



Motion for Board Consideration

PRNC Board Meeting

June 10, 2020

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Motion: Motion to file CIS with City Council and Recreation and Parks in support if amended of CF 20-0692 (Martinez, Price, Rodriguez and Wesson: Los Angeles Police Department Budget Cut / Disadvantaged and Communities of Color Reinvestment).

Proposed by: Jason Hector and David Balen

Description: CIS Text: "On June 4th, 2020, Mayor Garcetti stated that in "our next steps", "The movement for racial justice is bigger than a budget, but budgets are statements of values. That's why we will be working to identify \$250 million for further investments in community programs, including cuts to LAPD's budget." Further, council president Martinez has proposed identifying \$100 to \$150 million of cuts to LAPD to be reinvested into disadvantaged communities and communities of color.

The Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) has been successfully running the Summer Night Lights and Fall Friday Nights programs in a limited capacity in some City parks (Lanark Park in Canoga Park being the nearest). This program includes free activities and food for youth and adults in collaboration with LAPD. Not only do these programs give our youth fun things to do, it also provides an opportunity for LAPD to interact positively with the community.

Given that cuts to LAPD are certainly difficult to swallow for many of us in the north valley, we are asking that the Summer Night Lights and other programs be expanded to include ALL City parks with recreation centers or as many as feasibly possible. All of our communities can benefit from the fantastic programs of the Mayor's GRYD program. The model has already been proven so why not expand these great programs, including gun buybacks to make them readily available to all of the residents of the north valley.

While we don't have a Recreation Center in Porter Ranch, there are several nearby in Granada Hills, Northridge Park, Mason Park and Chatsworth Park South and surely those communities would greatly benefit from having Summer Night Lights or other's.

Therefore, we would respectfully request that the last paragraph of the motion also ask the CAO and CLA for "**recommendations on expanding our existing youth development and gang reduction programs in the**

Mayor’s GRYD to include recreation centers and other locations in as many of our communities as possible” with the goal of meeting the needs of the entire City. Porter Ranch and other north valley communities also need activities to keep our youth busy and out of trouble. Expanding these programs is a simple first step since it’s already being done and this amendment does not preclude investments in disadvantaged communities and communities of color. We CAN and should do both.

In conclusion, if the budget cuts for LAPD are City Wide, the re-distribution of the funds should also be City Wide so that all of the City’s youth, LAPD officers and residents can have access to these extremely important and beneficial programs.”

Benefits to PR: We are advocating for monies to be re-allocated to expanding programs into the north valley and not just our disadvantaged and communities of color. This will bring these beneficial programs closer to our north valley residents, and therefore provide additional opportunities for our Porter Ranch stakeholder and LAPD to engage with our community.

Is this a Time-Sensitive Motion (Yes/No)? Yes

If the answer is “Yes”, please explain: Mayor’s Budget is being deliberated by Budget committee next week.

BUDGET & 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.


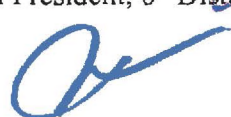
We are currently in the midst of a global pandemic, the likes of which the world has never seen. This crisis has shown that this country cannot survive without mass transit operators, without grocery store workers, without sanitation workers, without delivery drivers, without health care workers. It 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.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:

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PAUL KREKORIAN
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