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Community Impact Statement

June 15, 2020

RE: Council File 20-0692 – In Opposition of LAPD Budget Cuts

Dear Councilmembers,

We have seen our nation in an uproar and crisis since the killing of George Floyd. We stand in agreement there is no place for police brutality. We do not, however, agree that defunding or making cuts to our Los Angeles Police Department is the right course in response to the killing of George Floyd.

The LAPD is one of the nation's premier and highly trained police force. The department is decades ahead of other departments in the US. They have implemented many changes through the years in policing and the proper handling of any suspect. The incident with George Floyd is in no way a reflection of our LAPD's response and treatment of our residents. The LAPD should not be held responsible for the actions of an officer from the Minneapolis police force nor should they have to be subjected to the consequences of another officer's actions. If anything, our LAPD should use the Minneapolis incident to better train our officers to avoid the same incident happening here in Los Angeles.

The response to defund or cut the budget to our police department will only cause negative results such as slower response times, less officers on the streets, and overextending our already exhausted police force. The cut to the LAPD's budget risks the safety of all Angelinos. We stand in opposition to any cuts or focus to de-fund our police department. We ask the City Council to rescind the decision to cut funding.

Now is the time when we must come together, in unity and gratefulness, for the great men and women of our LAPD. The City Council and LAPD always need to find better ways of peacefully and respectfully meeting the safety needs of our residents. Besides better training and review of force used on any suspects, we suggest increasing the LAPD's community outreach as a means to show the positive impact the police have in our communities.

Thank you for respectfully considering to rescind the proposed LAPD's budget cuts.

Sincerely,

Arleta Neighborhood Council

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