community is strong and our people have proven we know how to make our community safer and healthier.

Continuing to give LBPB \$240 million (44%) from the General Fund is not the smartest way to make our community safer.

The budget proposals from both the City Manager and the Mayor fall far short of meeting this unprecedented time in our city and our nation. For example, the proposed \$3.2 million investment in racial equity and reconciliation amounts to only 1% of the Police budget.

Courage is required on your part as a city leader to demonstrate that Black lives matter to LB and your vote can create the budget the people want and need.

I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Eunice Kwon <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Caleb Skytte <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:05 PM
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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I live in Long Beach and I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands. I am mixed race but I am white passing and want to support the voices of my Black and POC neighbors. I have benefited from my privilege for far too long without questioning it.

Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you for listening to your community.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Elizabeth Bigham <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and reinvesting those funds into the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not armed cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Shalin Craig <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Olivia Gleason <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The times we are living in are unprecedented for many reasons. And no matter what we do now, things will be different forever more. So let's make sure we take actions now to direct our own futures, the future of our city, in the direction of justice and equality. Our children deserve nothing less.

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPB and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Nicole Rivera De Lia <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Mollie Bennett <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Safa Saeed <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Monique De La Garza,

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity. Now is the time to act, and we need to make sure that Long Beach takes care of all of its residents.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Mary Anne Perez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:04 AM
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: csglines <csglines@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Mayor; City Manager; CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Fireworks for City Budget

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Dear Mayor Garcia and Long Beach City council Members,

Thank you for your renewed attention to fireworks this year. I would like to request that funding be allocated in the upcoming budget specifically to combat the use of illegal fireworks in Long Beach. There are a few ideas I have for how funding could be allocated to maximize effectiveness:

1. New funding for administrative enforcement of fireworks violations to make enforcement of fines and/or community service easier by reducing the unreasonably high burden of proof currently placed on the prosecution for fireworks violations. Administrative enforcement of fines, if well enforced, may be a significant source of revenue.
2. Increased funding for the City Prosecutor's Community Service program to ensure that violators who cannot pay fines perform their CS obligation.
3. Increased funding for Vice Investigations for the purpose investigating sales, citing and arresting sellers, and seizing large quantities of fireworks before they are sold. This needs to be a priority starting at the very beginning of the summer, and also in the run up to NYE.
4. Increased funding to LBPD analysts to further analyze data on fireworks violations.
5. Funding for Animal Care Services for overtime for at least one week surrounding the Fourth of July and for a large publicity campaign in run up to the Fourth on how to keep pets safe and why fireworks are dangerous for animals (since they are always overwhelmed with scared lost pets at this time).
6. Funding for a city wide publicity campaign against illegal fireworks, stating not only legal the consequences of use but also the countless reasons they are harmful to humans, animals, and the environment. This would be most effective if the city contracted with a local advertising firm.
7. Additional funding for fingerprint analysis of recovered or discarded fireworks or fireworks packaging, in order to assist in generating evidence to support a charge.

Thank you for your consideration on the issue of fireworks. It has plagued this city long enough; please do not let it continue to endanger the livelihood of its residents..

Sincerely,

Caren Spilsbury
56 W Louise St.
LB 90805

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Alma Valenzuela

From: Daniela Suarez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:55 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

Daniela Suarez
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Dante Macatantan <dante.macatantan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Mayor; City Manager; CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Fireworks for City Budget

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Hello,

Thank you so much for your action this year trying to rid our city of fireworks. I really hope that the city can continue to worm toward that goal, and I would like to request that funding be allocated in the upcoming budget specifically to combat the use of illegal fireworks in Long Beach. There are a few ideas for how funding could be allocated to maximize effectiveness:

1. New funding for administrative enforcement of fireworks violations to make enforcement of fines and/or community service easier by reducing the unreasonably high burden of proof currently placed on the prosecution for fireworks violations. Administrative enforcement of fines, if well enforced, may be a significant source of revenue.
2. Increased funding for the City Prosecutor's Community Service program to ensure that violators who cannot pay fines perform their CS obligation.
3. Increased funding for Vice Investigations for the purpose investigating sales, citing and arresting sellers, and seizing large quantities of fireworks before they are sold. This needs to be a priority starting at the very beginning of the summer, and also in the run up to NYE.
4. Increased funding to LBPD analysts to further analyze data on fireworks violations.
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All the best,
Dante Macatantan

Sent from my iPhone

Alma Valenzuela

From: Chris white <caw520@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 8:22 PM
To: Mayor; City Manager; CityClerk; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9
Subject: Fireworks for City Budget

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Hello,

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Sincerely,
Christeen White

Sent from my iPhone

Alma Valenzuela

From: Estefania Gallo <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 7:26 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Do Your Part in Changing Our Wolrd(Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

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Long Beach, California 90804

Alma Valenzuela

From: William Sles <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 4:38 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Sally Nobbs <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 3:43 PM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

Sally Nobbs
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Shelly Walther <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 3:27 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am concerned that our city's need to address equity for our city's most vulnerable and isolated is not being addressed. I'm writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Thank you.

Shelly Walther

District 5 resident

Shelly Walther

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Tessa Adair <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:46 PM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Scott Smith <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:39 PM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Kailee Caruso <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:27 PM
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Thank you.

Kailee Caruso
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Li Yun Alvarado <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:06 PM
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Thank you.

Li Yun Alvarado
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Long Beach, California 90814

Alma Valenzuela

From: Shyamala Moorthy <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:55 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am a resident of Long Beach and parent and want to see more equality in our city. This, I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Jolene McCall <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:54 PM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Aarti Harper <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:45 PM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

Aarti Harper
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Holly Takashima <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:33 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Systems work as they are designed, and we have seen the results of our police system working as it has been designed. The current outcomes are unacceptable to me as a citizen and as a fellow human being. It is time to meaningfully re-design how our city works for all its people, beginning with divesting from LBPD.

I don't believe the current investment in racial equity and reconciliation (a mere 1% of the police budget) is a true reflection of your values; I know it is not a true reflection of mine. We must do more. It is always easier to fall back on the status quo, to make small superficial concessions as opposed to meaningful and moral change. I believe the whole purpose of public service is to make meaningful and moral change, and I hope you find the courage and the conviction to do so.

Thank you for your time,
Holly Takashima

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Lucas Higbee <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:31 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am a lifelong resident of Long Beach. I am a product of LBUSD and now a teacher in the district. Throughout my life I have witnessed friends and even my students harassed and abused by LBPD.

I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

Lucas Higbee

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Caroline Quach <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:09 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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To help our most vulnerable communities it simply doesn't make sense to heavily fund a police force with a history of violence and profiling against those communities. I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

Thank you.

Caroline Quach
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828 West 28th St
Long Beach, California 90806

Alma Valenzuela

From: Jayme Chew <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:05 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

Jayme Chew
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Long Beach, California 90803

Alma Valenzuela

From: Jordan Doering <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:30 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: You need to Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget

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Monique De La Garza,

Hello City Council, Mayor, & Manager,

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Thank you,

Jordan

Jordan Doering
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1022 Ohio Avenue
Long Beach, California 90804

Alma Valenzuela

From: Maylei Blackwell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 5:19 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Gregory Fong <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 4:28 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Divest from LBPD: Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Randall Denis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 3:52 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Divest LBPD and Invest in Social Services

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Monique De La Garza,

I am writing in strong support of restructuring LBPD and redirecting funding to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, cut the Police budget for community health, affordable housing, language access, mental health and homeless services. Fund programs that make our community safe and healthy.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Roberta Denis <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 3:37 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Ann Burdette <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Jennifer Payton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Jhoanna Belfer <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 12:42 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

Jhoanna Belfer

Concerned Citizen, Proud Feminist and Woman of Color

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Misha Agunos <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:53 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Hollis Stewart <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:38 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPB and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

At this time of the pandemic it is very clear that medical and social services are what is needed in our city instead of an armada of SUVs and other expensive vehicles being used to ferry officers around the city who are doing nothing to stop the pandemic. I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPB and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Rebecca Newcombe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:36 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Leanna Noble <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:29 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

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As a North Pine neighborhood activist, voter and tax payer, I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Andrea Antony-Morr <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:54 AM
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Alice Greening <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:41 AM
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Alma Valenzuela

From: sharna Fabiano <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:31 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPB and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Ashlee Preston <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Dena Birmingham <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:23 AM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Monica Kim <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:21 AM
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Andrew Bongco <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:17 AM
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Karen DeWeese <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

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Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 8:44 AM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Vanessa Covington <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 8:25 AM
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Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Karin Bruce <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:44 PM
To: CityClerk
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Thank you.

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From: Fiona O'Leary <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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From: Olivia Gleason <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Alma Valenzuela

From: James Acosta <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:39 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: You are not listening to the people.

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I live in District 3 and I am very disappointed. I am writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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You are public servants. Serve the people.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Ayanna Holmes <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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I am a Long Beach mom and writing in strong support of defunding LBPD and funding the People's Budget demands to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color. Instead of cutting essential City services, simply cutting the Police budget by 12% would fill the City's entire \$30 million shortfall. We need care, not cops: from community health and affordable housing to language access and universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our community safe and healthy.

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Elizabeth Kennedy <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPB and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I implore you to be leaders and help our city soar into the future. History both recent and distant has shown us that over policing creates more problems than it solves. Take action to support your statements that you are anti racist. This will require more than a token reduction of the LBPB budget. Please act now and reduce LBPB budget significantly, and move LB from a "good ole boy" city to a modern city. You will get scorn from many but thanks from many more.

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Thank you.

Elizabeth Kennedy

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From: Durga Dasi <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Kim Tabari <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Alma Valenzuela

From: Tanya Jimenez <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: DEFUND LBPB, Divest from LBPB, and Adopt the People's Budget

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I addressed you all last Tuesday and spoke about the lives lost in fatal encounters with the Long Beach Police Department in the last 20 years.

I have written their names here. A majority of these individuals are dead as a result of officer-involved shootings. Others are dead as a result of chokeholds, car chases, a few are suicides - a result of failed LBPB attempts to de-escalate situations.

Alan Thomas Howard. Eric Poland. Billy James Johnson, Jr. Daryle Wayne Black. Jose Valencia Mendoza. Antonio Daniel. Glenda Lee Reymer. Bradley Wadds Morton. Marcella Byrd. Guanda Denise Turner. David Perez, Sr. Name withheld. Name withheld. Antonio Luis Pineiro. Anthony Earl Mickus. Willie Crawford, Jr. Rodney David Tolbert. Henry Rodriguez. Jaime Delatorre Alcala. David Christopher Medina. Sharokh Haghghat. Quillar Coleman. Rodney Charles Harris. Theo Paul Williams, Jr. Jack Sui. Rajko Roy Medan. Pietro Salvatore Giammona. Fidel Rosales. Keyante Joseph Reed. David Allen Hunnewell. Angel Michael Galvan. Alexander Maschhaupt. Augustin Murguia, Jr. Sergio Abel Hurtado. Kathryn Stephens. Kami Stevens. Roketi Mosesue. Deshoun Keyon Torrence. Jason Allen Slebert. Name withheld. James Tuggle. Socrates Siqueiros. Wilford Hunton. James Scarcella. Christopher Solorzano. Brian Powell. Douglas Zerby. Jose Olguin Cabanas. Matthews Castellon. Jesucita Ortega. Michael Maguire. Ismael Lopez. Jonte Loven House. David Jordan. Christopher Allen Taylor. Jesse Delgadillo. Name withheld. John Del Real. Donte

Lamonte Jordan. Tyler Damon Woods. Ra Thongphun. Jason Conoscenti. Richard Joseph Barrett. Carey Smith-Viramontes. Hector Morejon. Feras Morad. Derrick Lee Hunt. Manuel Ornelas. Mharloun Verdejo Saycon. Martin Rene Hurtado. Lionel Gibson. Barry Prak. Jose Romero. Sinuon Pream. Jorge Victor. Christopher Warner. Juan Manuel Avila, Jr. James Llamas. Cesar Rodriguez. Andy Vo. Donald McFarlane. Stephen Romulo Cherry. Jessica Bingaman. Jordan Michael Griffin. Delfon Garnell Kinney, Sr. Kerry Michael Bounsom. Luis Ramirez. Catherine Gomez. Jose Hernandez.

The Long Beach Police Department has acted and murdered Long Beach residents with IMPUNITY for far too long, and that is UNACCEPTABLE.

That you all have allowed this and accepted funds of any amount from the LBPOA is UNACCEPTABLE.

I urge you all to think beyond your own lived experience, whether you are white, Black, you work with Police in your profession, whatever it may be, and instead, think of the residents listed above that are dead as a result of encounters with the LBPD. Those 89 people should be alive right now. Think of them, and think of the residents that have voiced their demands to defund and divest from LBPD, and invest in their communities by funding critical and long underfunded services.

Public safety is NOT militarized violent agitators of the State surveilling, bullying, and murdering Long Beach residents. Public safety is NOT overfunding the budget of the LBPD, while defunding and underfunding health care, housing, libraries, etc. year after year. Public safety does NOT look like an impending mass eviction crisis, a pandemic and not enough testing, and increasing homelessness.

Defund LBPD. Fund the demands enumerated in the People's Budget, demands that are bare necessities Black and Brown people have gone without for far too long - accessible, adequate, and affordable housing for ALL; community health; language access; a robust library system universal legal representation for immigrants; ETC.

Simply cutting the LBPD budget by 12% would cover the entire \$30 million shortfall the City faces the upcoming year.

Yesterday, I was appalled to hear that my own Councilmember, Roberto Uranga, made the incredibly incredulous statement that they can't think of another City that has responded as aggressively to the moment as our City has. If by "the moment" you mean addressing racial

inequity and racism in the wake of the murder of George Floyd (in areas such as the ever-racist and ever-violent institution of policing), I, and many others, will have to disagree with that statement. The City up to this point has done nothing meaningful. The City CAN and MUST do more.

We, the People, realize that you get our message. That crossing guards were moved from the LBPd umbrella over to Public Works demonstrates that. But by making such minor cuts to the budget and the method of achieving most of those cuts - civilianizing the LBPd - does not meet our demands or speak to the spirit of those demands. We will repeat the message until it takes effect and meaningful action is made. DEFUND LBPd, DIVEST FROM LBPd, REDUCE THE OVERALL POWER AND SIZE OF THE LBPd SIGNIFICANTLY, AND REINVEST THOSE FUNDS IN BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES.

I urge you to divest from LBPd and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity.

We are at a flashpoint in history. Do right by your most disadvantaged residents.

Thank you.

-Tanya Jimenez, lifelong District 7 resident

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Alma Valenzuela

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I urge you to divest from LBPD and reinvest in Black lives and communities of color by adopting the People's Budget and making meaningful investments in racial equity. As a long

time resident and small business owner in downtown, I see first hand the effects of gentrification and inequality, and problems with mental health and homelessness that deserve and demand immediate attention as proactive measures vs. spending all of our resources on a reactive, inadequate police department. Please set an example for other cities and adopt the requests of the community.

Thank you.

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Subject: City Budget Recommendation | Dangerous Public Safety Issue

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Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am a member of the Long Beach Against Illegal Fireworks Facebook group, a resident and business owner in Long Beach, and have spoken on the topic of the detonation of explosives on our streets, a dangerous public safety issue, at the last City Council meeting and also in person some 12 years ago. The difference between then and now is that the situation is clearly out of control with new explosive devices being developed and the use of M80s and other devices that simulate the sound of mortars, gunshot and car bombs. The residents of Long Beach have raised their voices and want neighborhoods free from fear.

I presented a 4-prong approach to this problem in my quick 90-second talk at City Council; namely:

- 1) Re-route the calls to a hotline, away from the non-emergency PD number which interfaces with the police scanner
- 2) Use the already-in-place Long Beach Alert System to announce the City's **no tolerance** approach to this issue with a newly imposed increase in fines of \$3,000 and jail time (flashing signage could also be utilized in neighborhoods that have the highest level of reporting)
- 3) Develop a bold and meaningful community police task force to address this and make it their sole priority with direct access to the hotline
- 4) Review the years of data analytics that you already have on this issue for investigative purposes

I would like to focus on funds being immediately allotted to items #1 and #2 above because I believe that by launching them, you will quickly be able to gain substantial control of an out-of-control, dangerous situation playing out in our neighborhoods four months out of the year, as follows:

***** Setting up a dedicated hotline for reporting explosives and illegal fireworks *****

Perpetrators are not caught in the act because they monitor the police scanner, have cars that follow them around, and are gone from the scene the minute the radio call goes out over the scanner. Callers are also reluctant to leave their names because of retaliation which, by the way, has been reported in the LB Against Illegal Fireworks Facebook page. I, myself, have been through this, and it's intimidating and scary. You will never get ahead of this serious problem unless and until you establish a separate hotline for reporting purposes. Implementing a hotline with a rededication by the

police department to shut this down in our City, will go far in eliminating a large percentage of this problem and will free people who have been afraid to report to come forward. This hotline could be monitored and up and running immediately at very little cost.

*****Use of the Long Beach Alert System to Broadcast a No-Tolerance Messaging Program to Remove Explosives and Illegal Fireworks from our Neighborhoods *****

Messaging is important – Messaging is powerful... and when consistently repeated, creates a new paradigm.

This could be started immediately and by coming through the Alert System, it will be unexpected (carrying some needed shock value) and signals very clear and direct attention on the problem and the City's commitment to resolve it.

In Closing

We have a dangerous, quality of life and public safety issue here disrupting our neighborhoods that has been neglected long enough. As was very succinctly stated in the City's Report on Racial Equity under Equity Goals and strategies:

“The purpose of government is to serve its constituents. Policies passed or not passed, funding invested or not invested directly affects **the quality of life in Long Beach neighborhoods.**”

Thank you for your consideration of the above recommendations. The people of Long beach deserve to have your attention and action on this problem.

Sincerely,

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Claire Mitchell <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

For the past two years, the People's Budget campaign has forced conversations and action for equity and justice in the Long Beach city budget. Because Black, Latinx, Cambodian, Filipino, White, and other members of the community came together, Long Beach started reversing historic patterns of disinvesting in communities of color. From language access funding, to a youth strategic plan, to universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our communities safe and healthy.

Today, we are at a critical juncture in our city's history and our nation's history. Amid a global pandemic and uprising, we are all bearing witness once again to systemic oppressions driven by racism, capitalism, and white supremacy. Whether it is police criminalizing and committing direct violence on Black bodies or greedy developers gentrifying our neighborhoods and displacing our neighbors, our communities have had enough. Now is the time for bold change that puts Black lives at the center and reduces harm in every way, prioritizes communities first, invests in real essential services, and reimagines community safety.

As a multicultural and multigenerational alliance, we are asking that you adopt the People's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Black Lives Matter, and all our communities cannot wait any longer.

DIVEST FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Defund the Long Beach Police Department to end their pattern of targeting low-income communities of color and criminalizing poverty. Policing is not the answer to our schools' and communities' most pressing needs, including jobs, housing, homelessness, health, and immigration. When we divest from police, we redirect resources so that Black, Indigenous, and people of color can live successful lives.

REINVEST IN BLACK LIVES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Reallocate funds and direct additional resources on an on-going basis to community-led priorities that create health, opportunity, community, and justice:

-Reimagined community safety without police terror and grounded in restorative justice and Black Empowerment:

--Invest in Black family unification, community-led crisis response, violence reduction, and prevention strategies that are outside of the police;

--Provide reparations to Black/African American people from the war-on-drugs era and to victims and their families of racial profiling and police violence;

--Prioritize families directly impacted by the war on drugs in all social and economic opportunities, especially in the equitable ownership of cultivation and distribution in the cannabis industry.

--Invest in community-led restoration events to support stronger connections among neighbors.

Affordable and Supportive Housing: Establish a dedicated source of funding for supportive housing with wrap-around supportive services for residents experiencing or on the brink of homelessness.

Right to Counsel for All Renters: Establish a Right to Counsel to provide legal resources and representation to renters in need regardless of immigration status, effectively reducing evictions, preventing homelessness, preserving affordable housing, and stabilizing communities.

Citywide Rental Housing Division: Establish a Rental Housing Division within the Development Services Department to communicate with both tenants and landlords, issue legal bulletins and updates, enforce renter protection laws, centralize information and forms, and administer a citywide Right to Counsel program for renters.

Community Health Councils: Establish funding for neighborhood-based Community Health Councils to implement community-led crisis response for mental health, safety, and well-

being emergencies.

Job Training: Prioritize free job training and job opportunities for Black residents, regardless of their background or education level. Revise the City's Project Labor Agreement by requiring an independent jobs coordinator, re-defining who qualifies as a Disadvantaged Worker, and adding penalties for noncompliance, so that Black residents actually benefit from these union jobs subsidized by the City.

Language Access: Dedicate adequate staff to implement the City's Language Access Policy (LAP) in full consistently throughout the City and finally create a culture of language justice. Permanently move interpretation and translation services in house to provide faster and higher quality interpretation and translation. Provide Spanish and Khmer interpretation without advance request at all City Council and Charter Commission meetings. Provide community based organizations who work with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents ongoing stipends to conduct outreach about the policy.

Senior and Youth Programming: Increase funding for senior and youth development programs and supportive services through community-based organizations, community centers, public libraries, and parks in historically disinvested neighborhoods. Initiate the implementation of the AARP Liveable Cities Initiative that the City committed to over two years ago and has yet to implement.

Universal Legal Representation for Immigrants: Renew and increase funding to the Long Beach Justice Fund to provide free universal legal representation to immigrant residents facing deportation regardless of their background.

The City's budget is a moral document that reflects our city's values and priorities. Adopting the People's Budget is more than just a shift in the way the City has done business-- it is a pathway to ending anti-Blackness and structural racism in the City, undoing historical disinvestment that has continued for generations, and moving us closer towards a Long Beach that is safe and healthy for all.

Do the right thing, adopt the People's Budget.

Thank you,
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Alma Valenzuela

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As a Filipino community member, I am tired of seeing the injustices brought upon our communities through LBPD and its outrageous budgets while schools, healthcare, and housing is ridiculously underfunded. Long Beach is clearly not for the masses and I refuse to continue to support you all as my "representatives" while you continue to ignore the blood, sweat, and tears of the Long Beach community.

Thank you.

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Subject: Why is LBPD getting so much money? (Item 7, 8/11/2020 Agenda)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am disappointed that the Mayor and City Council has not heard the calls of community members regarding the City Budget. As a resident of District 1 I see the disinvestment of my neighborhood in order to fund LBPD. I am urging that you adopt the People's Budget of Long Beach.

As I walk through my neighborhood I constantly see police cruisers harass houseless people and young people of color. We can invest in these communities instead of providing more resources to LBPD and criminalizing these people.

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From: Ryan Rothman <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:37 PM
To: CityClerk
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From: Stephanie Fidel <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 10:49 AM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPB and Adopt the People's Budget (8/18/2020 Budget Hearing; Council File 20-0783)

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Lauren Willard <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget! DEFUND LBPB (8/18/2020 Budget Hearing; Council File 20-0783)

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I am reaching out today to demand, along with many other fellow constituents, that you defund the Long Beach Police Department and disperse that funding to reinvest in Black lives and communities of color.

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From: Adeney Zo <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:51 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Defund LBPD and Adopt the People's Budget (8/18/2020 Budget Hearing; Council File 20-0783)

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Monique De La Garza,

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Best regards,
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Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:23 PM
To: CityClerk
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Monique De La Garza,

Dear Mayor, City Manager, City Council, and City Staff,

As a 54 year old, white, cis, male resident of Long Beach, District 2, for 14 years, I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the City's proposal to cut a mere 1.7% from LBPD's budget in the next fiscal year.

Why do I bring up my age, race, and gender? Because if I, as an older cis white male am disappointed, I cannot even imagine how disappointed, insulted, and completely ignored any Black or brown person of any age or gender must feel at this complete and utter slap in the face to their communities that this sliver of a budget cut represents.

I attended the majority of the Framework for Reconciliation listening sessions, and this tiny proposed budget cut is what I feared the most from those sessions - that the City would quote-unquote listen, and then do virtually nothing. Disappointment, sadness, anger, disbelief are just some of the feelings that this tiny budget cut inspires in me.

The City and its Councilmembers must take bold, meaningful steps to address and dismantle the historical, systemic racial inequities that have been present in City structures since the founding of Long Beach, and a 1.7% cut to the budget of the structure most responsible for the vast majority of these inequities is frankly laughable as well as shameful.

Be bold, be proactive, live up to the words you all spoke during the Framework sessions where you stated you recognize that we must acknowledge these inequities and not just acknowledge them, but dismantle them. Cutting the police budget by 1.7% dismantles nothing other than the entire Framework for Reconciliation project.

Move the decimal point to the right, make it 17%, not 1.7%, and while 17% is still not enough and is only a beginning, it at the very least shows that you are at least trying to maintain some integrity in the stated goal of addressing and dismantling historic and systemic racial inequities in Long Beach. 1.7% is unacceptable, 5% is unacceptable, 15% is unacceptable.

We must do better than this. Please do better than this. Re-imagine Long Beach. Re-imagine public safety that is based on meeting the needs of all of your citizens, so that policing becomes unnecessary. Take the first step in that direction by committing to reducing the police budget by much, much more than 1.7% and putting those funds to use in social services, mental health services, and other support services for Black, brown, and historically marginalized and over-policed communities.

Do the right thing, do what you said you were going to do at the beginning of the Framework for Reconciliation.

Thank you.

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Alma Valenzuela

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Subject: Adopt the People's Budget

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Honorable Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

For the past two years, the People's Budget campaign has forced conversations and action for equity and justice in the Long Beach city budget. Because Black, Latinx, Cambodian, Filipino, White, and other members of the community came together, Long Beach started reversing historic patterns of disinvesting in communities of color. From language access funding, to a youth strategic plan, to universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our communities safe and healthy.

Today, we are at a critical juncture in our city's history and our nation's history. Amid a global pandemic and uprising, we are all bearing witness once again to systemic oppressions driven by racism, capitalism, and white supremacy. Whether it is police criminalizing and committing direct violence on Black bodies or greedy developers gentrifying our neighborhoods and displacing our neighbors, our communities have had enough. Now is the time for bold change that puts Black lives at the center and reduces harm in every way, prioritizes communities first, invests in real essential services, and reimagines community safety.

As a multicultural and multigenerational alliance, we are asking that you adopt the People's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Black Lives Matter, and all our communities cannot wait any longer.

DIVEST FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Defund the Long Beach Police Department to end their pattern of targeting low-income communities of color and criminalizing poverty. Policing is not the answer to our schools' and communities' most pressing needs, including jobs, housing, homelessness, health, and immigration. When we divest from police, we redirect resources so that Black, Indigenous, and people of color can live successful lives.

REINVEST IN BLACK LIVES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Reallocate funds and direct additional resources on an on-going basis to community-led priorities that create health, opportunity, community, and justice:

-Reimagined community safety without police terror and grounded in restorative justice and Black Empowerment:

--Invest in Black family unification, community-led crisis response, violence reduction, and prevention strategies that are outside of the police;

--Provide reparations to Black/African American people from the war-on-drugs era and to victims and their families of racial profiling and police violence;

--Prioritize families directly impacted by the war on drugs in all social and economic opportunities, especially in the equitable ownership of cultivation and distribution in the cannabis industry.

--Invest in community-led restoration events to support stronger connections among neighbors.

Affordable and Supportive Housing: Establish a dedicated source of funding for supportive housing with wrap-around supportive services for residents experiencing or on the brink of homelessness.

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Universal Legal Representation for Immigrants: Renew and increase funding to the Long Beach Justice Fund to provide free universal legal representation to immigrant residents facing deportation regardless of their background.

The City's budget is a moral document that reflects our city's values and priorities. Adopting the People's Budget is more than just a shift in the way the City has done business-- it is a pathway to ending anti-Blackness and structural racism in the City, undoing historical disinvestment that has continued for generations, and moving us closer towards a Long Beach that is safe and healthy for all.

Do the right thing, adopt the People's Budget.

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Alma Valenzuela

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From: john calavitta <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:24 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: PLEASE Defund LBPB and Adopt the People's Budget (Item 16, 8/18/2020 Agenda)

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From: Diandre Fuentes <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CityClerk
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget

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Monique De La Garza,

Honorable Mayor, City Council and City Manager,

For the past two years, the People's Budget campaign has forced conversations and action for equity and justice in the Long Beach city budget. Because Black, Latinx, Cambodian, Filipino, White, and other members of the community came together, Long Beach started reversing historic patterns of disinvesting in communities of color. From language access funding, to a youth strategic plan, to universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our communities safe and healthy.

Today, we are at a critical juncture in our city's history and our nation's history. Amid a global pandemic and uprising, we are all bearing witness once again to systemic oppressions driven by racism, capitalism, and white supremacy. Whether it is police criminalizing and committing direct violence on Black bodies or greedy developers gentrifying our neighborhoods and displacing our neighbors, our communities have had enough. Now is the time for bold change that puts Black lives at the center and reduces harm in every way, prioritizes communities first, invests in real essential services, and reimagines community safety.

As a multicultural and multigenerational alliance, we are asking that you adopt the People's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Black Lives Matter, and all our communities cannot wait any longer.

DIVEST FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Defund the Long Beach Police Department to end their pattern of targeting low-income communities of color and criminalizing poverty. Policing is not the answer to our schools' and communities' most pressing needs, including jobs, housing, homelessness, health, and immigration. When we divest from police, we redirect resources so that Black, Indigenous, and people of color can live successful lives.

REINVEST IN BLACK LIVES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Reallocate funds and direct additional resources on an on-going basis to community-led priorities that create health, opportunity, community, and justice:

-Reimagined community safety without police terror and grounded in restorative justice and Black Empowerment:

--Invest in Black family unification, community-led crisis response, violence reduction, and prevention strategies that are outside of the police;

--Provide reparations to Black/African American people from the war-on-drugs era and to victims and their families of racial profiling and police violence;

--Prioritize families directly impacted by the war on drugs in all social and economic opportunities, especially in the equitable ownership of cultivation and distribution in the cannabis industry.

--Invest in community-led restoration events to support stronger connections among neighbors.

Affordable and Supportive Housing: Establish a dedicated source of funding for supportive housing with wrap-around supportive services for residents experiencing or on the brink of homelessness.

Right to Counsel for All Renters: Establish a Right to Counsel to provide legal resources and representation to renters in need regardless of immigration status, effectively reducing evictions, preventing homelessness, preserving affordable housing, and stabilizing communities.

Citywide Rental Housing Division: Establish a Rental Housing Division within the Development Services Department to communicate with both tenants and landlords, issue legal bulletins and updates, enforce renter protection laws, centralize information and forms, and administer a citywide Right to Counsel program for renters.

Community Health Councils: Establish funding for neighborhood-based Community Health Councils to implement community-led crisis response for mental health, safety, and well-

being emergencies.

Job Training: Prioritize free job training and job opportunities for Black residents, regardless of their background or education level. Revise the City's Project Labor Agreement by requiring an independent jobs coordinator, re-defining who qualifies as a Disadvantaged Worker, and adding penalties for noncompliance, so that Black residents actually benefit from these union jobs subsidized by the City.

Language Access: Dedicate adequate staff to implement the City's Language Access Policy (LAP) in full consistently throughout the City and finally create a culture of language justice. Permanently move interpretation and translation services in house to provide faster and higher quality interpretation and translation. Provide Spanish and Khmer interpretation without advance request at all City Council and Charter Commission meetings. Provide community based organizations who work with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents ongoing stipends to conduct outreach about the policy.

Senior and Youth Programming: Increase funding for senior and youth development programs and supportive services through community-based organizations, community centers, public libraries, and parks in historically disinvested neighborhoods. Initiate the implementation of the AARP Liveable Cities Initiative that the City committed to over two years ago and has yet to implement.

Universal Legal Representation for Immigrants: Renew and increase funding to the Long Beach Justice Fund to provide free universal legal representation to immigrant residents facing deportation regardless of their background.

The City's budget is a moral document that reflects our city's values and priorities. Adopting the People's Budget is more than just a shift in the way the City has done business-- it is a pathway to ending anti-Blackness and structural racism in the City, undoing historical disinvestment that has continued for generations, and moving us closer towards a Long Beach that is safe and healthy for all.

Do the right thing, adopt the People's Budget.

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From: m22_timl@yahoo.com [mailto:m22_timl@yahoo.com]

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To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: LBPB Budget reduction

-EXTERNAL-

Dear _____City Clerk_____,

I am writing regarding the City's plan to reduce the Long Beach Police Department's budget by \$10.3 million. These cuts are severe and will have a serious impact on the safety of our communities.

I do not support such severe cuts to the Police Department and strongly urge the City to reconsider and find alternative ways to balance the budget while preserving public safety as the highest priority.

Thank you for your consideration