



Motion to Write Letter and File a CIS on Council File 21-0600, Recommending Increase to 2021-22 LAPD Budget

Agenda Item: SGB052421-1
Date: May 20, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

Last year, the LA City Council voted to cut \$150 million from the \$1.85 billion that Mayor Garcetti had proposed for LAPD in the 2020-21 City Budget (fiscal year begins July 1st.) That LAPD funding level resulted in a reduction of approximately 350 police officers, as well as cuts to various programs including Gang Intervention, Human Trafficking Investigation, Cyber Crimes and Police Academy.

Over this past year, Los Angeles has seen an increase in both non-violent and violent crimes. Homicides in the city have risen by 27.6% so far this year, compared with the same period in 2020. The number of shooting victims is up nearly 80%, according to LAPD figures that cover the period through April 10 (source LA Times 4/20/21).

In this upcoming year's City Budget, the Mayor has proposed \$1.76 billion for LAPD. LAPD has responded that although this is a step in the right direction, it doesn't do nearly enough to repair the damage from last year's cuts.

This also specifically impacts South Robertson, as we may permanently lose one of the two cars (and corresponding Senior Lead Officer) that regularly patrol our boundaries, reducing response time to calls from our area.

Proposed Motion

To have all SORO NC file the attached CIS on Council File 21-0600 and send a corresponding letter to Councilmembers Paul Koretz, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Monica Rodriguez and cc'ing Mayor Eric Garcetti recognizing that the Mayor's proposed LAPD budget for 2021-22 is heading in the right direction but does not go far enough to satisfy Public Safety needs.

Considerations

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Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 8

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:
(applies to funding motions only)

\$ N/A

Arguments for:

Arguments against:



Council File: 21-0600

Community Impact Statement

As adopted by vote of the full SORO NC governing board

| Yes: | No: | Abstain: | Ineligible: | Recuse: |
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| Position: | For For if amended Against Against unless amended Neutral |
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The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council hereby recognizes that the \$1.76 billion that Mayor Garcetti is proposing for LAPD in the City’s 2021-22 Budget is a step in the right direction, however, does not provide nearly enough funding to repair the damage from last year’s cuts.

Over this past year, Los Angeles has seen an increase in both non-violent and violent crimes. As reported in the LA Times on April 20, homicides in the city have risen by 27.6% so far this year, compared with the same period in 2020. The number of shooting victims is up nearly 80%.

Last year’s budget cuts have resulted in LAPD not being able to replace the (approximate) 350 officers that we lost due to retirements. Additionally, LAPD has been forced to scale back services including Gang Intervention, Human Trafficking Investigation, Cyber Crimes and Police Academy. These services are critical to the safety of our Stakeholders and need to be restored immediately.

Since we represent the Stakeholders of South Robertson, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council hereby request that the LA City Council vote in favor of the Mayor’s 2021-22 proposed \$1.76 billion budget for LAPD, with a recommendation to increase the amount necessary to fund the reinstatement of critical services and the Police Academy.

Submitted by: [Only Exec committee members are approved to submit CISs]

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LA City Council Members Paul Koretz, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Monica Rodriguez
CC: Mayor Eric Garcetti

May 20, 2021

Re: Community Relations and WLAPD Senior Lead Officers

Dear Paul, Mark, and Monica:

As the Budget and Finance Committee is currently reviewing Mayor Garcetti's LA City Budget for 2021-22, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council recognizes that the \$1.76 billion he is proposing for LAPD is a step in the right direction but does not provide nearly enough funding to repair the damage from last year's cuts.

Over this past year, Los Angeles has seen an increase in both non-violent and violent crimes. Homicides in the city have risen by 27.6% so far this year, compared with the same period in 2020. As reported in the LA Times on April 20, the number of shooting victims is up nearly 80%, according to LAPD figures that cover the period through April 10.

Last year's budget cuts have resulted in LAPD not being able to replace the (approximate) 350 officers that are no longer on the street, as well as critical services.

This also directly impacts South Robertson, as we may permanently lose one of the two cars (and corresponding Senior Lead Officer) that regularly patrol our boundaries, reducing response time to calls from our area.

Representing the Stakeholders of South Robertson, we hereby request that you support the Mayor's budget for LAPD, as well as support an increase in the amount that would allow for the reinstatement of the Police Academy and all of the critical services that have been cut.

Sincerely,

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Motion to Create CIS Oppose CF 21-0407

Agenda Item: SGB052421-2
Date: May 20, 2021
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) strongly opposes CF 21-0407. It is a troubling motion that wants to standardize neighborhood council elections as it appears to challenge the very foundation of neighborhood councils when first founded as being councils fashioned to represent their specific communities.

Standardization across a city the size of Los Angeles with its many neighborhoods and levels of diversity is a grave mistake. It flies in the face of everything that was considered when neighborhood councils were first defined and adopted.

To make such sweeping recommendations based upon a single election where there was a robust total number of voters even given the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic is wrong. It is impossible for anyone to surmise why requested ballots were not returned.

The motion also alludes to voter suppression. The neighborhood council By-laws which include the procedures for their own elections are created by the individual neighborhood council based upon the stakeholders they service. The By-laws are reviewed by the DONE, and approved by the BONC. The elections are conducted by the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles which are held in a fair and open process.

Under Sec. 904. Development of the Neighborhood Council Plan, the plan states:

(f) The Regulations shall not restrict the method by which the members of a neighborhood council are chosen, if the process otherwise satisfies the requirements of this Article.

(g) The Regulations shall require that neighborhood councils adopt fair and open procedures for the conduct of their business.

The motion on its face violates the Charter and if the Councilmember would like to make changes to the Charter, she needs to put this to a vote of the voters of Los Angeles.

Proposed Motion

Submit the following CIS in strong opposition to Council File 21-0407 as it is an attack on the independence of Neighborhood Councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan:



The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council strongly opposes City Council File Number 21-0407 as an attack on the independence of Neighborhood Councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan.

Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: N/A

Against: N/A

Arguments for:

This is in direct contradiction to the system that was created for neighborhood councils to operate.

Arguments against:

The city is trying to make a standard rule across all neighborhood councils.