

## BUDGET &amp; FINANCE

## MOTION

We need a vision for our city that says "there is going to be justice." American society is founded on a racial hierarchy, one that is born out of slavery, followed by Jim Crow segregation and corporate abuse of labor. As such, police departments are asked to enforce a system of laws that are designed to reinforce and maintain economic and racial inequality.

We need to rethink what it is that makes people safer and makes communities stronger. We cannot just look at the police in isolation. There is no doubt that communities of color suffer disproportionately from negative interactions with the police. Crime exists where neighborhoods are destabilized because of a system of institutions that produce economic inequity and underfunded schools. But policing is not responsible for, nor can it solve unemployment, poor housing and concentrated poverty. This is an opportunity to address the issues of societal dysfunction and bring societal repair and change. We don't need to be a better version of what we are. We need to be something entirely different. We need to produce a society designed to meet people's needs, rather than one based solely on the pursuit of wealth, largely at the expense of the Black and Latinx communities.

We are currently in the midst of a global pandemic, the likes of which the world has never seen. This crisis has shown that this country cannot survive without mass transit operators, without grocery store workers, without sanitation workers, without delivery drivers, without health care workers. It is the everyday worker who is keeping this country moving forward. These workers aren't even making enough to live in the city that they're dying in. This is an opportunity to re-envision society. An opportunity to provide Angelenos work with a purpose that is people focused and not profit focused - work that comes with the dignity of a living wage and quality healthcare.

A city's budget is a reflection of a government's values, principles and priorities. For the last week the people of Los Angeles, advocates, and organizers across the City have demanded a reshaping of the City's budget. While a complete overhaul of the City's budget will take time, we can begin to slowly dismantle those systems that are designed to harm people of color. A preliminary cut to the LAPD budget will not solve everything, but it's a step in the right direction to become the city we aspire to be.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Mayor, work to identify at least \$100-\$150 million of cuts from the Los Angeles Police Department's budget.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst to provide recommendations on reinvesting these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color.

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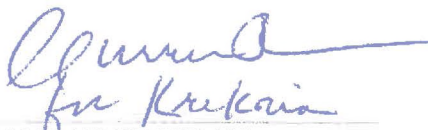
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