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COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

Monday 15 June 2020 6:15 PM

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1. Technical checkout for online meeting (no substantive discussion or comment) [15 minutes]
[Board members and public are welcome to check to make sure telephone or computer access is working properly. NOTE: no comment or discussion relevant to Board matters is permitted — please reserve substantive comment for periods of public comment and agenda items.]
2. Public comment on non-agenda items.
3. Call to order and roll call.
4. Board member comment on non-agenda items. *[May include comment on Board members' own activities/brief announcements; brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights or asking questions for clarification; introduction of new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting; or requests for research and a report back to the Board.]*
5. Motion regarding reform of use of force by the Los Angeles Police Department.
6. Motion in consideration of Council File 20-0692 on proposed budget cuts to the Los Angeles Police Department.
7. Motion adopting Progressive Neighborhood Alliance letter.
8. Motion regarding meetings by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment staff with Neighborhood Council presidents and officers.
9. Treasurer's report.
Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)
10. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for May 2002.
11. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Lloyd Staffing, The Mailroom, Angels Gate Cultural Center meeting expenses, vendor(s) for meeting refreshments, and office supplies.
12. Motion to authorize expenditures for a newsletter.

13. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives and other appointments as necessary, including: the appointment of Jessica Nelson to the Environment and Sustainability Committee, the Parks and Coastline Committee, the Port Committee, and the Administrative Operations Committee.
14. Announcements.
15. Public comment on non-agenda items.
16. Adjournment.

5. Motion regarding reform of use of force by the Los Angeles Police Department.

With attachment: County Board of Supervisors motion on "Responsible Policing and Use of Force Reform"

Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) recognizes improvements in Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) following the November 2000 Consent Decree filed between the City of Los Angeles and the United States Department of Justice and in the LAPD encouragement of Community Policing, De-escalation Strategies, and Education.

Whereas the CSPNC also recognizes further improvements are likely necessary at the LAPD and across the US following the dramatic and often fatal results of extreme use of force.

Therefore, be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department immediately adopt and implement the recommendations of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, "Responsible Policing and Use of Force Reform", including the following reforms:

1. Requiring officers to intervene to stop another officer from using excessive force
2. Restricting, or prohibiting, the use of chokeholds, strangleholds, and carotid restraints
3. Requiring officers to de-escalate situations before using force
4. Using a Force Continuum or Matrix that defines and limits the types of force that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance
5. Requiring officers to give a verbal warning before using deadly force
6. Prohibiting officers from shooting at people in moving vehicles unless the person poses a deadly threat by means other than the vehicle
7. Requiring officers to exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before resorting to using deadly force
8. Requiring comprehensive reporting that includes both uses of force and threats of force.

6. Motion in consideration of Council File 20-0692 on proposed budget cuts to the Los Angeles Police Department.

With attachment: motion introduced in Los Angeles City Council as File 20-0692

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) recognizes the simultaneous urgencies of impacts to the City of Los Angeles budget resulting from COVID-19 and to the well-being of residents as related to institutional racism reflected throughout our social network, including policing.

The CSPNC supports the intent of the Council File 20-0692 and the associated Motion presented by Council President Nuri Martinez on June 3, 2020 with revision to require two distinct efforts be implemented with more comprehensive review to address the simultaneous urgencies.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests revision to the Council File 20-0692 to require the following two actions prior to proceeding with the currently defined budget cuts and reinvestment:

1. Convene the relevant City departments to calculate future projected revenue shortfalls, identify critical and urgent departmental needs to ensure minimum required funding is planned, and develop recommended spending reductions to be suggested where departments' near-term funding can be deferred, delayed, or otherwise reduced.
2. Convene the relevant City departments to identify potential areas of institutional racism inherent in City policies and operations across the complete spectrum of City services and develop a comprehensive implementation plan to ensure equality for all residents.

7. Motion adopting Progressive Neighborhood Alliance letter.

Attachment — draft letter template from Progressive Neighborhood Alliance

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts and endorses the letter drafted by the Progressive Neighborhood Alliance directed to the City Budget and Finance Committee.

8. Motion regarding meetings by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment staff with Neighborhood Council presidents and officers,

Whereas the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has held online meetings that were limited to neighborhood council presidents in addition to DONE officers and staff, and as a result the substance of these meetings remains closed to other stakeholders, and the practice of holding these meetings in secret goes contrary to well respected principles and traditions of the Los Angeles neighborhood council system,

Therefore the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council objects to such limits for all such meetings, and calls on the City of Los Angeles to make all such meetings available for observation by all stakeholders.

12. Motion to authorize expenditures for a newsletter.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council authorizes the following expenditures associated with publication of the June 2020 newsletter: Reed Printing, an amount not to exceed \$1,300 for printing, and Perry Mailing, an amount not to exceed \$2,700 for mailing preparation and postage.

For more information, please call 310-918-8650; write to CSPNC, 1840 S. Gaffey Street #34, San Pedro, CA 90731; or visit the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website at www.cspnc.org.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND
MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

June 9, 2020

Responsible Policing and Use of Force Reform

On May 25, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest for allegedly using a counterfeit \$20 bill. While Floyd was handcuffed and pinned to the ground, Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes as Floyd pleaded and repeatedly told Chauvin and three onlooking officers that he could not breathe before losing consciousness. He was pronounced dead one hour later.

Video of George Floyd’s death has sparked protests nationwide over police use of force and the growing list of unarmed black men and women who have been killed by law enforcement in this country. For decades, systemic racism, implicit bias, and excessive use of force have resulted in the disproportionate killing of black men and women by police. Even though black Americans make up 13% of the U.S. population, they account for 26% of all people who were shot and killed by police from 2015 to 2019. While law enforcement agencies play an important role in protecting public safety, it is imperative that reforms be made to protect the lives of the civilians that they encounter.

Research has shown that concrete changes made to department policy and

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training can result in decreased uses of force by law enforcement officers. The organization “Campaign Zero” has identified eight reforms to use of force policies that have been shown to reduce the number of officer-involved killings. These policy reforms include:

1. Requiring officers to intervene to stop another officer from using excessive force
2. Restricting, or prohibiting, the use of chokeholds, strangleholds, and carotid restraints
3. Requiring officers to de-escalate situations, when possible, before using force
4. Using a Force Continuum or Matrix that defines and limits the types of force that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance
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Each of these eight reforms was associated with a 15% reduction in police killings for the average police department, and departments that implemented more than four of the reforms saw the largest reduction in killings (Campaign Zero, “Police Use of Force Policy Analysis”, 2016). Importantly, departments with more restrictive use of force policies also experienced lower rates of assaults on officers and officers killed in the line of duty (Campaign Zero, “Police Use of Force Policy Analysis”, 2016).

While there are law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County that have made significant steps toward reform, no local law enforcement department has adopted all

eight of these policies. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), for example, does not include chokeholds in their training practices. However, chokeholds, stranguleholds, carotid restraints, and the knee-on-neck hold that killed George Floyd are not explicitly prohibited in department policy. Additionally, requiring the reporting of threats of use of force is one of the reforms associated with the highest reduction in police killings, but neither the LASD or Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) require this type of comprehensive reporting. In addition to the reforms put forward by Campaign Zero, the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) of the Sheriff's Department created an Ad Hoc Committee that has, over the past several months, been reviewing and analyzing the Sheriff's use of force policies in order to make recommendations on how to strengthen these policies. The COC is set to issue these recommendations in the coming weeks.

Across the nation, people are rising up to say that they have had enough of the senseless killing of unarmed black men and women at the hands of the police. There are concrete changes that can be implemented right now to department use of force policies that have been proven to result in decreased use of force incidents and fewer officer-involved killings. It is time for law enforcement departments across Los Angeles County to evaluate their own use of force policies and update them to make meaningful progress in preventing the use of unnecessary lethal force by their officers.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Urge the Sheriff's Department and the forty-six police departments within Los Angeles County to review their use of force policies and adapt them to be consistent with the eight reforms outlined by Campaign Zero and listed in the preamble of this motion, and follow up by sending a five-signature letter to each entity.

2. Direct the Civilian Oversight Commission of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to report back to the Board in less than 30 days with their recommendations on strengthening LASD's use of force policies and practices.

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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.

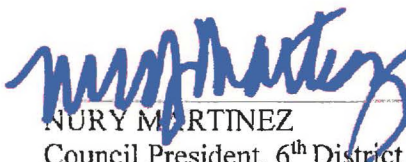

We are currently in the midst of a global pandemic, the likes of which the world has never seen. This crisis has shown that this country cannot survive without mass transit operators, without grocery store workers, without sanitation workers, without delivery drivers, without health care workers. It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

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PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

15 July 2020

The Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
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clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

Re: The Mayor's Proposed Budget

Dear Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council writes to express our deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 and urges you to revise the budget so that it reflects the values of our community. **At this critical time of converging health, economic, and racial justice crises, our city budget should be increasing funding for the vital social services on which so many Angelenos depend, not cutting those services to offset raises for police officers.**

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant revenue shortfalls for the City and that cuts in spending must be made. We question the priorities and values that are reflected in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, however, with regard to the cuts he has proposed—and those he has not.

Specifically, we are troubled that in a budget that cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and imposing furloughs on nearly 16,000 city workers, LAPD officer pay is simultaneously being increased by \$144 million. In relative terms compared to last year's spending—despite the great need created by the COVID-19 outbreak—the Mayor's Proposed Budget cuts City investments in housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%—all while boosting its expenditure on police by 7.1%. This brings LAPD's share of the City's total unrestricted revenues to a whopping 54%.

Even before COVID-19, roughly one in three renters in Los Angeles spent more than half their income on housing, and there were over 36,000 unhoused people in our City. The pandemic will only make matters worse. Over half of Angelenos are now unemployed following the massive job losses stemming from COVID-19. And economists predict that many of the recent layoffs will be permanent. Without bold action from the City, more Angelenos will become severely rent-burdened or fall into homelessness.

We applaud the City's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 emergency: delivering meals to seniors, opening childcare centers for healthcare workers, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders, implementing a small business loan program, committing to providing rental assistance, and setting up testing sites, additional shelters, and more. These are the kinds of interventions Angelenos need at this critical and unprecedented time.

Sadly, the Mayor's Proposed Budget puts some of these very initiatives on the chopping block. The Department of Aging has reported that furloughs and office closures will directly affect seniors trying to enroll in meal services, many of whom do not have internet access and rely on staff to help them enroll in city programs via telephone. (CAO's May 19, 2020 Report on the Impact on City Services of the Furlough Program Included in the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, 7.) The Department of Economic Development anticipates that its cuts will cause delays in economic relief and related assistance to the thousands of workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. (*Id.* at 15.) The Department of Housing and Community Investment predicts that furloughs will reduce its ability to provide services to tenants, prevent poverty and homelessness, and create affordable housing. (*Id.* at 20.)

In her opening remarks during the May 21, 2020 Council Meeting, Council President Nury Martinez said, "As we start the new fiscal year, it is important to keep in mind the people who need us the most right now—working families, those living in poverty, communities of color that have long been forgotten, seniors and children." This budget balances itself on the backs of those very people—the most vulnerable among us—largely to offset a raise for LAPD officers. If officers simply received the same pay they did last year, the City could prevent two-thirds of these devastating cuts to critical services.

Some now will undoubtedly point to the recent civil unrest in our city as justification for the budget's prioritization of law enforcement over social services. While we agree that public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities, this is a moment when we must begin to understand as a society that policing is far from our most effective tool to ensure public safety—and, in fact, for Angelenos of color—and especially black Angelenos—it can pose a mortal threat to their very lives. **This is a moment for us to recognize that investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are our best investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer.**

As Councilmember Ryu observed in his recent comments on the budget, "If we make cuts to departments and services that serve low-income and working families, we will be paying for those cuts for decades to come." The Mayor's Proposed Budget puts political expediency over the urgent needs of the Angelenos who are suffering most acutely in this time of crisis, and it will cost our city dearly if enacted without significant revision.

We urge you, as our representatives, to rework the 2020-21 budget so that it meets the needs of this moment. Shift resources away from policing and direct them to vital social services. Invest in true public safety. Budgets are moral documents that reflect our values. What kind of city cuts services and increases spending on law enforcement when its people are struggling to eat? What kind of city doubles down on policing at a moment when its deepest injustices are being exposed? What does that say about us? We need not take this path.

The coronavirus outbreak and the murder of George Floyd, together, have laid bare many hard truths—about the fragility of our healthcare system, the vulnerability of the many Angelenos living paycheck to paycheck, the real threat that police pose to Angelenos of color on

a daily basis. By taking an honest look at where we are, however, we are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that our Neighborhood Council asks you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Doug Epperhart, President of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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