

5PM City Council [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 3:25 p.m.]

Meeting Time: 06-16-20 17:00

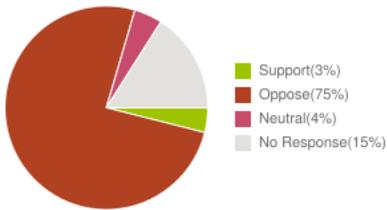
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Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
5PM City Council [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 3:25 p.m.]	06-16-20 17:00	54	357	14	270	16

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5PM City Council [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 3:25 p.m.]

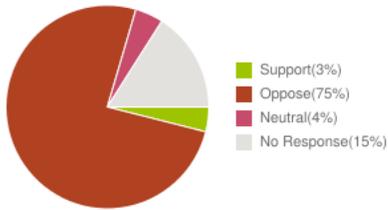
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
2. Review of Local Emergency Declaration - Civil Unrest [Oral Report] File ID: 2020-00718	47	0	43	0
3. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes File ID: 2020-00006	1	0	1	0
4. Contract Supplement: Pathways to Health + Home Project Implementation File ID: 2020-00601	4	3	0	0
5. (Pass for Publication) Conversion of Multi-Unit Dwellings into Hotels/Motels (M20-001) [Majority Vote Required] File ID: 2020-00648	8	0	6	1
8. Supplemental Agreement: Gunfire Detection System [Published for 10- Day Review 06/04/2020] File ID: 2020-00579	95	0	89	0
9. Agreement: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Los Rios Community College District Vocational Training File ID: 2020-00593	1	0	0	1
20. Agreement: Flood Control and Landscaping Maintenance Services through Sacramento County Sheriff's Work Project Program File ID: 2020-00540	78	0	76	0
21. Agreement: Flood Control and Landscaping Maintenance Services with Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) (Two-Thirds Vote Required) File ID: 2020-00541	4	3	0	1
28. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 Business Improvement Area Annual Report [Noticed 06/05/2020] File ID: 2020-00117	1	0	1	0
31. Ordinance Amending Sections 17.216.510, 17.228.920, 17.424.060 and 17.424.070 of the Sacramento City Code Relating to Cannabis Uses in the Shopping Center Zone and the Del Paso Boulevard/Arden Way Special Planning District (M19-005) [Noticed 06/05/2020; Passed for Publication 06/06/2020; Published 06/05/2020] File ID: 2020-00598	11	1	9	1
32. City Auditor's COVID-19 Business and Resident Community Surveys [Oral Report] File ID: 2020-00711	2	0	0	1
33. City Council COVID-19 Response: CARES Act Framework and Funding Priorities; Establish Emergency Programs - Small Business Recovery Program File ID: 2020-00707	7	1	2	1
34. Update on Commercial and Residential Tenant Eviction Moratorium File ID: 2020-00713	6	4	0	0
Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda	90	2	42	9
CORRESPONDENCE Added for Matters Not on the Agenda [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 11:00 a.m.]	1	0	0	1
eComments Report - Please note eComments received after 10:30 a.m. will be posted here after the meeting. [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 11:00 a.m.]	1	0	1	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

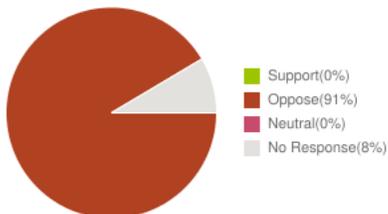
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Overall Sentiment



Agenda Item: eComments for 2. Review of Local Emergency Declaration - Civil Unrest [Oral Report] File ID: 2020-00718

Overall Sentiment



Kellie Edson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42pm 06-16-20

The emergency declaration should be lifted. These protests are peaceful and Black lives matter. We need to change the situations that CAUSED the protest, not mitigate the protests themselves

Katsumi Watanabe

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 06-16-20

I'm deeply saddened that "civil unrest" is taking attention away from the true issue at hand which are the conditions that lead to that "civil unrest." Our community has been reaching out for years in hopes of gaining salvation from ongoing oppression, systemic social injustices, health & education disparities, and racial profiling by the police that has led to murders of innocent people by the police. The response from our supposed "civil servants" has been silence at best. That silence creates the feeling of being unseen, unheard, and unimportant as if our lives are unseen, unheard, and unimportant. None of us matter until Black Lives Matter. None of us matter until Black Trans Lives Matter. See us. Hear us. Help us. Lessen funding for law enforcement and re-allocate that funds to community programs that are dedicated to working by, for, and in the community.

Sophia D'Urso

Location:

Submitted At: 5:27pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this emergency declaration. Protesters are being peaceful and trying to make important changes. An emergency order only increased police violence. Implementing a curfew was a terrible idea and only sought to silence our voices.

Jesse Jackson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 06-16-20

I oppose this emergency declaration and ask that it be lifted. The declaration has functioned to intimidate demonstrators using their rights to protest abuses from law enforcement. Law enforcement has shown irresponsible use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and manpower harming demonstrators and legal observers. This order has increased public fear and decreased public safety.

Andrew Pepper

Location:

Submitted At: 4:53pm 06-16-20

The emergency order restricts peaceful protesters from exercising their freedom of speech. It is especially important to lift the emergency declaration before Juneteenth, this Friday, or the voices of hundreds of protestors could be suppressed on a national holiday.

Adriana Renteria

Location:

Submitted At: 4:50pm 06-16-20

I oppose the emergency declaration and ask that it be lifted immediately. This emergency declaration did not promote community safety and instead increased fear and unjust policing. This emergency declaration has been unjustly used by Sacramento police to further target and harass peaceful protesters and should have never been implemented in the first place.

Moiz Mir

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 06-16-20

This emergency declaration for civil unrest should never have been made. If there was ever an intent to declare an emergency of civil unrest, why was it not when heavily armed protestors stormed the Capitol grounds and yelled in the faces of police officers during the peak of the pandemic, intentionally ignoring social distancing and other precautions that would help flatten the curve? Why was the national guard not called then? Because it is ridiculous to call the national guard on the residents of your own city. It's even more ridiculous to have chosen to call the national guard and a militarized SacPD, permanently injuring our community members who did nothing illegal. I'm sure the national lawyers guild observers that were assaulted and brutalized for no reason have well written documentation and point to make to you, assuming they're out of the hospital.

Paul Andrews

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 06-16-20

I oppose the emergency order. It should've never been in place. All it did was escalated tensions between protesters and police. The curfew magnified that by providing police with a justification to attack peaceful protesters. This could've been handled in a peaceful way. All the council had to do was listen to the community, hear what they say and offer substantive changes. But rather than address the strife in a marginalized community, you chose the cowards way out. You chose to hide and then act surprised when tensions boiled over as they would be expected to do in a community that has been marginalized in our society in every way and is routinely abused and killed by police regardless of the real threat. Do something about fixing this or we will continue protesting until every single one of you is out of a job.

Misty Boring

Location:

Submitted At: 4:30pm 06-16-20

- the emergency declaration should be lifted. It has harmed public safety and created a tension of fear and reluctance to use our rights to assemble and protest police misconduct.

Meghan Sevilla

Location:

Submitted At: 4:25pm 06-16-20

I oppose the emergency order and think it should be lifted as the increased police presence, in addition to the added force of the National Guard, created "civil unrest" and only intensified the atmosphere that subsequently resulted in violence and various incidents of Sac PD brutalizing our community members. In lifting this order, all

charges should be dropped against any protestors for "violating curfew" which only worked to criminalize those out exercising their Constitutional right to protest in righteous anger and support of Black Lives and against the outrageous police brutality rooted in white supremacy that plagues this country, our city included.

Marcie Murtha

Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 06-16-20

The local emergency declaration should be cancelled. The city's response to protestors exercising their rights has been shameful. Sacramento police and sheriff have been escalating tensions and using weapons of war on unarmed people assembling. So many injuries and trauma caused by police and sheriff at tax payer cost its unacceptable and proving the point of the protests.

Craig Segall

Location:

Submitted At: 3:50pm 06-16-20

It is outrageous that the declaration remains in place; it was illegal at the start, it remains so, and is profoundly unwise. It has subjected the city to civil rights liability and the public to enormous risk. Repeal it, direct that no one be prosecuted for curfew violations, and apologize.

Chelsea Renneke

Location:

Submitted At: 3:30pm 06-16-20

The way this city, and especially Sac PD, responded to the Black Lives Matter protests was reprehensible. The way that peaceful protestors were abused and detained, not to mention journalists, is shameful. This movement and energy is not going anywhere. Sacramento, as the capital of the state of California, should strive to be among the cities in this nation that are implementing real, genuine, important change with regard to how policing is done in our communities. The police are the emergency! Human lives are more important than property. Finding creative, humane, ethical solutions to this communities' ills is supposed to be what public service is about. We cannot do things the way they have always been done any more. The people have spoken, and will continue to do so.

Whitney Delgado

Location:

Submitted At: 3:29pm 06-16-20

The way the protestors were handled was unbelievable. They were protesting Police brutality and you tried to shut them up with Police brutality. Firing tear gas during a pandemic where the virus attacks your lungs? What were you thinking? Do you know that these are the people who elect you? Rubber bullets? There were multiple people who were shot and lost their sight or their eye. This cannot stand. It's clear the people deployed to keep the city safe only made things worse.

Jennifer Ramon

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 06-16-20

Please do not continue the June 1, 2020 local emergency declaration re: "civil unrest". There is no need for any extension or new curfew - demonstrations remain peaceful and are so much calmer now that police presence was reduced. Re-instituting an immense police presence would be a major step backward and is sure to reignite tensions. Further, using additional financial resources during a pandemic that will definitely continue into the winter is fiscally irresponsible and morally reprehensible when so many in the community need our financial assistance during this hard time.

Nicola Simmersbach

Location:

Submitted At: 2:53pm 06-16-20

I am so disappointed and aggrieved at how I saw this city treat unarmed protestors. A young woman lost her eye. People were beaten by police for doing nothing but standing there. I felt deep shame when I saw how this police department conducted itself this past month

. The city manager must be removed for his failure to discipline police misconduct. Other cities are moving quickly to implement progressive change, why is Sacramento left behind? I'm ashamed of the behavior of the civil servants my tax dollars are supporting. Leadership means controlling the troops and what I witnessed was horrific. Also, why were the journalists hassled? Black Zebra Productions has press passes and were still detained. This is unacceptable! I will not vote for anyone in current leadership again unless sweeping, meaningful changes that are in alignment with the Measure U committee's recommendations are adopted and implemented. We are not the home of the free because of what you have done.

Irene Chung

Location:

Submitted At: 2:47pm 06-16-20

Given that we are in a state of emergency we need to renegotiate with the police union. At a time when most people are facing pay cuts we should not be increasing the wages of an organization who is trying to buy military gear. We should not be trying to plaster over Measure U misappropriation with COVID funding.

Hannah Schanzer

Location:

Submitted At: 2:30pm 06-16-20

City of Sacramento's response to the Black Lives Matter Protests, bringing in the National Guard, instituting a curfew, and inflicting violence against protesters, was pathetic and showed that the City's priority was to protect property over human lives. At the very least, the Mayor should apologize his constituents for escalating the violence.

Molly Reagh

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56pm 06-16-20

City council, you repeatedly act on the side of the oppressor, on the side of law enforcement. The righteous actions and activism of the citizens of Sacramento was one way for us to say "enough is enough" so that you would actually hear us. Did you hear anything we said? No. Instead, you unleash hoards of law enforcement officers as well as calling in the National Guard to inflict more harm, torture, and pain in our community. We demand that any declaration of emergency because of civil unrest be swiftly stopped. We demand that funding for law enforcement be lessened and re-allocated to organizations actually working by, for, and in the community.

David Lacy

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 06-16-20

Let's cease the unquestioning hero worship of police, which, along with generations of overt and systemic racism in myriad institutions across the nation, have created an overwhelmingly oppressive crush of power solely in one direction: at the expense of brown and black citizens. From harassment to brutality, to fraternal brotherhood leading to coverups and coopted cover stories, to discriminatory implementation and enforcement of laws (particularly vis-a-vis the war on drugs), to friendly D.A.-to-Police pipelines that fail to hold police accountable for egregious and illegal behaviors, and for many more violations of public trust, it is time for a completely renewed look at community policing. Not patches on a broken dam, but real and substantial change at every level of the criminal justice system. Allowing LEO to indiscriminately teargas, fire rubber bullets, and spin false narratives of who is truly behind the violence at a significant level, is inexcusably, unequivocally wrong.

Malcolm Abbey

Location:

Submitted At: 12:32pm 06-16-20

This emergency declaration is entirely misdirected. There should be an emergency declaration due to the violence the police are unleashing on your citizens. Your police have maimed and killed countless BIPOC over the years and have faced no repercussions; the implicated officers are walking free and their budget continues to grow. Their bloated budget ensures this violence continues. DEFUND THE POLICE

Garrett Shields

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 06-16-20

The narrative of civil unrest was only used to impose a curfew, call in the National Guard, and overfunding Sac PD which already has a runaway overtime budget. This cannot continue as the Sac PD budget is already perilous to other Sacramento programs. At the Measure U Advisory Committee Meeting yesterday, Chair Cofer presented a list of recommendations redistributing Measure U funding in the 2020/21 budget. The Mayor accepted her challenge to consider her recommendations and bring action to this meeting. I hope those were not just more words and real action is proposed to redistribute the proposed Measure U funds per the recommendations of Chair Cofer and others on the committee.

This is a first step, beyond Measure U spending, take inspired action to push back on a police force with uncontrolled overtime, a contract that is apparently non-negotiable, and receives pay raises as other Sacramentans are losing their jobs or taking paycuts. Get creative and defund the police.

Giovanni CM

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19pm 06-16-20

There's no civil unrest. The problem is, with you racist police force, who are practically useless and looking for any good cause to lock up Black citizens and anyone who protests with them. As always, City Council misses the mark again. Rather than listening to the community, the Mayor and everyone else likes to gaslight taxpayers because we are upset. We are allowed to continue protesting and if this upsets you, TOO BAD.

Kathryn Link-Oberstar

Location:

Submitted At: 12:02pm 06-16-20

As a Sacramento native, I am disgusted that the City Council is discussing so-called "civil unrest" while failing to address the root cause of the protests, demonstrations, and vigils. We are disgusted by racist policing in our communities, in our state and in our country. We are disgusted by the diversion of public dollars to fund the police department at the expense of public health, education, housing, and other community services. The people have spoken loud and clear. Defund the police, invest in communities, and stand up to racism in all its forms. Silence is complicit. Silence is violence. We will remember how you choose (or fail) to act in this moment.

Matt DeVore

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 06-16-20

Defund the police. Invest in my community. I don't need you spending inordinate amounts of money paying the worst people we knew from high school to kill my neighbors. I need you to feed and house and care for my neighbors. You're all complicit until you stand up and stop this.

Pooja Prasad

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44am 06-16-20

The right to protest is fundamental to our nations democracy. Declaring a state of emergency against the very people who are trying to make their voices heard is ridiculous and a violent action against democracy. Instead of listening to the demands of the people you claim to serve, you threaten violence upon them and silence them. How can you claim to be for the people when you are oppressing their basic rights. The City should publicly admit their mistakes in their response to the BLM protests and demonstrate a commitment to responding to the demands of our Black community by defunding the Sacramento Police Department.

Cassy Friedrich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 06-16-20

You call it civil unrest, but actually it was the police who were unruly. You need to review defunding the police, who are the ones actually responsible for violence, escalation of tension and illegal injuries of community members who were voicing the need to stop harming and killing black people. If you want to prevent unrest, you need to work on eliminating poverty.

Char Brunet

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36am 06-16-20

Where is the curfew in place for police? Why don't they have a curfew for the violence and terror that they inflict upon Sacramento for decades? The curfew for civilians needs to go NOW. No justice, no peace. We demand justice and will settle for nothing less. Be honest for once about who you are serving on this council. If it's the people, then this emergency declaration will go and abolishing SACPD will be priority #1.

Elizabeth Sivell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05am 06-16-20

Referring to the protests in sacramento as a local emergency and an act of civil unrest is ridiculous. The only emergency is is that black lives are under threat of violent police every day. Portesters have and continue to remain peaceful unless provoked by the unnecessarily heavily armed police. There is absolutely no need to keep a curfew in place. Doing so is a way to try and keep voices of our community silent

Shannon Dominguez-Stevens

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37am 06-16-20

The right to protest is fundamental during times of injustice. It's important to remember that people were peaceful until police incited violence and outrage because they attacked residents chanting for justice. Your police department acted with such force that multiple folks were hospitalized. The people of Sacramento have made it abundantly clear that we are tired of watching the militarization of our communities, tired of being silenced and we will no longer tolerate a tone deaf council make decisions that perpetuate racist silencing, violence and trauma. Let the people have their voice, defund the police, invest in communities and drop any mention of emergency declarations based in racist ideas of civil unrest.

Adan Hensley

Location:

Submitted At: 3:43am 06-16-20

It is disgraceful to refer to this as simply "civil unrest." This is the beginning of a new world and a new city, a safer and happier city for everybody, especially for the Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Color, all of which ARE Sacramento. The way the city has treated peaceful protesters, protesting against blatant injustices, has been a display of the very injustice the protests are aimed against. The only local emergency is the dreadful and harmful leadership we are under.

Eden Lange

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34pm 06-15-20

We will not tolerate a city that REFUSES to listen to the voices of the unheard. The black community and its allies are DEMANDING that the city and its officials listen to us, and stop brutalizing it's citizens for demonstrating. Stop enforcing curfews, stop issuing the use of excessive force on the people you are meant to PROTECT, and hear our demands! We demand that the police force of Sacramento be defunded, dismantled, and replaced by services that will actually serve the community that the police force supposedly is meant to. We demand that the brutality stop, that police officers be held accountable for their horrific actions, and that we no longer be met with forceful resistance when we are simply exercising our constitutional right to demand better from our governments!

Kestrel Carroll

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39pm 06-15-20

Sacramento's response to protests related to the Black Lives Matter movement has reflected unwarranted provocation, brutality, and a total disrespect for human life. This has been shameful and needs to cease immediately.

Holly Longacre

Location:

Submitted At: 6:37pm 06-15-20

Over the last few weeks, THOUSANDS of residents of Sacramento & surrounding areas have participated in peaceful & profound protests against police brutality, systemic racism & the continued UNequal rights of our Black & POC residents. The people of Sacramento are screaming for justice & change. If you are with us, we wouldn't know it based this agenda item. Simply naming this Local Emergency Declaration , "Civil Unrest" shows the overt bias the council has towards the purpose & cause of these protests. The definition of "Civil Unrest" states, "Civil disorder, also known as civil disturbance or civil unrest, is an activity arising from a mass act of civil disobedience (such as a demonstration, riot, or strike), in which the participants become hostile toward authority, and authorities incur difficulties in maintaining public safety and order, over the disorderly crowd. It is, in any form, prejudicial to public law & order." STOP excessive force by police, curfews & do what is RIGHT

Hanna Jarvinen

Location:

Submitted At: 5:39pm 06-15-20

I oppose all authoritarian show of force by the Sacramento police towards the peaceful BLM protesters. Defund Sac PD Now!!

Emily Wonder

Location:

Submitted At: 4:22pm 06-15-20

The City's response to the BLM protests was a disgraceful show of authoritarianism in the face of valid and necessary protests. The City's continued support of the Police Department shows yet again that the City is more concerned with protecting the status quo than addressing the needs of our Black and brown communities. The City should publicly admit their mistakes in their response to the BLM protests and demonstrate a commitment to responding to the demands of our Black community by defunding the Sacramento Police Department.

Sonja Glasser

Location:

Submitted At: 2:39pm 06-15-20

I oppose all violent actions of police towards peaceful protesters. This movement by the city council is outrageous and cannot pass. Defund sac pd now

Josephine Vander Klay

Location:

Submitted At: 1:55pm 06-15-20

Claiming that the protests in Sacramento are "civil unrest" and require the use of extensive force by the Sac PD as well as a 8pm curfew is an attempt to dissuade us from using our right to peacefully protest. There should be no curfew, and there should not be the use of tear gas, rubber bullets, pepper spray, or any excessive or violent force by the Police department against peaceful protesters.

Emily Lovell

Location:

Submitted At: 1:21pm 06-15-20

Mayor Steinburg and the rest of the Counsel - Y'all gotta get rid of this police nonsense. If they're racist and you know it, clap your hands! I bet you all just clapped! And if you didnt, you're lying to yourselves. Sacramento is TIRED of you and the TOOTHLESS way you handle the problems with Sac Law Enforcement! Mayor Steinburg's performative solidarity is slap in the face to every citizen of Sacramento. I watched you give your pathos drenched speech in Cesar Chavez Park. SICKENING!!!! These officers are assaulting your citizens in the streets and what is your response?? WE ARE WAITING!?!?!? If you continue to support a corrupt institutions of Sac Law Enforcement this city will never know peace. THIS IS ON YOU!

Paola Bredberg Clark

Location:

Submitted At: 7:21am 06-15-20

I strongly oppose the way the police are being funded and used. Funds should be allocated towards mental

health, social services and education. We need to restructure the system.

Carol Bohaty

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16pm 06-14-20

Civil Unrest? So it's okay for police to use excessive force, shoot rubber bullets and throw tear gas bombs to injure people who are exercising their right to peacefully protest? This shouldn't even be a question. You need to come up with more creative ways to protect the people and the community rather than have the police use their power abuse their community. Start with actually allocating funds to programs that will help people, and not allocate more money to Sac PD who kill black men (and other people), then *maybe* there wouldn't be the need to peacefully protest in the first place, and then you wouldn't have the need to call on "help for civil unrest." Wake up!

Cassie Becker

Location:

Submitted At: 4:54pm 06-14-20

Peaceful protest is not civil unrest. Isolated incidents of vandalism and looting is not civil unrest. The police attacking the people who pay for their existence should be the focus here. Defund the police. Invest that money in the people of Sacramento, the problems that affect them (housing, social programs, schools, clinics, shelters, libraries, etc.), and the people who are actually trained to help them.

John Hawkins

Location:

Submitted At: 2:29pm 06-14-20

We do not need a curfew or the national guard roaming the streets of Sacramento. What we need is the defunding of the police department.

Natasha Buckman

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 06-14-20

The civil unrest emergency declaration must be lifted immediately. Its implementation is clearly a racist response to the outpouring of support for Black lives. White demonstrators who protested for their right to spread Covid-19 were not met with a declaration of civil unrest. Why are you treating Black protestors, who advocate for life instead of death, as dangerous? There is no explanation other than a racist system in which you are complicit. The least you can do to rectify the situation is to lift the declaration and defund Sac PD.

Camille Rogado

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30pm 06-13-20

The civil unrest emergency declaration should be lifted. The citizens of Sacramento should be allowed to peacefully protest against police brutality and mourn the senseless uncountable tragedies of black and brown people murdered by police. The police have been given license to act as sanctioned counterprotesters and instigate violence. If protestors cannot be told apart from looters by trained professionals, then our investment in public safety via police has been wasted. I have watched the stark differences in police response to predominantly white lockdown protesters versus the predominantly black and brown police brutality protesters. It's shameful. The civil unrest has been a call to action that must be heeded. There must be justice by acknowledging the systemic racism that practically defines our criminal justice system, and tangible repairs and action. Delay tactics and promises and efforts are not good enough. Lift the order, invest in our communities, and defund the police.

Evan Joseph-Pinero

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 06-13-20

Please read this comment aloud during the meeting.

This item is not appropriate for a "consent calendar". The Sacramento City Council must remove this item from its

consent calendar and justify, publicly, the continued need for a local emergency declaration as it relates to "civil unrest". When the Council receives over 120 public comments on an agenda item, pushes the item to the end of the meeting without notice in order to stifle call-in comments, and then votes unanimously to approve the item, declining to even discuss it, the council is simply not doing its job. The council did all of these things with this same agenda item last week. Mayor Steinberg and members of the council, your constituents are watching. Your constituents are demanding fundamental changes to law enforcement in this city, and you are not listening. Defund the police. Anything less is condoning police violence up to and including the murder of Black Sacramentans, like Stephon Clark.

Vanessa Hernandez

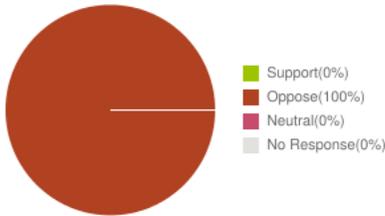
Location:

Submitted At: 5:17pm 06-13-20

I'm calling on the city council to take steps to defund the Sacramento Police Department. We need to invest in housing, education, job opportunities, community programs, healthcare, mental health, etc. It is unconscionable that the Sacramento PD has the budget to be so militarized while we have citizens going hungry and facing housing insecurity. Why are we funding a department that criminalizes poverty and blackness when we could be funding schools, clinics, shelters, etc? Why should Sacramento students have more police officers in their schools that counselors and nurses? The Sacramento Police department should not be so heavily funded while other necessities and being neglected. The root causes of crime are not being addressed and that is doing a disservice to the people of Sacramento. Follow the example of other cities that have successfully defunded their police departments and do right by the people you are meant to be serving. Defund Sac PD now!

Agenda Item: eComments for 3. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes File ID: 2020-00006

Overall Sentiment



Misty Boring

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 06-16-20

Reduce funding

Agenda Item: eComments for 4. Contract Supplement: Pathways to Health + Home Project Implementation File ID: 2020-00601

Overall Sentiment

Marcie Murtha

Location:
Submitted At: 4:21pm 06-16-20

I support this

Melissa O'Neil

Location:
Submitted At: 2:55pm 06-16-20

I support the use of funds that invest in Housing stability and healthcare for the city's vulnerable populations. Please continue this program and reduce funding to programs like the police department which lead these vulnerable populations to become villanized and incarcerated.

Cassy Friedrich

Location:
Submitted At: 10:55am 06-16-20

How are we not investing more money into improving the health and housing situation of our people? Please stop moving more money to the police and use it for more creative solutions to eliminating poverty, which is what will actually make our community health and safe.

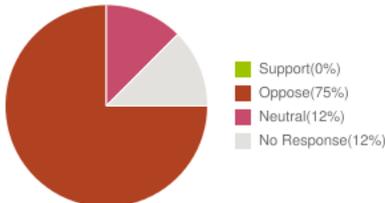
Allison Thrower

Location:
Submitted At: 6:41pm 06-15-20

Yes please - more money into healthcare assistance programs!

Agenda Item: eComments for 5. (Pass for Publication) Conversion of Multi-Unit Dwellings into Hotels/Motels (M20-001) [Majority Vote Required] File ID: 2020-00648

Overall Sentiment



Kellie Edson

Location:
Submitted At: 7:44pm 06-16-20

Long-term housing shortage abounds so I oppose this measure that would exacerbate existing housing crisis!

Jesse Jackson

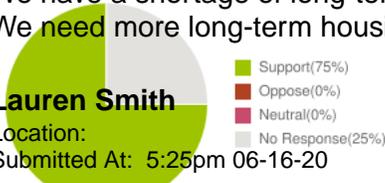
Location:
Submitted At: 5:37pm 06-16-20

We have a shortage of long-term housing so I oppose this measure that would exacerbate existing housing crisis. We need more long-term housing NOT less.

Lauren Smith

Location:
Submitted At: 5:25pm 06-16-20

considering the number of unhoused individuals, increasing rent, and statewide housing crisis, we should be



developing long term, affordable housing for Sacramento residents, not temporary hotel housing. I oppose.

Adriana Renteria

Location:
Submitted At: 5:02pm 06-16-20

Given our state and our city's housing crisis, it is irresponsible to be prioritizing short-term housing options over long-term homes. I oppose this agenda item.

Misty Boring

Location:
Submitted At: 4:32pm 06-16-20

we need more long term housing not less. Priorities should be to ease housing crisis with more long term housing units. I oppose this measure

Marcie Murtha

Location:
Submitted At: 4:26pm 06-16-20

The housing crisis demands we have more long term housing. I oppose this agenda item.

Jennifer Ramon

Location:
Submitted At: 4:10pm 06-16-20

Please do not allow the conversion of multi-unit dwellings into hotels/motels. We have an ongoing housing crisis and we should not exacerbate it by further eliminating permanent housing.

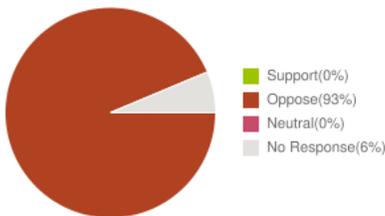
Samuel Greenlee

Location:
Submitted At: 4:49pm 06-15-20

The wording of this agenda items leaves me unclear on what exactly the proposed change is. My actual stance is this: Sacramento faces a perpetual housing crisis and has a great many hotel rooms available throughout the year. As much as I enjoy AirBnB and similar programs, I believe that our housing stock should be preserved for housing actual residents and that hotels and motels should be used for short term stays. While short term rentals may be more profitable for owners, we have a crisis of homelessness and housing affordability with severe impacts on daily life for Sacramentans.

Agenda Item: eComments for 8. Supplemental Agreement: Gunfire Detection System [Published for 10-Day Review 06/04/2020]
File ID: 2020-00579

Overall Sentiment



Morrigan McLean Haas

Location:
Submitted At: 9:22pm 06-16-20

This system is expensive and its effectiveness is unproven. Do not pass.

John Stoller

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07pm 06-16-20

I oppose this purchase. ShotSpotter was developed to help detect enemy combatants in warzones. It is not a tool for community protection nor is it a tool that will assist in crime prevention. While gun violence is a matter of grave concern, but SS is too invasive & encourages police practices that disproportionately impact the rights of already-struggling communities. First, the device is always recording. I have seen SS be the tool that police use to conduct a search without a warrant, despite never seeing the individual be involved in criminal activity. I have seen cases where the devices record statements. Because these devices are in poor and POC communities, the city ends up creating segments of the population that have more or less privacy depending on geography. This same money can be redirected into firearm buy back programs and programs that address the root cause of community of violence--scarcity, need, and the lack of economic opportunity.

Jonathan Patterson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06pm 06-16-20

I do not support this.

Lenin Rubio

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05pm 06-16-20

How tone deaf does the City Council have to be to allocate millions of dollars on military grade equipment while the people are imploring you to DEFUND THE POLICE. This is a betrayal of the will of the people and all members of this body should be ashamed, especially Darrell who is in the pocket of the police union. Would it not be better to reinvest these funds into preventing the conditions which lead people to gun violence in the first place? Wasting so much money on this gunfire detection technology (which is notoriously inaccurate and faulty) is irresponsible and is only giving the murderous police more reasons to enter our communities and terrorize its residents. This budget is a clear representation of your priorities and you should hang your head in shame.

Katrina Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 8:02pm 06-16-20

I OPPOSE! There's so many other areas of our community that need our support. This is a waste of money.

Kellie Edson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46pm 06-16-20

Oppose! We should be focusing on prevention measures. More reactive measures and surveillance is going to help nothing here. Funds could be better used elsewhere.

Jacob Romo Gonzalez

Location:

Submitted At: 7:44pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose using money to detect gunshots. Detecting gunshots is a waste of money and resources. Use this money to invest to solve the issue. Not monitor a symptom of the issue. Stronger policing leads to sneakier criminals. Please adopt a system that takes human psychology into consideration. Fix the issues of communities. DON'T neglect communities then send police to "control" them.

Lidia Tropeano

Location:

Submitted At: 7:04pm 06-16-20

I STRONGLY oppose. The city invests too much of tax payer money into a law enforcement that is hyper weaponized and KILLING our community. This proposition for spending millions on dollars over the course of five years on technology that will continue to promote violence and police brutality is harmful. DO NOT ENTER THIS CONTRACT. Defund the police, allocate funds to our community organizations.

Justine Massey

Location:

Submitted At: 6:45pm 06-16-20

Sacramento should invest directly in community wellness, not in more surveillance technology.

Sameul Malicoat

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 06-16-20

Hello, I am a member of the Sacramento Community. I strongly oppose the use of this system, this system has not performed well in other cities and I have no reason to think that if used in our city would have any different results. The city should be directing funding into the root cause of gun violence and funding the community directly. A great place to use the 2M is by directing the funding to Black Child Legacy Campaign. This will have a far better impact in improving the Sacramento community.

Clarissa White

Location:

Submitted At: 6:09pm 06-16-20

I oppose this.

Sarah Rambo

Location:

Submitted At: 6:04pm 06-16-20

I don't think adding surveillance to our city at a time of underfunded intervention and community resources is the answer. Please spend this money on our youth and intervention before doubling down on surveillance and police violence if you actually care about ALL of your citizens.

Beatrice Fung

Location:

Submitted At: 5:56pm 06-16-20

I do not find this use of the funds consistent with the intent of best serving our community.

Lawrence Vossler

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 06-16-20

This does nothing but give more power and surveillance to the police. That is the EXACT OPPOSITE we need. We need preventative programs, better funding for schools, funding for homeless and other programs in that nature. The police have more than enough in their budget. This programs is nothing but a limp bandage for a multitude of issues that needs multitude programs that use rehabilitation and preventative measures.

Nate Zoeller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:37pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose. Focus should be put on preventative measures before reactive measures.

Kaitlyn Foster

Location:

Submitted At: 5:32pm 06-16-20

I oppose this

Kirsten Mueting

Location:

Submitted At: 5:30pm 06-16-20

I oppose this agreement. Our community does not want more guns. It does not want more surveillance.

We have underfunded schools, mental health services and community building resources. More weapons and

supervision will be anything but helpful, and certainly anything but wanted.

I request that the city council revoke any existing contracts with ShotSpotter immediately.

Lauren Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:30pm 06-16-20

Sacramento should be focusing on preventative rather than reactive measures in order to most efficiently support our community. I oppose this measure and urge you to invest in communities, not police.

Kathryn French

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 06-16-20

I oppose this item because it is another grab for Measure U funding for sac pd. The budget for policing is far more than adequate. I urge the city to take a progressive stance by reducing any and all funding for the police.

Sophia D'Urso

Location:

Submitted At: 5:21pm 06-16-20

I oppose this motion. More guns is the last thing we need. Guns only bring violence and death.

Rachel Powell

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 06-16-20

I oppose continuing the Shotspotter program. This money would be better spent on building trust with the communities impacted by gun violence, not on surveilling them. I encourage the mayor and council to invest Measure U funds in ways to address the root causes of gun violence instead. Listen to your constituents.

Paige McGlinchy

Location:

Submitted At: 5:01pm 06-16-20

Stop militarizing Sacramento

Adriana Renteria

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose the execution of the supplemental agreement for gunfire detection and I request that the city council consider revoking any existing contracts with ShotSpotter immediately.

This system of monitoring and surveillance does not promote community health and safety. This is an irresponsible use of city funding that should instead go towards promoting community resilience and health.

Given the size of this contract and the amount of public concern on this item, this item requires further discussion and should be removed from the consent calendar.

Kathryn Canepa

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose execution of this agreement with ShotSpotter. The staff report says that "Given the success of this technology and the SPD's commitment to keeping Sacramento communities safe from gun violence, staff recommends executing a supplemental agreement with ShotSpotter to extend monitoring services in north, south and east Sacramento to June 15, 2025.". (A) this assumes success is defined by number of arrests. Judging by these comments, the community believes that community services provided is a better measure of success. (B) It will NOT keep Sacramento communities safe to increase policing and the amount of funds that are going into SacPD. Gun violence perpetrated by the police on Black and brown communities is a far greater concern. Investing millions into more policing of communities that are already hurting is a Band-Aid "fix" and a misuse of

public funds, especially when those funds could instead be used to support community and prevent crime in the first place.

Lauren Hanel

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this investment. Instead, invest in our communities of Sacramento. Specifically, invest into resources that support and uplift the health and well-being of marginalized communities. Reform the education system. Ensure food, transportation, and housing security. Provide accessible mental health services. Reallocate this funding towards resources that actually aim to benefit our communities in an effective, safe, and caring manner.

Moiz Mir

Location:

Submitted At: 4:53pm 06-16-20

It is a ridiculous proposition to spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money on surveillance of our communities that will only benefit the Sacramento Police Department or other law enforcement agencies, while we saw that in your Measure U budget allocation you allotted about half of that budget to SacPD and demolished the allocation for Inclusive Economic Development. Even if all of our other currently underfunded community needs were fully funded, I would still strongly oppose the adoption of this agreement. Where is the evidence to suggest that this surveillance in any way improves the lives of our community members? Where is the argument that it is justified? This matter needs to be taken off of the consent calendar and discussed thoroughly.

Paul Andrews

Location:

Submitted At: 4:47pm 06-16-20

If police are so bored that they need to listen to find things to do, maybe send them home. This is ridiculous that we would pay to keep them busy. We have a myriad of community programs which would help our communities stop being crime ridden and rather than work to undo crime by helping out disaffected communities, you want to criminalize more of them and find ways to send them to jail. Just stop!

Alejandro Bupara

Location:

Submitted At: 4:40pm 06-16-20

Please read my comment out loud. My name is Alejandro Bupara, resident of zip code 95816. I oppose this gunfire detection measure in the Strongest possible terms. Spending millions of taxpayer money on something so ridiculous would be Extremely reprehensible. We need jobs, we need housing, we need Rent assistance during COVID-19 - we do NOT need this gunfire detection system.

Misty Boring

Location:

Submitted At: 4:35pm 06-16-20

- we need funds devoted to projects that increase mental health care, increase affordable housing, and assist homeless populations. I oppose this funding as unnecessary, wasteful and wrong prioritization of community resources

Jennifer Ramon

Location:

Submitted At: 4:22pm 06-16-20

Please do not execute a supplemental agreement with ShotSpotter, Inc. and do not enter into any more contracts with the company. If you can also terminate existing contracts, please do so. The public financial cost for this system is astronomical (almost \$5m in total) and grossly exceeds the funds given to support real essential services like housing, food, clothing, mental health, transportation, and educational supplements for our community (especially critical during COVID when learning must occur online). The success rate to date in preventing gun violence via ShotSpotter is also questionable. Week after week, the police activity logs are chalk full of police responding to the instrument being activated and no information besides the number of possible

shots fired is gleaned. This means money is wasted not only on a pointless piece of flashy equipment, but also on police response to its activation. Choose sensibly and eliminate ShotSpotter.

Sarah Keyser-Alvis

Location:

Submitted At: 4:07pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this motion. These funds must be used for programs and services that support our communities - mental health services, youth programs, education, housing.

Angela Hearing

Location:

Submitted At: 3:57pm 06-16-20

Did you know that ShotSpotter has been known to change its evidence findings to appease law enforcement? Did you know that members of the public are not privy to detailed statistics of the city they reside in from ShotSpotter? Only Elected Officials, Current Investors and Law Enforcement. Race relations & positive civic engagement needs improvement during this impasse & renewing the contract is not the answer. Instead of funding these SpotShotters that are strategically placed in predominantly lower socioeconomic areas of people of color consider funding:

**community centers in every district represented on the Dias that are run with the help of law enforcement and members of that community.

**more SacPal events consistently throughout the year continuously building bridges between law enforcement and youth?

**year long mentoring programs with law enforcement and citizens in Sacramento.

Consider reallocating the funds to promote community safety and unity in a different way than this.

Muriel Strand

Location: 95820, Sacramento

Submitted At: 3:53pm 06-16-20

alerted that this is a problematic idea, i did a little research and found this indepth analysis which i recommend: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/mattdrange/2016/11/17/shotspotter-struggles-to-prove-impact-as-silicon-valley-answer-to-gun-violence/#25fa43c131cb>

where's the data for sacramento? about gunshots, about where these are now located, whether residents know about them, whether there are visual as well as acoustic sensors... also they are immobile, so can't adapt to changing conditions.

is this expense really what we need now? given the current budget outlook and proliferating needs, is this really the best use of the money? unlikely.

Richard Estes

Location:

Submitted At: 3:51pm 06-16-20

Shotspotter is known for being a highly inaccurate technology, leading to a lot of unnecessary of police responses. The Council should reject this agreement even if evaluated solely for its purported law enforcement effectiveness.

Of course, it should also be rejected because it is more of the same, more money going into policing vulnerable, marginalized people who would do much better if the funds were directed into desperately needed social services. Here is some money that can be readily transferred for this purpose. So please do so.

This wasteful use of funds also suggests that there may be other programs in the Sacramento PD that are equally useless. Please consider an audit of the Department with an eye towards finding funds that can be allocated for socially beneficial purposes in our community.

Finally, I watched some of the Measure U advisory committee meeting last night. We need to cut the police budget to help the many people in desperate need here in Sacramento.

Josh Greetan

Location:

Submitted At: 3:51pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose the renewal of this ShotSpotter contract. Did you staff put research the "effectiveness" of this proprietary software? Because there is little to no, independent evidence/data that the system reduces gun violence. In your own "report" (a table) on the effectiveness of ShotSpotter, you don't mention any data regarding gun violence for any of the periods and therefore, cant make a conclusion that the system is effective in reducing it. The table instead lists the number of activations the system logged. You state how many arrests you've made, but don't provide evidence of what people were arrested for or whether they were the individuals involved. How much evidence do you have that these weapons were actually the ones that activated the system? What is a "positive contact with the community"? Divest Measure U funding from SacPD and invest in the community (jobs, education, housing) the things that do in fact have a substantial amount of data for reducing crime.

Marcie Murtha

Location:

Submitted At: 3:47pm 06-16-20

I oppose any funds for this gun detection system or contract for monitoring. This is not how city funds should be spent. This matter deserves more consideration and public input. I vehemently oppose this agenda item and ask that funds instead be used to support existing organizations that prioritize the health and safety of our community instead of adding more surveillance and policing.

Craig Segall

Location:

Submitted At: 3:39pm 06-16-20

I request that this item be removed from the consent calendar. As the comments in this file attest, this is a highly controversial decision, warranting public engagement and council debate. The key point is that Measure U dollars are not appropriate for this purpose. Both half-cents in Measure U are intended for community development, not for police. Moreover, there are major process flaws here; the Measure U committee has been marginalized and the Mayor himself acknowledged last night that the committee has not been properly consulted, and apologized. Now is the not the time to nonetheless divert millions of Measure U dollars without committee review, and certainly not after the city has received mass comments opposing further police department funding.

Mandeep Hothi

Location:

Submitted At: 3:33pm 06-16-20

I oppose investing any city funds in renewing a frivolous "gun detecting" technology that is actively diverting money which could go towards community programs and services. A contract with Shotspotter only serves to illustrate just how wasteful and irresponsible Sacramento has been with its budget in previous years, especially considering how ineffective Shotspotter is. Do not renew this contract, and invest the \$2 million dollars in campaigns that build up Sacramento instead of ceaselessly policing it.

Rowen Soraya

Location:

Submitted At: 3:32pm 06-16-20

I live in district 4, and I oppose investing funds into gun fire detection. I see why we might think that is a good investment coming from a law enforcement perspective, but I personally would rather see us investing in community services that help communities in the long term. To quote Tracy Chapman cops "always come late if they come at all." I am not interested in our local city council approving funds for things that come after the fact over more productive community building services that help prevent the need for funding gunshot detection technology. Please prioritize the community and what we state our needs are over fancy technology that really isn't helping the issue you think it will resolve.

Lilly Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 06-16-20

I oppose this, and every other cent the City is spending on the police. Your constituents have spent hours letting

you know how we'd like you to spend our tax dollars. It is not on the police. Please hear us. Please listen especially to the Black community. I live in District 4.

Chelsea Renneke

Location:

Submitted At: 3:22pm 06-16-20

As a resident of Sacramento, I oppose this investment of funds in to gun fire detection. Sacramentans are calling for more funds to be invested in our communities, instead of in to continually oppressive policing of those communities. There are better solutions to our communities' ailments—increased surveillance is not one of them. Further, we shouldn't be directing taxpayer funds to for-profit companies when we could direct them to social services.

Whitney Delgado

Location:

Submitted At: 3:22pm 06-16-20

While it may seem that the Gunfire Detection System is to help the public please know that the public does not want to be recorded like this in the name of safety. As someone who had never heard gunfire before I often thought that flash bangs used by the local Police/Sheriff/CHP during the protests were gunshots. They were not. Please do not waste money on equipment to eavesdrop on the residents of Sacramento. Invest in more art, ADA upgrades, road upgrades, pedestrian upgrades. Our money shouldn't be used to spy on us.

aleah rosario

Location:

Submitted At: 3:12pm 06-16-20

I oppose this investment in gun fire detection

Melissa O'Neil

Location:

Submitted At: 3:12pm 06-16-20

As a member of the Sacramento community, I strongly oppose the implementation of this detection system. This is an extremely expensive technology, and previous municipalities have not seen any benefits that justify its implementation. Instead, use the 2M to invest in community programs that are directly addressing the causes of gun violence such as the Black Child Legacy Campaign.

Hannah Schanzer

Location:

Submitted At: 2:55pm 06-16-20

As a resident Sacramento, District 4, I strongly oppose this motion. Please do not approve the renewal of the City's agreement with ShotSpotter Inc for three gunshot detection systems in the amount of \$2,544,008. This is an extremely expensive technology with little to no data to support that it measurably decreases gun violence in comparison to other strategies. The City of Charlotte cancelled their contract with SpotShotter in 2016, stating that system did help them make arrests or identify crime victims. link:
<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/crime/article59685506.html>.

Last night, Mayor Steinberg said he was going to try as hard as he could to find \$5 million dollars to establish a new civilian unit to handle non-criminal 911 calls involving mental illness and homelessness.. Rejecting this contract extension and redirecting these funds would be a perfect place to start.

Esther Santacruz

Location:

Submitted At: 2:54pm 06-16-20

I oppose the passing of the supplemental agreement with ShotSpotter. I urge the council to instead direct this funding to our communities and education system.

Grayson Doucette

Location:

Submitted At: 2:36pm 06-16-20

Aside from concerns I have for implementing additional policing systems and the importance of reassessing our overall department funding, I take issue with the importance of this measure in the middle of a pandemic. Our education systems and other social services urgently need bolstered funding during recovery and beyond. The use of Measure U to fund this proposal seems out of place when there are many more vital public services that need funding desperately. Especially when the last shotspotter contract was for \$1.3 million. Please vote no on Agenda Item 8.

Amy Kuo

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 06-16-20

Do not approve this \$2M+ contract with ShotSpotter Inc. - investment in this technology not only diverts needed funds away from community needs but also serves as another form of surveillance in communities of color.

Irene Glickman

Location:

Submitted At: 2:30pm 06-16-20

I oppose this the schools need more funding and not law enforcement I am a resident of Sacramento County.

Emma Johnston

Location:

Submitted At: 2:18pm 06-16-20

This is an extremely expensive technology with little to no data to support that it measurably decreases gun violence in comparison to other strategies. As a result, several cities have dropped their contracts with ShotSpotter. The Report attached to this item claims that the technology has been "successful" without any proof that this technology is more cost-effective than other crime reduction measures. It is unclear from the Report how many arrests were made with ShotSpotter Activation only, or how many arrests could have been made with citizen calls and traditional surveillance alone. If I'm interpreting these data incorrectly, then this information should be presented in a more transparent way and we should rethink signing off up to \$4.3 million of public dollars on a consent agenda item that uses a meager table as our "proof" that this system works. I am disheartened to see that my Measure U tax dollars as a D4 resident are used to pay for cost-ineffective technology.

Jasper Claypool

Location:

Submitted At: 2:01pm 06-16-20

Gunfire detection and surveillance is an incredibly asinine item to even think about adding to our budget. Instead, we should divert this money to schools and youth programs that teach safety skills and health.

Sonja Glasser

Location:

Submitted At: 1:57pm 06-16-20

Do not renew this contract. The money could be allocated to other programs that truly get to the root of the violence within communities . It is time focus on and listen to the initiatives proposed by each community.

Margret Shepard

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56pm 06-16-20

I oppose this motion for additional funding for the Gunfire Detection System. City governments should be investing in supporting communities with increased funding for education, mental health and general healthcare, housing, and ending homelessness.

Angelica Glickman

Location:

Submitted At: 1:52pm 06-16-20

I am a resident of Sacramento County and I strongly oppose that \$2M be spent on gunfire detection. It is a waste of money that will not solve the root issue! Our community needs a big shift that they will finally benefit from. Using these funds for schooling, youth programs, housing, community projects, and mental health services will directly benefit our community.

Katie Little

Location:

Submitted At: 1:47pm 06-16-20

This initiative represents another example of the oppressive police presence and over-policing in our communities, especially our communities of color. We need more resources invested in education, community services, mental health and youth programs. We do not need a gunshot monitoring system. Get rid of it. Invest in humane services that improve quality of life.

Kaitlin McPhee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose The passing of a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a supplemental agreement with ShotSpotter Inc., to continue monitoring services for three gunshot detection systems in the amount of \$2,544,008. We need to invest funds in the community, not in policing.

Nicole Schedler

Location:

Submitted At: 1:40pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this motion. Funding the ShotSpotter system only further invests in reactionary policing practices-- which target people of color as exemplified through the locations of the systems-- rather than allocating funds towards preventative measures such as education and youth outreach. This would also be an easy project to defund since it's a contract with an outside company.

Nayely Ramirez

Location:

Submitted At: 1:39pm 06-16-20

Sacramentans are calling on the City Council to invest in communities. That means stop allocating public dollars to aid and protect the Police Department. The ShotSpotter Inc. technology will not lead to community growth, improvement, or empowerment. We do not need to budget \$2,544,008-\$4,333,144 for GDS. That is a waste. Instead, find ways to fund Black and Brown communities and resources to educate, feed, house, and care for children and women.

Emily Wonder

Location:

Submitted At: 1:36pm 06-16-20

I am a resident of Sacramento, and I oppose any further funding of infrastructure that will support policing. Sacramento needs to defund the police, not give them more tools to oppress people. This money should instead be used to invest in communities.

Vanessa Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 06-16-20

If reducing gun violence is a priority for the city, maybe invest the millions of dollars proposed to address the issues at the core of gun violence. Outsourcing this money to private contractors does not help your community at all—invest in preventative measures including education, affordable housing, healthcare. Help your communities! Listen to our needs!

Brie Bel

Location:

Submitted At: 12:59pm 06-16-20

There has been already way too much funding for police and guns! This 2-4 billion \$\$\$ needs to be put towards

education, rehabilitation, mental health & youth groups.

Malcolm Abbey

Location:

Submitted At: 12:41pm 06-16-20

This contract only serves to redirect taxpayer funds to for-profit companies. Investing in communities and social programs treats the cause of gun violence and that is what these funds should be used for.

Garrett Shields

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 06-16-20

Amid calls to defund the police, frustrations at the Council's tepid--at best--response to these calls, and underfunding of preventive and social services, I cannot see how you can support funding of over \$2.5 million dollars for this contract. This is an easy project to defund as it does not even involve staffing, only an outside contract. Do not execute this supplemental agreement or begin a new contract with ongoing expenses.

Molly Hallweaver

Location:

Submitted At: 12:36pm 06-16-20

This is a waste of 2-4 billion dollars that could be instead invested in public schools and education initiatives around gun control and gun violence.

Mary Mills

Location:

Submitted At: 12:12pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this motion. It is the responsibility of the City Council to fund measures that build communities rather than further targeting and incarcerating. Stop investing in police and start investing in preventative measures like education, health care, housing, homelessness. Use tax payer dollars responsibly.

Felisa Concepcion

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50am 06-16-20

The community is demanding you defund the police department which includes not funding THIS. We need gun PREVENTION programs and resources. Targeting gunfire will not prevent gun violence, communities need community based programming that HELPS US NOT INCARCERATE US!

Elizabeth Colin

Location:

Submitted At: 11:19am 06-16-20

There are better ways to send the money. This contract should not be renewed. This is a misuse of funds. And simply ridiculous and unnecessary.

Cassy Friedrich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 06-16-20

Please listen to the community who is being loud and clear that we do not want more spending for the police. We need to fund education, health care, housing, access to food and other solutions to eliminate poverty. The police will never make this community safer.

Char Brunet

Location:

Submitted At: 10:42am 06-16-20

This is not right. Please use this money to invest in community based resources that are more effective at reducing violence in Sacramento. Does arresting people really reduce gun violence? Look at the numbers people.

Haley Rentfro

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52am 06-16-20

There are better ways to use this money. Invest in communities and measures that work to prevent gun violence.

Ashley Robb

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40am 06-16-20

This is a gross misuse of funds. This system is only set up in three areas of the city: three-square-mile areas in the south and the north, and 1.84 miles in the East. Compared to the entire city of Sacramento, that is purely ridiculous to use millions of dollars in such a small areas for a system that the data doesn't show significant impact. It is just another way to monitor, target, and persecute people in these neighborhoods, giving officers a "reason" to harass people. Disgusting. There are far better ways to use this money — it is time for the city to use funds for proactive purposes rather than reactive. DO NOT RENEW THIS CONTRACT.

Anna Perantoni

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20am 06-16-20

Under no circumstances should additional public funds be allocated to the policing of Sacramento residents until substantive reforms of the police department are enacted.

Elizabeth Sivell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14am 06-16-20

It is a waste of money to continue using the shot spotter system. Funds should be reallocated into our communities rather than into the police department

Tori White

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15am 06-16-20

Invest in essential services for communities; protect renters from COVID evictions; defund police. Don't invest in this contract.

Adan Hensley

Location:

Submitted At: 4:09am 06-16-20

In your own report on the effectiveness of ShotSpotter, you don't have anything that even remotely relates to the system reducing violence. You state how many "activations" the system had. So is this report just here to tell us that the thing is switched on? Does that mean it actually DID anything? You state how many arrests you've made. So your only measure of success is how many more people you can stuff into crowded, unhealthy (mentally and physically) jails? You state how many guns you seized. So what matters is that you have the gun at the end of the day, even when the gun has already been used and any sort of crime already committed? Lastly, you state how many "positive contacts with the community" you had. Who determines what the very vague phrase "positive contact" is? You. Not the community the police is meant to protect, but the corrupt police themselves feel it's their place to determine what the community wants. Defund the police. Invest in the communities.

Kris Roh

Location:

Submitted At: 2:36am 06-16-20

This program should be discontinued. Several cities across the US have discontinued their relationships with ShotSpotter in the last five years. Our own Sacramento County Sheriff's Office discontinued their ShotSpotter program last year, citing budget constraints. I can't imagine the return on investment is anywhere near worthwhile, considering that this technology does not actually prevent gun violence. We're better off spending 2 million on affordable housing, assistance for businesses struggling as a result of COVID closures, and social services that actually prevent people from committing crimes in the first place.

Kaitlyn OBryon

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34am 06-16-20

I do not believe this is a necessary allocation of the Sacramento city budget. This money should instead be used to pay reparations to Black and Brown communities and community members. Sacramento can set an example for other cities in this country if it chooses to value the lives of its people over its corporate interests. Do the right thing. Defund the police and create a new system that works for everyone by prioritizing Black and Brown people and putting your money where your mouth is.

Eden Lange

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39pm 06-15-20

\$2 million should go towards supporting the Sacramento community and its members. Starting with defunding the police force that has proven time and time again to put our Black and POC citizens at risk, and then putting that money towards services like community-led models that actually benefit these communities and would lead to a decrease in crimes is a start. I am furious that it is even being considered to spend my tax dollars on GDS. Implement preventive measures to violence, like youth programs, mental health services, housing assistance, rehabilitation centers, and education. Stop treating the symptoms and ignoring the cause.

Allison Thrower

Location:

Submitted At: 6:37pm 06-15-20

I'm a Sacramento resident and I am absolutely against using GDS. There are far better uses for over \$2M of our taxes -- youth programs and housing assistance, to name a couple.

Stop wasting our money on the *symptoms* of gun violence and start spending on *preventative* measures that will actually heal the community.

Delany Broome

Location:

Submitted At: 6:20pm 06-15-20

I strongly oppose the gunfire detection system, it is a waste of community funds and resources

Zac Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 06-15-20

Very little data exists to suggest that implementation of GDT products like Shotspotter are effective in responding to gun violence incidents. Spending \$2,544,008 on this technology is a waste of money that could easily go towards addressing the root causes of gun violence (income inequality, housing segregation, lack of funding for education and community services). Please oppose the continuation of this program.

Josephine Vander Klay

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 06-15-20

Instead of putting \$2,000,000 of our community's money into /responding/ to gun violence, put that money into preventative measures like community-building, youth programs and support (especially during the summer), banning the buying and selling of guns within Sacramento County, and more. Also, do these machines tell the difference between gunshots and fireworks? Why do we need more technology for surveillance of our communities instead of putting programs and money into the community itself?

Emily Lovell

Location:

Submitted At: 12:39pm 06-15-20

Are you freaking kidding me?!?!? 2.5 to 4.3 million dollars spent on this bogus technology? Allocating this amount of funding to "speed up response time to gun violence" instead of investing in preventative measures an idiotic choice at best. Make yourselves useful and just shut this nonsense down. The funding for this contract will be

partially supplied by Measure U - a funding source that was promised to be dedicated to "restoring essential services". The racist police are certainly not essential and neither is this nonsense gunfire detection system!

Carol Bohaty

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24pm 06-14-20

I strongly oppose this. Please use this money to fund programs that PREVENT gun violence - community programs such as mental health services, education, youth programs, housing, etc. That way, you wouldn't have to come up with this type of system in the first place. Allocating more funds to the Sacramento Police is not progressing our community, it is keeping it status quo (which is not benefiting our community right now) and moving backwards. We must invest in community programs in order to move forward and help the people in our community!

Andrea Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07pm 06-14-20

I oppose this expenditure, not only because a quick google search reveals that this technology is faulty and some cities are now abandoning it; not only because the Community Police Oversight Commission has been asking for meetings for months, and asking for information from SPD for YEARS... but because the Black Child Legacy Campaign is asking for only \$2 million to PREVENT gun violence instead of spending \$4 million to listen to it. I urge you to include the Oversight Commission in these major funding decisions. Do the communities with these cameras even want them there? We have so many needs in this city, let's start to fund them instead.

Cassie Becker

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 06-14-20

What an enormous waste of public funds. I do not support continuing this program at all. We need to be investing all of these funds in preventing the problems that lead to any gunfire in the first place. Defund this program and move the funds to community programs, housing, schools, clinics, and anything else that actually helps the communities the people of this council serve.

Eunice Roh

Location:

Submitted At: 4:36pm 06-14-20

Until the City of Sacramento reviews its police department, all new funding augmentations such as this should be on pause. I urge the City Council to hear its residents, review our priorities, and budget in accordance to our values.

Collin Kemp

Location:

Submitted At: 3:35pm 06-14-20

This program should be defunded and discontinued. It's clear where the city council's priorities lie, considering that the gunfire detection system is set up to monitor North Sacramento and South Sacramento. These neighborhoods are home to more black and disadvantaged people than whiter, wealthier neighborhoods like Land Park. If the Mayor wants to kneel with protesters and chant Black Lives Matter, he should back his words with actions. Also, the cost of this program is absurd. \$4,333,144 is enough money to pay one month's rent of \$1,500 for almost 3,000 households. This is a shameful mis-allocation of taxpayer dollars.

John Hawkins

Location:

Submitted At: 2:41pm 06-14-20

I am against the gunfire detection system. The money should be invested in the community: housing, education, healthcare, mental health services, youth programs, etc. It should not go to the over-funded police department. We need to focus on the cities poverty stricken neighborhoods and address the root causes of societal ills.

Martha Paterson-Cohen

Location:

Submitted At: 2:07pm 06-14-20

I am writing to oppose the extension of this contract. I also oppose the use of Measure U funds for the police department, especially equipment with unproven utility. A google search quickly produced a study that questions this product, in that it increases other costs to the police department in additional police needed to respond to additional calls. [benhttps://www.policechiefmagazine.org/the-hidden-costs-of-police-technology/](https://www.policechiefmagazine.org/the-hidden-costs-of-police-technology/) I also question the need for this in East Sacramento. ShotSpotter will likely try to push for city-wide coverage. Don't do it. As it is, the cost to the City including Measure U funds, for this product has grown from \$150K to \$4 million. I support the defunding of the police department. This would be a good place to start.

Camille Rogado

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 06-13-20

I don't support continuing this program. Efforts and funding should be allocated to youth and community programs that prevent violence. This after-the-fact gunshot monitoring is another excuse for excessive, unnecessary, and ineffective police presence in our neighborhoods.

Vanessa Hernandez

Location:

Submitted At: 5:18pm 06-13-20

I'm calling on the city council to take steps to defund the Sacramento Police Department. We need to invest in housing, education, job opportunities, community programs, healthcare, mental health, etc. It is unconscionable that the Sacramento PD has the budget to be so militarized while we have citizens going hungry and facing housing insecurity. Why are we funding a department that criminalizes poverty and blackness when we could be funding schools, clinics, shelters, etc? Why should Sacramento students have more police officers in their schools than counselors and nurses? The Sacramento Police department should not be so heavily funded while other necessities and being neglected. The root causes of crime are not being addressed and that is doing a disservice to the people of Sacramento. Follow the example of other cities that have successfully defunded their police departments and do right by the people you are meant to be serving. Defund Sac PD now!

Megan Cates

Location:

Submitted At: 5:03pm 06-13-20

The City of Sacramento should be allocating money to the community to prevent violence from occurring in the first place rather than funneling more money into the Police Department. Making sure our people are fed, housed, have mental health services and the support they need will make a much bigger change in our community.

Samuel Greenlee

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 06-12-20

The City of Sacramento needs to be seriously pursuing policies that will help to reduce the amount of our budget allocated to the Sacramento Police Department. We need creative civic leadership focused on development that prevents violence before it breaks out. I would like to see the City shift away from programs such as ShotSpotter toward serious engagement with programs such as Advance Peace.

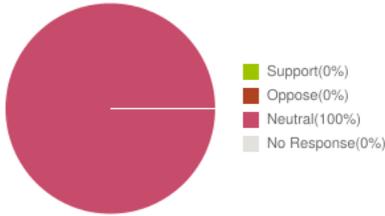
Elizabeth Boyd

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 06-12-20

As a resident of East Sac... And of Sacramento in general, I oppose the continued use of funding to monitor where gunshots are coming from rather than spending that money on prevention. We need more preventative services than enforcement. I appreciate that the shotspotter program may help police target where shots are coming from but it doesn't do enough to prevent further violence. In this time of budget shortfalls, we must be strategic with our spending. This is not worth the cost.

Overall Sentiment



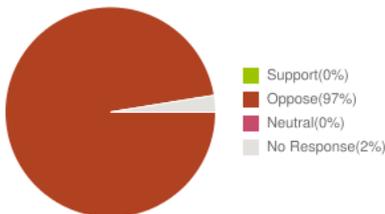
Ashley Robb

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 06-16-20

In light of all that is going on, I hope council members are aware of whatever POST training looks like, and asks questions as to what needs to be revamped/excluded/included in this training. If Los Rios working with the police department to educate potential/future police officers, what needs to change in relation to their training? Before renewing the contract, the city/public needs to know how the curriculum and training is going to change.

Overall Sentiment



Morrigan McLean Haas

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31pm 06-16-20

First of all, nonviolent misdemeanor offenders should not even be incarcerated. Second, unpaid prison labor is just a fancy new word for slavery. I strongly oppose this agreement.

Lenin Rubio

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26pm 06-16-20

The willingness of the City Council to use prison labor at the behest of the Sheriff's department is absolutely disgusting, and that is an understatement. Why don't the police and sheriff's departments make themselves useful and volunteer to do the flood control and landscaping maintenance work themselves? If they were truly so willing to "help the community" and "protect & serve" they should have no objection to volunteering to do the work. Yet they jump at the first opportunity to volunteer to wear riot gear and shoot tear gas and rubber bullets at unarmed protestors. Police do not want to help, they want to feel powerful with a gun and dozens of shackled inmates picking up trash on the side of the highway. This City Council is complicit in facilitating modern slave

labor in the year 2020, and worst of all, shows no remorse. Defund the police. Listen to the people. Black Lives Matter.

Kellie Edson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43pm 06-16-20

Stop exploiting inmates!! This money can be better spent elsewhere. This is MODERN SLAVERY!

Sreya Sinharoy

Location:

Submitted At: 6:30pm 06-16-20

Don't pass. This is absolutely outrageous and unacceptable. Nobody is even trying to mince their words here. There is no place for slave labor in 2020.

Clarissa White

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this motion. As another community member stated, "Anything reliant on the prison industrial complex and its unpaid/severely underpaid, incarcerated workers needs to be put to an end."

Sarah Rambo

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14pm 06-16-20

I absolutely oppose the use of prison labor for anything in this city. Please do better.

Sameul Malicoat

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 06-16-20

Hello, I am a member of the Sacramento Community. I strongly oppose this program, which is just indentured servitude mislabeled. Participants have to pay an application fee of \$80 in addition to \$40 per day is absolutely ridiculous. This is slave labor and this program needs to be immediately stopped. It would be reasonable to GIVE participants minimum wage for their services to the community, but requiring them to pay per day is taking advantage of our citizens and a crime of the state. This should absolutely be abolished.

Beatrice Fung

Location:

Submitted At: 5:58pm 06-16-20

I do not find this use of the funds consistent with the intent of best serving our community.

Lawrence Vossler

Location:

Submitted At: 5:46pm 06-16-20

This is ridiculous, you're willing to give more money to the police but not to work crews who are professionals and could benefit from having a job. You're wanting to save money by using prison labor, y'all's priorities are out of whack. This is prison slave labor and I know y'all will not compensate them or give the any benefits if they were injured. I strongly oppose this.

Nate Zoeller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:42pm 06-16-20

Opposed. Anything reliant on the prison industrial complex and its unpaid/severely underpaid, incarcerated workers needs to be put to an end.

Lauren Hanel

Location:

Submitted At: 5:37pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this, as it perpetuates the prison-industrial complex by exploiting incarcerated individuals through slavery.

Kaitlyn Foster

Location:

Submitted At: 5:35pm 06-16-20

Prison labor is modern slavery. Full stop. As a Sacramento county resident I STRONGLY oppose this.

Lauren Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:34pm 06-16-20

This is forced labor. Pay a management company fair wages for fair labor. Invest in companies and laborers within our community, not prisoners. I strongly oppose this measure.

Kathryn French

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 06-16-20

This is a proposal that perpetuates the demand for slave labor in the form of exploiting people in prisons. It drives the profit motive for the prison industrial complex by creating an incentive to raise inmate populations to provide labor. Furthermore, rates of compensation for inmate workers are alarmingly unethical. Saving costs must not be done at the incredible expense of our incarcerated brothers and sisters.

Rachel Powell

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 06-16-20

It may be cost-effective for the city to use inmate work crews but it is unethical. The city of Sacramento should be prepared to pay work crews a fair wage for the labor they perform. We cannot build a fair and just society on the backs of incarcerated human beings. Reducing the overcrowded population of our jails is especially necessary during a pandemic, but this should be done through making fewer arrests and releasing more people, not through giving inmates the "option" to pay a fee for the opportunity to perform unpaid manual labor through the Alternative Sentencing Program.

Sophia D'Urso

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 06-16-20

I don't support expanding any programs that are advised by the Sheriff's Department. This is essentially a slave labor program. Inmates should have to endure this kind of exploitation.

Jesse Jackson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 06-16-20

Please read my comment aloud. I oppose exploiting inmates as free or lowly paid labor. This is unacceptable and money should not be allocated to Sacramento Sheriff to fund or implement such a plan.

Kirsten Mueting

Location:

Submitted At: 5:08pm 06-16-20

Are we talking about a type of work release program that pays living wages? No, not at all. That would look quite different and would be a different discussion.

Under California law, landscape workers must be paid prevailing wage of \$27.20/hr in Sacramento County. All landscape workers, no matter where they are currently housed, deserve the same. Any costs, hidden or otherwise, associated with participating in this program are unacceptable. I urge you to view the prison population as more than a source of cheap labor and to oppose.

Paige McGlinchy

Location:

Submitted At: 5:03pm 06-16-20

Ah yes, modern day slavery. Stop prison labor or pay them fair wages.

Paul Andrews

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 06-16-20

Buying into the modern day's version of slavery. Wow, you guys are really nailing it over there on being thoroughly out of touch with the community and its priorities. Looks like we'll have to review the council seats coming up for election.

Alejandro Bupara

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 06-16-20

Please read my comment out loud. My name is Alejandro Bupara, resident of zip code 95816. I oppose this inmate street cleaning measure in the Strongest possible terms. Using incarcerated labor to clean the streets would be completely morally & ethically indefensible. In this moment when we are dealing with police, sherriff, and jail abuses, we must NOT provide this increased funding to the sherriffs. Instead, hire people to clean the streets at at a living wage! And release ALL the people incarcerated in Sacramento county jail for the sake of public health - it's impossible to get well in a cell!

Misty Boring

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 06-16-20

I oppose funding a program that relies on inmate labor. It is unacceptable to exploit incarcerated people for unpaid labor. I do not think this is a proper use of resources or treatment of inmates.

Marcie Murtha

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 06-16-20

No funds should be allocated or contracted to Sacramento sheriff for inmate labor schemes. This is not acceptable to require labor without adequate compensation and work place safety. It is 2020 and past time to abolish such practices.

Kathryn Canepa

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this measure. Zero (or even low!) compensation for human beings who are providing services to the City is not ethical nor does it contribute to community development. I urge the City to discontinue this agreement - using inmates for labor without pay is slavery, and an affront to human rights. All work, no matter who performs it, should be compensated at a living wage.

Lilly Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:28pm 06-16-20

Passing this motion would send the message that modern day slavery is tolerated by our leaders. Your consituantes are calling on you to not use labor of people who have been caught in the web of the police. The City has a prevailing wage because I continue to hope that we are a humane City. Do not use slave labor, use a prevailing wage.

Josh Greetan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose the use of prison labor within our community; it perpetuates the prison-industrial complex and is modern day slavery. How about you invest in the community by hiring more city workers or local businesses to

perform this work and our tax dollars would be invested back into the community? Defund the police and reallocate funding to the community to create jobs, another reason I voted for Measure U. It really is a simple concept, that hopefully you will approach with an open mind in effort to understand the underlying meaning, as your community keeps imploring you to do. Mayor Steinberg, if you stop interrupting everyone that is trying to engage with you and listen rather than being on the defensive constantly, I believe you could actually start to lead this community in the right direction. I'll echo a sentiment that is being reiterated over and over again, "your actions (or lack thereof) are stronger than your words". Council members and Mayor Steinberg, do better.

Allison McReynolds

Location:

Submitted At: 4:00pm 06-16-20

I oppose this contract that 1) does not meet minimum or prevailing wage, 2) includes inflated rates for supervisors, and 3) does not meet criteria of City Code Section 3.56.230 to suspend competitive bidding.

1) "City only pays the County's costs to supervise the work inmate crews but does not pay anything for work performed by them." Under California law, landscape workers must be paid prevailing wage of \$27.20/hr in Sacramento County.

2) The daily payment rate is \$949 for one Sheriff's Deputy. This is 250% of the daily (8hr) wage for a Deputy Sheriff Range B. This is an unreasonable markup for a government agency.

3) City Code 3.56.230-C states Council may suspend competitive bidding if "it is in the best interests of the city." Council Report states "The SCSD is the only entity that can provide Work Project inmate crews to perform these services." While this may be true, there is no reason that this work must be performed by an inmate crew, therefore 3.56.230 does not apply.

Craig Segall

Location:

Submitted At: 3:45pm 06-16-20

It is morally abhorrent to use slave labor for city services. The sheriff's work crews are cheap because they are slaves and they are slaves because they have been caught in the web of our overly criminalized and unjust criminal law system. The idea of largely BIPOC prisoners laboring for largely white supervisors on lawns and maintenance is hideous -- and should have ended years ago. Worse, funds to the county sheriff entrench the rule of Scott Jones, who has repeatedly been found to violate state and federal civil rights laws. Bid this contract properly, and exclude any use of slave labor by any bidder.

Mandeep Hothi

Location:

Submitted At: 3:44pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose the use of prison labor. This is slavery by another name, and it is unbelievable that the city of Sacramento would even consider using it. If it's too expensive to continue maintenance of flood control basins and canals, then perhaps the city should look into taking money out of the grossly over-funded Sacramento Police and Sheriff's Departments. Perhaps Sac PD could also be transitioned into jobs that actually benefit society, such as providing flood control and landscaping maintenance services, rather than using taxpayer money to shoot at and teargas unarmed civilians.

Grayson Doucette

Location:

Submitted At: 3:44pm 06-16-20

I oppose this measure. Similar to many of the concerns raised, I ask that if the Sheriff's department does not pay at least prevailing wage for this work that the contract not be issued. We should not devalue the humanity of those in prisons nor perpetuate the prison industrial complex.

Rowen Soraya

Location:

Submitted At: 3:43pm 06-16-20

I oppose unpaid prison labor. Even if you pay prisoners to do this work, its still forced labor. If you want to make an argument for a living wage for prisoners, I would be open to discussing this. I would truly like to see these funds invested in communities. Perhaps offer these jobs up to communities in need of jobs and make it

accessible. Also, make sure the people taking these jobs are paid a livable wage not minimum wage as well as provide them benefits. There are more productive ways to spend these funds over funding the Sheriff's department. Investing in communities is more important than funding prison labor. Perhaps revolutionize this program by taking it away from the Sheriff department and turning it into a post incarceration rehabilitative job program that is voluntary. Again where you pay the people a livable wage and give them benefits.

Melissa O'Neil

Location:

Submitted At: 3:37pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this partnership which utilizes unpaid labor, and in many cases still costs applicants to the program \$80 to apply and costs \$40/day to participate. I called the Alternative Sentencing Department to get an understanding of the program which they say " is designed to provide an opportunity for people to work community service hours in lieu of paying fines. It also allows certain sentenced individuals the ability to work in their community in lieu of serving time in jail." I wanted to know what the effective rate of "payment" for fine reduction was. The representative instead presented the program as primarily for sentenced individuals and it was difficult to get any straight answers. This program is modern slavery. Paying people to work in the community at will to pay off fines is one thing. Exploiting free labor from incarcerated people is another. This program is misrepresented and should not be partnered with or continued.

Whitney Delgado

Location:

Submitted At: 3:33pm 06-16-20

I implore you to think about what passing this motion would do to our city. It would send the message that modern day slavery is tolerated when we the people have implicitly said that this is something we stand against. With COVID there are tons of people left without work, give this work to them and pay them a living wage. If you are to use the inmates they also need to be paid. If this motion is passed there will be people protesting this and heading to the polls to make sure that everyone that passed this is voted out. Realize that this is hurting our community. Divest some money from the Sheriff or Police budget. They don't need more armored cars or rubber bullets, we need to pay people a living wage.

Chelsea Renneke

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 06-16-20

I oppose this because I oppose prison labor! The work project program is nothing more. Reducing unnecessary arrests is a genuine attempt at a solution to overcrowding in prisons due to mass incarceration. Hired individuals should be paid living wages to do this work.

aleah rosario

Location:

Submitted At: 3:13pm 06-16-20

I oppose unpaid prison labor.

Haley Rentfro

Location:

Submitted At: 3:08pm 06-16-20

The language used on the SCSD website is very dangerous for someone who isn't willing or able to read between the lines. The site notes that Alternative Sentencing Program is a "valuable tool... that reduces overcrowding and expenses for local taxpayers... and allows families to stay together and maintain employment." In reality, reducing unnecessary arrests is what allows the above to be true. The ASP consists of nonviolent misdemeanor offenders who are required to pay fees to be a part of the program and in turn receive no compensation. This exploitation incentivizes arrests and leads to more incarceration, which continues to disrupt targeted communities of color. If this is going to be an option for nonviolent misdemeanor offenders, they should not have to pay to be a part of the program and should be compensated fairly.

Esther Santacruz

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 06-16-20

I strongly oppose this project and urge the council to also oppose it. Forcing inmates, who are disproportionately black and brown people, to perform unpaid labor is unethical and should not be supported by our city.

Amy Kuo

Location:

Submitted At: 2:39pm 06-16-20

Flood control and vegetation management are vitally important, but they should be implemented while paying a livable wage. Prison labor is modern day slavery. Do not pass this motion.

Nayely Ramirez

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 06-16-20

Do NOT buy unpaid prison labor from the Sheriff's Department. Unpaid prison labor is a continuation of the system of chattel slavery. The unpaid labor of imprisoned folks is a human rights abuse and I am in direct opposition to this injustice. Our local government prioritizes the hoarding of capital and human bodies. To profit off the labor and lives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color who are intentionally targeted and criminalized by the justice system is White Supremacy. The Council needs to listen to Black Lives Matter activists and concede to the point of investing in communities, rather than robbing our people of their labor and compensation.

Jonathan Escobar

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 06-16-20

Why are unpaid non-violent inmates to do this labor? Why aren't you actually paying people who could reinvest that money back into the community? Or pay the inmates so they can get their lives back on track after getting out from jail? There are better ways, more complicated yes but better in the long term, to build infrastructure while still paying people wages. Inmate labor is modern slavery, and any city council that is complicit in its use instead doing research and contracting local businesses deserves to be condemned. It's easy to get people who have no choice to work. Why don't you actually invest in the community like you say you will?

jaime luo

Location:

Submitted At: 2:11pm 06-16-20

Flood control and landscape maintenance is necessary for preserving the health and integrity of our environment. However, those doing the maintenance work must be compensated fairly with a liveable wage. Inmates are human beings with human rights, not enslaved people. As a resident of Sacramento, I refuse to support a government that abuses its power to force inmates into slavery. Disgusting.

Nicole Schedler

Location:

Submitted At: 2:08pm 06-16-20

I urge the council to oppose this action and discontinue partnering with the Sheriff's Work Project Program which utilizes prison labor--the equivalent to modern day slavery. This item does not establish compensation for inmates who participate in this program and therefore force prisoners to work unpaid, which only serves to continue the cycle of incarceration which already disproportionately impacts people of color.

Margret Shepard

Location:

Submitted At: 2:06pm 06-16-20

I oppose this measure. The city should pay ALL of its workers, and give them protections as employees. Requiring inmates to perform unpaid labor is slavery by another name.

Jasper Claypool

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 06-16-20

Sacramento should not be utilizing what amounts to modern-day slave labor. If prison labor must be used for this project, I demand that the workers be fairly compensated with at least California minimum wage per hour.

Sonja Glasser

Location:

Submitted At: 2:02pm 06-16-20

The labor for this works should be compensated with a liveable wage. Free labor from the prison population is outrageous. Compensation for this work should at least be equal to california minimum wage

Kaitlin McPhee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:47pm 06-16-20

It's is INEXCUSABLE for the city to be using prison labor for landscaping, or for any city project at all. Prison labor is modern day slavery and should be abolished.

Kevin Fernandez

Location:

Submitted At: 1:41pm 06-16-20

This item does not establish a reasonable minimum amount of payment for labor. Please do not support this item

Amy Ithurburn

Location:

Submitted At: 1:39pm 06-16-20

As a District 4 constituent, I demand that you do NOT use unpaid prison labor for flood control and landscaping services.

Emily Wonder

Location:

Submitted At: 1:39pm 06-16-20

Use of incarcerated people for unpaid labor is modern day slavery. The city needs to pay workers.

Martin Burgos

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 06-16-20

This is modern day slavery and should not be allowed to continue.

Vanessa Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 06-16-20

Please read my comment out loud. DO NOT SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF SLAVERY. Using inmates to do labor for the city without compensation is SLAVERY. The city council should refuse to be complicit in this as such exploitation will just lead to increased incarceration since it is incentivized. If you care about your communities, you need to think about ways to decrease incarcerations and abolish prisons and police within the county. Invest the absurd amount of money you put into these systems into community initiatives that make such systems obsolete.

Allison Thrower

Location:

Submitted At: 1:05pm 06-16-20

I would like my comment read aloud

My name is Allison Thrower and I'm a Sacramento resident. I am APPALLED that this agenda item is even being considered. Read loud and clear, please, this passage from the agenda item description:

"Contracting with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Alternative Sentencing Work Project Program

provides a very cost-effective means of accomplishing maintenance of flood control basins and canals since the City only pays the County's costs to supervise the work inmate crews but does not pay anything for work performed by them."

Just so we're all clear, THIS IS SLAVE LABOR.

Furthermore, exploiting inmates this way incentivizes the City AND County to make more bogus arrests that, in turn, lead to more incarceration. I implore you, DO NOT accept agenda item #20.

If inmates can volunteer for work programs, they should be compensated with CA minimum wage (or more) AND reduced sentences in return for helping to better Sacramento.

Thank you.

Maggie Deng

Location:

Submitted At: 12:57pm 06-16-20

I am strongly opposed to the use of city funds towards paying sheriffs to supervise unpaid inmate crews.

This unpaid labor is a form of modern slavery; it exists only because of an exception in the 13th amendment that allows the government to use servitude as punishment for a crime. As more of your constituents are becoming aware of the prison industrial complex, as we see how demands for justice are met with more police violence, and as we struggle to see an end to this pandemic, city council members must re-evaluate whether this agreement serves your community. As a resident of District 3, I am urging city council to oppose this agreement and to reallocate funds to what the community really needs - support for unhoused individuals, for small businesses, for food access, for equitable healthcare, etc. The budget must reflect what Sacramento values and envisions for its future; this agreement with the Work Project Program is not what I want to see in my community.

Malcolm Abbey

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 06-16-20

Using inmates as a labor force is only a rebranding of slavery. Do not allow this atrocity to continue.

Molly Hallweaver

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 06-16-20

This is modern day slavery, and I strongly oppose this measure.

Garrett Shields

Location:

Submitted At: 12:20pm 06-16-20

Continue the competitive bidding and do not support the Sheriff's Work Project Program perpetuating a program where a captive population works for slave wages. Competitive bidding will ensure jobs and money would be injected into the local economy, and it would show that you reject an institutional injustice that underpays California's captive population and disproportionately affects BIPOC.

Giovanni CM

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19pm 06-16-20

This is prison labor and should not be supported. Scott Jones is also a coward.

Shannon Simonds

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19pm 06-16-20

I am urging you to oppose this action. It is wrong to force inmates to perform unpaid labor, especially when many of those inmates are disproportionately Black and brown people, often jailed for crimes white people aren't

incarcerated for (i.e. old marijuana charges) or simply for the inability to pay bail. This is unfair and unjust. Please do not pass this unpaid labor agreement. Please read this comment aloud at the council meeting.

Mary Mills

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 06-16-20

I urge the council to oppose this project. It perpetuates the prison industrial complex and is highly unethical.

Pooja Prasad

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 06-16-20

In a time when atrocities of racial injustice are being brought to light, your constituents are realizing how you are perpetuating harmful behaviors such as the Prison Industrial Complex in our own backyards. This is not ok and will not be stood for. (1) Using inmates for free labor is a form of modern day slavery - a quick google search can prove that to you. (2) Continuing to funnel money into the Sherrif's department is directly at the expense of funding other critical services, such as mental health services, crisis management, and healthcare. Are these the principles you wish to stand for as city council? Modern day slavery and actively denying services to those who need it?

Alicia Souza

Location:

Submitted At: 11:49am 06-16-20

Our budget is a reflection of our values. Prison labor is effectively a continuation of slavery and using funds that are meant for our community to enslave our citizens is despicable. I vehemently oppose the use of any funds for sac sheriff pricson labor.

Use these funds to invest in our community. Youth counselors, programs for our unhoused community, drug rehabilitation, mental health programs. We have an opportunity to change lives and instead we are funding the enslavement of people who, with access to the above names resources would otherwise have the opportunity to thrive. Change isn't easy, it's going to take work, but as you sit there from your place of privilege, I ask you to reflect on the community that has afforded you that privilege. Does everyone in Sacramento not deserve a thriving community?

As I said before, our budget reflects the beliefs of our city and our community. Do we really want to continue the legacy of enslavement in Sacramento? Oppose and progress.

Brie Bel

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47am 06-16-20

This is modern day slavery. instead of getting free labor from inmates with so many unjust arrests pay for a local person of color owned business to do the landscaping ...you've gotten enough for free!

Felisa Concepcion

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47am 06-16-20

Really Mayor Steinberg and City Councilmembers? You want to buy unpaid labor of incarcerated Black and Brown people? You want to condone slavery? This is not okay and the city of Sacramento OPPOSES this. We expect so much better of you as leaders and to try and profit off of slavery is such a disappointment. Do not move forward with the this.

Chelsea Kelleher

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 06-16-20

Sacramento should not use unpaid inmate labor to complete city projects. Use our tax money to invest in our citizens rather than extracting free labor.

Olivia Alexander

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 06-16-20

People must be paid for their work. Prison labor is unethical and absolutely cannot be allowed in our city.

Alex Cassanova

Location:

Submitted At: 11:03am 06-16-20

As a resident of district 4, I ask that our city council rescind this agreement with the Sheriff's office, repurpose this funding and stand against the use of unpaid prison labor. This plan is exploitative and it rewards our law enforcement and conveys a level of trust in their work that is not representative of the beliefs of Sacramentans at large.

Cassy Friedrich

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00am 06-16-20

Instead of allocating money to the Sheriff to support modern-day slavery, please allocate more money away from law enforcement to create real employment opportunities for Sacramento residents.

Emma Johnston

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 06-16-20

As a resident of District 4, I am disappointed to see that my City is willing to give the County Sheriff department's massive budget another \$150,000 this year and \$600,000 over four years to supervise inmate crews. Contracting with the Sheriff isn't "free." You could use the \$600,000 to pay full or part-time laborers, such California Conservation Corps crew-members, to do this work instead of paying the sheriff. We need to imagine a world where we think of each of these contracts as an opportunity to invest in our City and create jobs for its people. Calling this a "cost-cutting measure" is dishonest and I am saddened to see us continue to grow the prison-industrial complex in our own backyards.

Anna Perantoni

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 06-16-20

We will not condone or allow unpaid prison labor in Sacramento! Absolutely unethical and abhorrent. Use money from the defunded police department (because y'all are going to do that, right?...) to create jobs and pay fair wages to members of the community.

Elizabeth Sivell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:22am 06-16-20

I do not support unpaid prison labor as it is a form of modern day slavery. If prisoners are going to work they should also receive pay. Money going to the sheriff's supervising work should instead be used to pay wages for the prisoners.

Tori White

Location:

Submitted At: 6:22am 06-16-20

Unpaid prison labor is wrong.

Adan Hensley

Location:

Submitted At: 4:19am 06-16-20

You all think that it's okay to force prisoners to work, when so many people are imprisoned because society forced them to be. When there are so few opportunities to succeed in this city as a Black and Brown person, people do what they need to survive, and are punished for it. Work is so scarce in the outside world, but inside the walls of a prison, it is all of a sudden so abundant? Cut the bull. End slavery now.

Eden Lange

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27pm 06-15-20

I do not support giving inmates unpaid work. Until black men and women are no longer imprisoned at alarmingly high rates we cannot continue to allow companies or cities to exploit them for labor. This is the loophole to modern day slavery, and Sacramento residents will not stand for it!

Moiz Mir

Location:

Submitted At: 3:18pm 06-15-20

I am deeply concerned that the City of Sacramento intends to use unpaid prison labor, while funding the County Sheriff department. I demand that this agreement be fully cancelled, and that all funding instead be redirected to groups like the California Conservation Corps. Having volunteered for the Mayor's Office, I had the opportunity to go on a tour firsthand of facilities like the CCC and Grid Alternatives. I've commented similarly before to the Mayors' Climate Commission following the student summits I organized and hosted for you: both college and high school students across the Sacramento region overwhelmingly want to see investment in sustainable job training. This. is. not. it.

It is a conflict of interest for the County Sheriff to be funded by the city to supervise unpaid prison labor, creating a financial incentive for the County Sheriff to incarcerate members of our community. We know that Black and brown communities are targeted by policing because they are vulnerable.

Josephine Vander Klay

Location:

Submitted At: 2:14pm 06-15-20

I am opposed to the use of prison labor for landscaping maintenance. Are the imprisoned persons paid for their work the minimum wage in California? Are they paid at all? How about instead of using labor stolen from persons with nonviolent misdemeanor charges, we hire people just released from prison to do this work? How about we use the money from the gun-hearing technology to pay imprisoned people for the work they do for our city? How about we use that money for programs to help re-instate people released from prison back into society? How about we give them jobs, a livable income, and housing so they aren't thrown back into a cycle that lands them in jail again? Prison labor is, as per the constitution, equal to SLAVE LABOR and we should not allow it in our city. Putting imprisoned people to work for our community does nothing to "rehabilitate" them if they don't also have access to mental health services, support from friends and family, programs for re-entry into society, etc.

Cassie Becker

Location:

Submitted At: 5:05pm 06-14-20

I'm opposed to contracting the Sheriff's Department for this program. Having prisoners conduct this work is tantamount to slave labor. This contract needs to go to a company or companies that pay employees and treat them fairly so the money can go back into the economy of Sacramento (verifiably leading to more economic returns for a community) rather than into more policing. Please do what's right and find a company to do this work.

John Hawkins

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 06-14-20

I am against contracting with the Sacramento County sheriff's department for this program. The sheriff's department should be defunded and the money put to constructive uses, such as mental health services, housing, preventing food insecurity, and education. Moreover, using inmate labor is morally wrong.

Vanessa Hernandez

Location:

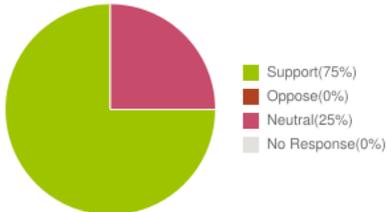
Submitted At: 2:41pm 06-14-20

I am opposed to contracting with the Sac County Sheriff's Department for this program. We do not need to be giving the Sheriff's department any more money. We should be defunding the Sheriff's department and focusing

on preventing crime and violence. We need to invest in education, healthcare, housing, mental health services, access to healthy foods for all, etc. Also, it isn't right to put inmates to work and not pay them for the work they perform. Prison labor is wrong.

Agenda Item: eComments for 21. Agreement: Flood Control and Landscaping Maintenance Services with Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) (Two-Thirds Vote Required) File ID: 2020-00541

Overall Sentiment



Morrigan McLean Haas

Location:

Submitted At: 9:37pm 06-16-20

I support using SRCC to fulfill the city's flood control and landscaping needs, and I agree with my fellow community member that goats would be an excellent addition to the vegetation management team.

Sameul Malicoat

Location:

Submitted At: 6:20pm 06-16-20

Hello, I am a member of the Sacramento Community. I support utilizing SRCC for flood control and landscaping maintenance. There is another program proposed to accomplish this, that is just mislabeled slave labor! Using SRCC to improve Sacramento should be used instead, as this will be creating Sacramento jobs and not using slave labor.

Melissa O'Neil

Location:

Submitted At: 3:43pm 06-16-20

I support working with the SRCC for flood control and landscaping services. We should be using this need for workers to create jobs, not to exploit free labor from incarcerated individuals.

Muriel Strand

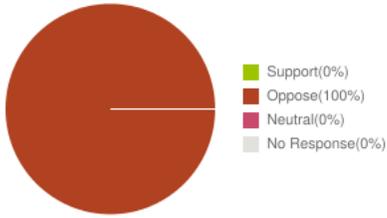
Location: 95820, Sacramento

Submitted At: 4:40pm 06-15-20

the city could leverage this outlay by including goats to assist in vegetation management. vendors such as Goats R Us <http://www.goatsrus.com/contact.htm> or the herd from blue tent farms that chows down in west sac. <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/residents/west-sac-goats> at the same time, CCC youth could be adding another useful skill to their toolkit.

Agenda Item: eComments for 28. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 Business Improvement Area Annual Report [Noticed 06/05/2020] File ID: 2020-00117

Overall Sentiment



Paige McGlinchy

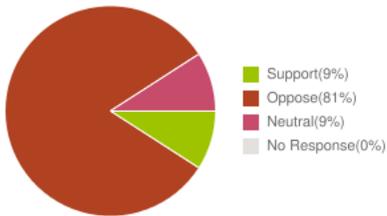
Location:

Submitted At: 5:22pm 06-16-20

Stop giving Sac PD more money

Agenda Item: eComments for 31. Ordinance Amending Sections 17.216.510, 17.228.920, 17.424.060 and 17.424.070 of the Sacramento City Code Relating to Cannabis Uses in the Shopping Center Zone and the Del Paso Boulevard/Arden Way Special Planning District (M19-005) [Noticed 06/05/2020; Passed for Publication 06/06/2020; Published 06/05/2020] File ID: 2020-00598

Overall Sentiment



Moiz Mir

Location:

Submitted At: 6:26pm 06-16-20

I'm hearing a lot of public comment and comment from councilmembers around concerns about the legal sale of marijuana. I'm wondering why these concerns aren't also raised on items that allow the sale of alcohol, which is also a legal product but has been shown to be much more harmful to public and individual health than marijuana is.

Sean Loloee

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 06-16-20

As a member of the District 2 community, I am opposed to these proposed amendments because I believe that we must focus on more important issues at hand. Additionally, I do NOT support the over saturation of cannabis businesses in District 2 because they inhibit our ability to create and maintain environments that are safe and family-friendly. Please see attached letter for more details.

Giselle Rucker

Location:

Submitted At: 4:31pm 06-16-20

New Faze Development? After Allen Warren saturates us with all his planned Marijuana outlets, he should rename his company Purple Haze Development. How are we in the North area so lucky!

Emily Erickson

Location:

Submitted At: 4:14pm 06-16-20

Hey, Mr. Warren, why do you want to expose my three children to a huge presence of Marijuana, just because we are low income? You own so much property out here and will benefit from this. Such Corruption!

Larry Glover-Meade

Location:

Submitted At: 4:01pm 06-16-20

Violence, racism, and oppression come in many forms. This proposed ordinance is a form of violence.

Why are most of these businesses based in low-income and communities of color?

Why do some communities receive multi-million dollar aquatic complexes and corporate headquarters and others receive an over-concentration of cannabis businesses?

CORE Participants should be given priority to establish their business in areas where there isn't any competition - North Natomas, East Sac, Land Park, and the Pocket.

This is, yet again, an example of the city requiring black and brown communities to take an unequal and inequitable burden.

Each district should have an equal cap of businesses.

My son should be able to live in a healthy thriving community. Do you agree? Or do you think that is solely reserved for whiter and richer areas?

Please vote no. Black Lives Matter - zoning and planning can be a tool of violence or a tool of equity. What side do you want to be on?

Frank A. Louie

Location:

Submitted At: 3:35pm 06-16-20

This public comment is being submitted on behalf of the Sacramento Asian-Pacific Chamber of Commerce and its Sacramento Grow Green Program, in partnership with the City of Sacramento's CORE program. We are in support of expanding the allowable zoning for storefront retail cannabis dispensaries in Shopping Center zones.

In addition, we are respectfully requesting that the Council look at expanding the allowable zoning for storefront retail cannabis dispensaries downtown into C3 zoning as well. We submitted this request during the last Law and Legislation Committee hearing and respectfully request that you direct the Law and Legislation Committee to agendize this issue. We welcome being part of that discussion at future Law and Legislation hearings.

We have conducted Study Missions to other cities and have seen firsthand how retail storefront cannabis dispensaries, when done right, have served to enhance the retail landscape in downtown's.

Frank A. Louie
SacAsian Chamber of Commerce

Nancy Kitz

Location:

Submitted At: 3:25pm 06-16-20

There is no nexus between the SPD cannabis amendments and the CORE Ordinance. No nexus between the amendments and Mr. Warren's ("AW") constituents' needs. In fact, the amendments are the complete opposite of what AW promised, namely: To prohibit all cannabis uses in the SPD. Instead, in private consultations with

Planning he unilaterally decides that he wants all of these uses in the SPD. Between January and April, without community feedback or support, AW communicated with Staff and participated in formulating these amendments allowing cannabis within the SPD.

The big problem here is that the AW owns 14 properties in the SPD and recently has bid on 5. The City Ethics Code, the Political Reform Act, and his fiduciary duty to the people of D2, preclude him from this kind of activity. Please remove the SPD amendments from this item which are more about the Councilman's own financial interests and not the people's. If you don't, City Council will be condoning this illegal activity.

Karen Solberg

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 06-16-20

Yes, I voted to legalize it because I was tired of so many young people getting criminal records. I did not vote for it in order to have greedy developers impose their vision on the main retail corridor In all of North Sac, in cahoots with a few others whose only desire is to secure as much money as possible, including Mayor Steinberg who is reportedly salivating over tax revenues. There is a reason why the Twin Rivers School Board passed a resolution in opposition to more marijuana retail; a reason why other areas such as the Pocket and Fair Oaks do not have any; a reason why property values in North Sac remain low. There is absolute corruption going on here with one of the applicants, Ms. Romo, sponsoring fundraisers for Warren, and his longtime former henchman, Daniel Savala, now a mouthpiece for the marijuana industry after having left his employ under murky circumstances. The FBI is certainly on to this with various investigations and convictions going on as we speak.

Jane Macaulay

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 06-16-20

This item should be removed until after the November election. Mr. Warren's vision for the Del Paso Blvd/Arden Way Special Planning District began in November 2016. The problem is that this permanent and long term vision for our business corridor has had no public participation and no public input. Here we are now battling the vision and goals for one of our prominent business corridors in ONLINE COMMENTS. Our councilman owns a dozen properties in the SPD & created sweet deals in real estate for his friends. (including dispensary lic. and core program access) & he continues to bid on properties in SPD. See 11/22/16 Council meeting where Mr. Warren states: "this is a once in a lifetime opportunity" when referring to buildings/rents in area of "low income" and "community of color" during a conversation about MARIJUANA legislation for our district. That is where his plan began - and now he sits on a dozen vacant properties. (see vacant property map)

vk updyke

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42pm 06-15-20

The plan for this area of district 2 lacks vision and inspiration. In one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of the city, with so little opportunities for people of color, this is the best plan? This would never pass in any other district! It's a complete disservice to these kids' futures. I've lived in Sacramento over 40 years, this area has never been treated as an asset or a place/people with potential - it's a shame.

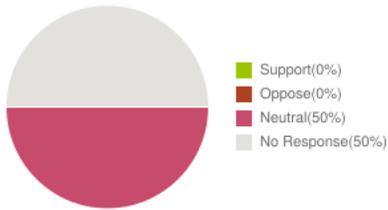
Cassie Becker

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 06-14-20

Adult use of cannabis is legal in the state of California, and the heavy taxes on it bring a large amount of money into a state. I oppose the council's attempt to choose which legal commercial businesses are allowed to be where and don't understand why any time has been spent on this issue. If a shopper doesn't want to go to a store in a commercial area, they just won't. It seems nonsensical to spend time designating cannabis shops a special case and making things even more difficult for a legal business.

Overall Sentiment



Darrene Hackler

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26pm 06-16-20

The city has an adopted policy regarding inclusive and equitable investments in the city's neighborhoods. The pandemic has taken advantage of the inequities. The survey, reporting, and all investments should probe those issues for more targeted responses.

Amanda Wallner

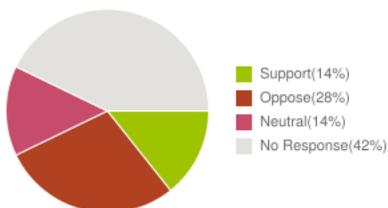
Location:

Submitted At: 7:19pm 06-16-20

In future polls related to the well-being of Sacramento residents, the city should ensure that surveys collect comprehensive sexual orientation and gender identity data. Without asking these questions, we cannot fully understand the impacts of COVID-19 and other issues on LGBTQ Sacramentans.

Agenda Item: eComments for 33. City Council COVID-19 Response: CARES Act Framework and Funding Priorities; Establish Emergency Programs - Small Business Recovery Program File ID: 2020-00707

Overall Sentiment



Annette Emery

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19pm 06-16-20

GNNA is asking you to protect the \$10M Business Stabilization Fund already approved by the City Council to provide forgivable loans/grants. This critical funding will serve to stabilize the Northgate Business corridor and ensure equity to our marginalized and historically disadvantaged community. Additionally, we request that you vote to allocate an additional \$5M in forgivable loans to small businesses that were impacted by theft and vandalism due to the recent unrest.

GNNA questions whether utilizing a lottery system for the final selection of small business grants/loans will be equitable. While it appears it will be fair, it may not translate in ensuring these funds are distributed to a cross section of historically underserved communities. GNNA supports the proposal for an independent entity to review applications and provide recommendations to the City Council.

Marie Acosta

Location:

Submitted At: 5:23pm 06-16-20

I'd like to ask if these funds are available to non-profits. Thank you.

Moiz Mir

Location:

Submitted At: 4:56pm 06-16-20

I strongly support the position of City Councilmember-elect Katie Valenzuela and the 200+ Sacramentans she did community outreach with, on her proposed Community Recommendations For Stimulus Spending. I suggest you seriously revisit her proposed document available on her website, linked here: <https://katie4council.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Community-Recommendations-for-Stimulus-Spending.pdf>

I've also attached a file of the document for the public record.

Emma Johnston

Location:

Submitted At: 4:17pm 06-16-20

As a resident of D4, I urge you to make direct relief to low-income residents a bigger priority for CRF spending. The Community Recommendations for Stimulus Spending developed by Sacramento nonprofits and councilmember elect Valenzuela highlight that direct housing interventions including rent/ mortgage/ utility payment assistance and rapid deployment of affordable housing are residents' top priorities. We must address basic needs to avoid forcing more of our community into houselessness.

Further, while the Report attached to this agenda states that the City Auditor is conducting community surveys for residents to provide suggestions for CRF spending, nearly 3 months after the CARES Act was passed it is unclear what outreach to impacted residents has been completed. Given the short timeline for spending these funds, we need to prioritize resident outreach and public oversight over the use of these funds immediately. I support having the Measure U Committee help fill this gap.

Anna Lisa

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 06-16-20

In regards to item 33 I urge you to approve the amendments made to the last 4 items on page 9. I also think that there should be a greater emphasis on family mental health initiatives. We are going through a devastating crises that will be felt for years to come a good way to help people cope in these strenuous times is to invest in their well being. We must focus on the health of our community rather than tourism at this time.

Barbara Boice

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46am 06-16-20

Good Evening City Council (I think I spelled council correctly!) Barb Boice here District 65 Light Rail, I just want to weigh in with some comments on topic of housing in particular for the homeless and seniors. I would be interested in home ownership for the homeless and seniors (myself) and what that might look like going forward creating clear pathways. What work has been done in the advent of Tiny Home Communities? Tiny Homes are in and everything else is out! Just kidding, but what makes a tiny home so wildly popular? Let's look into it! A tiny home fact finding commission! Fun!! Thank you.

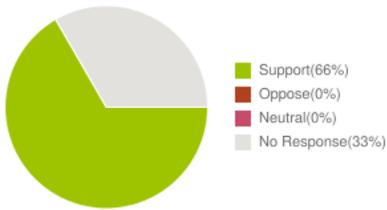
Emily Lovell

Location:

Submitted At: 1:02pm 06-15-20

Hey City Council! Is this "Alternative Sentencing Program" going to fairly compensate the members of these work crews? Me thinks not! Enslavement of any kind is disgusting! Back to the drawing board. Figure out another way to meet Sacramento's landscape and flood control issues without exploitation of your city members! You can do it! I believe in you. DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT!!

Overall Sentiment



Lauren Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:40pm 06-16-20

Tenants are still facing uncertainty and economic impacts of covid-19. This measure should be extended especially in light of the current housing crisis both in this city and the state.

Moiz Mir

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59pm 06-16-20

I fully support the residential tenant eviction moratorium as a minimum measure. I think residential tenants should continue to be protected from eviction during this economic and health crisis, and that at the bare Minimum the 120-day rent repayment period cannot be shortened even if business operations open up.

Again, I strongly support the position of City Councilmember-elect Katie Valenzuela and the 200+ Sacramentans she did community outreach with, on her proposed Community Recommendations For Stimulus Spending. I suggest you seriously revisit her proposed document available on her website, linked here: <https://katie4council.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Community-Recommendations-for-Stimulus-Spending.pdf> I've also attached a file of the document for the public record.

Muriel Strand

Location: 95820, Sacramento

Submitted At: 4:11pm 06-16-20

the last thing we need is more homeless. yes landlords are also hurting, and who are leaning on the landlords if not banks which i hear have been largely bailed out. so that's where the bucks need to come from. where is the chamber of commerce? remember that the producers and the consumers are, in the aggregate, the same set of people.

Rowen Soraya

Location:

Submitted At: 3:49pm 06-16-20

People are still hurting and we haven't made enough effort to make Sacramento housing affordable. People are still suffering from loss of income due to covid 19. Please extend this eviction moratorium. We already have an ever increasing homeless crisis that I see right outside my window everyday. I do not wish these people to be harassed nor removed from my sight by police either. This happens every two weeks or so. I would like to see the city do better at making housing affordable as well as connecting our homeless population to housing and case managers. Extending this moratorium would help not add to our homeless crisis.

Anna Lisa

Location:

Submitted At: 3:46pm 06-16-20

The eviction moratorium should be extended as long as possible. COVID has exasperated wealth and health disparities in communities in Sacramento. If we evicted them it would be heartless and would set communities

back even further. Not to mention it would lead to an even worse housing crises in the city.

Malcolm Abbey

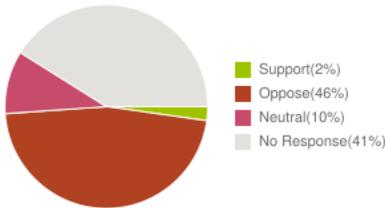
Location:

Submitted At: 12:59pm 06-16-20

The eviction moratorium should be extended. Vulnerable communities are the hardest hit by the economic symptoms of COVID 19. Allowing them to be evicted would be cruel and decrease their opportunity to right themselves.

Agenda Item: eComments for Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Overall Sentiment



Desaree' Deckard

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51pm 06-16-20

The police need to be defunded after the incident with Stephon Clark and other forms of misconduct, that did not make it to global, national, or local headlines. It's obvious that funding underserved communities will lead to better quality citizens, which happens to be POC. This unjust system needs to be put to a complete end.

Rosie Yacoub

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50pm 06-16-20

My name is Rosie Yacoub and I represent 350 Sacramento. Recently, we wrote to the Council about the importance of electrification. We believe an ordinance for all electric new construction should be passed this year. Tuesday June 23 from 6 to 7:30 you are invited to an online conversation we are hosting on electrification ordinances across California and why it is time for Sacramento to pass one. Speakers from Building Decarbonization Coalition, SMUD and PG&E will speak to the progress in electrifying buildings through California and in Sacramento, and why building all-electric is smart economically and environmentally. This meeting is important at this time because the Climate Commission is about to complete their report, and we heard at the last meeting concern about electrification from the Metro Chamber of Commerce. It is important that moving forward everyone has good information.

Here is the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/time-to-electrify-sacramento-tickets-109750837710>

Neha Sharma

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34pm 06-16-20

Hello. My name is Neha Sharma and I am a resident of District 1. I urge you to defund the police and redirect funds to other agencies and community development programs. I have interacted with police multiple times throughout my life and I am traumatized as a result. Each time, the cops were absolutely condescending, ineffective, and cold-hearted. Police have never been a positive presence for me or my fellow POC and black neighbors. They killed Stephon Clark. They committed gross misconduct in the spit bag incident involving a 12 year old child. Each time, Chief Hahn proceeded to victim blame and justify the misconduct. You've heard our

outrage time and time again. It's time that you give us what we want. We have already made our expectations clear. Sacramento has always been vocal about what we expect. We want transparency and community accountability. We still don't have that. And at this point, it's too late. If you do not defund Sac PD, you will lose the young, LGBTQ+, & POC vote.

Maggie Maue

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 06-16-20

Please listen to your residents! Everyone I have seen comment here has opposed more police funding and prison labor. We don't need Sacramento to be a police state! People are waking up to just how all-powerful and severely overfunded our police are, there is a major shift coming. Do what's right for your people.

Lidia Tropeano

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22pm 06-16-20

Sacramento City Council members I INSIST that you do something to enact real, lasting change in our city. Defund the police. Reallocate our tax payer dollars to our community. NOW. And as with Measure U, use the sales tax as it was originally intended: to invest in disadvantaged communities and put towards "growing Sacramento in an inclusive way" - Steinburg (05/2019) It is irresponsible and unjust to have ANY of that money in the FY 2020/21 proposed budget to be spent on law enforcement.

Megan Kirkeby

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17pm 06-16-20

Please make real police reforms.

Reduce police funding and move it to public services and outreach, institute accountability and oversight measures, stop accepting donations from the police unions, publicly support a new DA and sheriff.

Sarah Rambo

Location:

Submitted At: 6:54pm 06-16-20

Please take this opportunity to make real change. We have unique circumstances that could lead to actual systemic change for the better of all of Sacramento's citizens. The community is making it impossible to ignore what we really want and need to thrive in Sacramento, all you have to do is listen to us. The Measure U committee made some fantastic points last night and their frustration matches that of the public. Please make good on this campaign promise and heed their advice. If you truly care about your community, then you will listen to them.

Rachel Powell

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43pm 06-16-20

I strongly encourage the mayor and the city council to revise the city's FY21 budget, taking into account the opinions expressed in yesterday's Measure U Community Advisory Committee & Flowjaune Cofer's recommendations for use of Measure U funds. In the light of recent and ongoing protests against police brutality in Sacramento and around the world, the city of Sacramento has an opportunity to listen to the people's concerns, and to seriously commit to defunding the police and reinvesting in our communities. Mayor Steinberg's plans for independent investigation of police misconduct and mobilizing a non-law enforcement emergency response unit to respond to mental health calls are a good start, but they are not enough. The mayor and city council need to do much more to rebuild trust with Sacramento's overpoliced and underserved Black residents.

Adrienne Lewis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:40pm 06-16-20

Please hear the people in the community you represent and divest in policing in Sacramento. The massive amount of money being spent on policing, if invested in social support programs and resources that could address the needs of the people, would reduce the desperation and despair that contribute to violence,

substance use, mental illness, and crime in general. Clearly police are ill-equipped and should not be the responders to many of the calls they receive. Lack of funding in the appropriate areas necessitates this, but law enforcement officers have failed the people they are sworn to serve. To SERVE. The entire policing institution needs to be dismantled and rebuilt as a department of officials with cultural humility and awareness to de-escalate their encounters with citizens, but who will stay in their lane when it comes to the appropriateness of the application of law enforcement in many scenarios that would be better handled by unarmed public servants.

Christina Arechiga

Location:

Submitted At: 6:30pm 06-16-20

I oppose you giving anymore money to sac pd and I want to see the recent money you approved while we were SIP to be given back to the people. I want the advisory committees budget to be approved! I am disgusted by the way the Mayor thinks he can speak to Ms. Cofer and the way he behaves like this council is a nuisance. Mayor Steinberg is the single reason change has not taken place in our community! We are sick of the inaction and manipulation! Fix it!

Nate Zoeller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 06-16-20

Please listen to Sacramento residents and divest the obscene amount of funding that our police department receives and redistribute to local entities in the wake of a pandemic, and community programs for housing and healthcare, as well as our youth. Be the example of leadership that our community wants and needs.

Kathryn French

Location:

Submitted At: 5:38pm 06-16-20

I am a registered voter and district 4 resident. I urge the mayor and city council to set an example for California and the nation by reducing funding to the police department and reinvesting it to alleviate the many pain points of our city in the wake of this pandemic. We want to see progressive change and bold leadership that will reduce the rates of spending on police and drive economic growth and stability in a bold and innovative way. We the people are hungry and creative for change. Please listen to us. We are watching you.

Megan Griffith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:19pm 06-16-20

I urge you to listen to the people and divest measure U funds away from the police and towards community enrichment programs. Furthermore, there needs to be consideration for continuing to defund the police past just this current moment.

Maggie Deng

Location:

Submitted At: 5:16pm 06-16-20

I am a resident of District 3, and I am urging city council members to listen to the recording of the Measure U Community Advisory Commission Meeting on 6/15. Commission members and several hundred community members who submitted public comment are calling for the \$41.7 million allotted to police in Measure U's FY20/21 proposed budget to be reallocated to services Measure U is intended for: inclusive economic development, affordable housing, and other services for marginalized community members. Please revise the Measure U proposed budget for FY20/21 to address the concerns voiced by the community advisory commission members and by members of the Sacramento public.

Rowen Soraya

Location:

Submitted At: 5:08pm 06-16-20

I would like to ask this council to do what it can to listen to the people on the Measure U Advisory Committee. I especially like what Flowjaune Cofer has been saying. I am appalled at how she is often dismissed, and to see people not respecting when she is speaking. It just looks bad when our mayor doesn't show that he is listening,

especially to someone with valid things to say that the community supports. I would also like this council to do what it can to accept the revision on where the funds for Measure U should be spent that the Advisory Committee proposed. I do not want to see any of the funds going to SacPD nor policing agencies. When I voted for this measure I did not think of policing as part of the funds. I imagined it going to community services and things that would actually build up our communities. Please support what the committee and the people are asking for with regards to where these funds are allocated.

Jose Medina

Location:

Submitted At: 5:05pm 06-16-20

I ask that the City Council divert Measure U money away from the police department. Not one single dime should go to the police department. We must move away from policing and head towards a future where we have community-based initiatives aimed at strengthening the community. Let's build strong communities around the tenets of mutual aid, direct democracy, and direct action.

Alejandro Bupara

Location:

Submitted At: 5:05pm 06-16-20

Please read my comment put loud. My name is Alejandro Bupara; I'm a resident of zip code 95816. I'm writing to urge the city council to Defund Sacramento PD. Police don't keep us safe, and in fact they are a Threat to public safety. Invest their budget instead in jobs, housing, and other measures that Actually keep people safe.

Paige McGlinchy

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 06-16-20

I urge you all to divest measure u funds from further militarizing the police, and redirect the funds to community programs. Perhaps we could lay off less teachers and stop ordering guns and tear gas???

Allison McReynolds

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 06-16-20

I urge the City Council to revise the FY 20/21 budget take into account the feedback received from last night's Measure U meeting opposing allocating more Measure U money for the police department.

Paul Andrews

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 06-16-20

San Francisco police officers will be replaced with trained, unarmed professionals to respond to calls for help on noncriminal matters involving mental health, the homeless, school discipline and neighbor disputes, as part of a new wave of police reforms. PART of a new wave.

Where's all that "we want to be just like san francisco!" energy? Are you so thoroughly bought off by police unions that their donations make it worth it if a few people are unnecessarily killed?

How many deaths is your reelection worth?

How much pain is your reelection worth?

How much community disinvestment is your reelection worth?

Do me a favor and change your party affiliation to Republican as you thoroughly lack empathy and are only interested in your own craven self interests and the ability to retain your power and care nothing for those communities suffering the most at the lack of investment and overpolicing.

Jacob Naldi

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 06-16-20

The police force needs to be defunded. Not reallocating Measure U money so they get paid the same for having less responsibilities.

Matthew Ampersand

Location:

Submitted At: 4:56pm 06-16-20

Thank you for your service to your community. As elected officials, I implore you to consider the strong sentiment of your constituency as was presented yesterday in regard to Measure U. Please take advantage of this moment in history to take a proactive approach to help our community to become stronger and more resilient. It is obvious that the reactive approach of policing is expensive not just in terms of money, but in terms of the moral structure of our society. Measure U money can and should be spent on building resilience and economic equity in Sacramento, not policing. Thank you again for taking your responsibilities seriously and listening to your constituents. It is hard work and often unappreciated and so I am grateful that you'll take these matters into consideration.

Lilly Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:49pm 06-16-20

I'm glad that the Mayor and Councilwoman Ashby are looking for ways to address the horrendous spending on the police. Keep going and go faster. Your constituents are calling out for you to move faster and further. Listen to the Measure U committee, they are doing a fantastic job and need to be empowered further. Follow their lead and answer their questions. I was happy to vote for Measure U because I was promised that none of it would go to police or fire. Please follow through on this commitment. I live in district 4

Meghan Sevilla

Location:

Submitted At: 4:44pm 06-16-20

I stand in support of all of my fellow Sac citizens who have called for the reallocating of city funds, Measure U and other, to be diverted from Sac PD and into community programs concerning issues like access to healthcare services (mental and otherwise), addressing the housing crisis, and community led unarmed de-escalation response groups. I wanted to take a moment to also remind the Mayor and the City Council members that you work for us. You ran campaigns to get our votes to get the job you have now. Its time that you do your job. Listen to the members of your district and ACT. Mayor Steinberg, you posted on social media that you "expect to be judged by my actions, not just by my words." This is us judging you by your actions, or rather lack there of. I understand that you a merely a person but don't expect empathy from your community if you have to sit through a 4 hour meeting and listen to the members of the city that you wanted to be Mayor of.

Brandon Martinez

Location:

Submitted At: 4:37pm 06-16-20

I would like to not see any more money allocated to the police department through measure U. It would benefit the community more if that money were used for social programs, or to help address the homeless issues in the city.

Mandeep Hothi

Location:

Submitted At: 4:30pm 06-16-20

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year should be promptly amended to defund the Sacramento Police Department and redistribute that money for programs and services that build up our city. Strong, safe communities are not created through policing or governmental force. They are the result of robust social action and policies that protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

The Sac PD receiving over a third of the money in the General Fund is insulting when Sacramento has a growing homeless population that needs shelter, a pandemic threatening the lives and stability of countless people, and county public schools that are constantly underfunded and understaffed.

We need to reassess what our city needs right now and what kind of future we are going to build for those that come after us. The people of Sacramento are telling you that we do not need more uniformed gunmen from Sac PD roaming our streets and schools. We need to defund Sac PD and reinvest in our communities.

Josh Greetan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:24pm 06-16-20

While the Mayor's decision to redirect non-violent calls away from law enforcement and to trained professional is a step in the right direction, it's not enough. You continue to increase SacPD's budget with general fund money and then supplement it with Measure U funds. Chairperson Cofer of the Measure U Community Advisory Committee did a fantastic job of holding you accountable at last night's meeting. She has vocally criticized the council for not allowing the committee to weigh in on the spending of the funds, the very thing it is supposed to do. Budgets are hard, but each of you ran and were elected into your positions and must be held accountable for your decisions. The budget shows where your priorities lie. Your actions speak louder than your words and meaningless, kneeling gestures. Defund the police and reallocate funds to community services that will better our community (mental health, homeless, equitable housing, education, jobs) - the services that actually reduce crime.

Whitney Delgado

Location:

Submitted At: 3:39pm 06-16-20

Measure U funds should not to go any law enforcement. The residents have repeatedly told the City that we do not want any more funds to be used for law enforcement. The ones who are supposed to serve and protect are assaulting the public, firing rubber bullets in close range and firing tear gas. If you want to resolve the issues between the public and law enforcement defund them. They should not act as negotiators, therapists, leave that to the professionals. For non-violent issues fund people who can actually help our community.

Chelsea Renneke

Location:

Submitted At: 3:36pm 06-16-20

The mayor's proposed police reforms are nowhere near enough. Reform isn't enough, period. I oppose the allocation of more Measure U money to the police. The police should be allocated drastically LESS funds, as policing and mass incarceration are demonstrable, inhumane, racist failures. There is a movement happening across the nation and, indeed, here in Sacramento. We have seen funds redirected from MUCH more deserving services—funds that could actually address the ROOTS of racism and persistent inequity—for years. There is NO EXCUSE for directing any more funds to the police. In fact: DEFUND THE POLICE in favor of other community programs and services!!!

Gina Marie Pitti

Location:

Submitted At: 3:28pm 06-16-20

As a Sacramento resident, I am deeply opposed to the plan to allocate Measure U funds to the police department. Please invest in economic development, youth/parks/community enrichment, health services, and education, especially in low-income and communities of color.

aleah rosario

Location:

Submitted At: 3:17pm 06-16-20

I urge the City Council to revise your budget plan to take into account the feedback received from last night's Measure U meeting opposing allocating more Measure U money for the police department. Funding should be directed toward community programs, proven prevention programs like after school and summer learning programs, and mental health programs.

Willie Rudman

Location:

Submitted At: 3:14pm 06-16-20

I couldn't agree more with Meghan McEvoy - at this moment, the City Council has essentially ignored the situation within the city and the incredibly painful cries for change that its constituents are making crystal clear.

We must defund the police and put the money back into our communities of color. We have been defunding education and healthcare for years now and no one ever called that radical. Lives are at stake here and its time that the city council realizes that they play an active role in the shaping of this city. A movement has been simmering for years and recent events have brought it to a boil. The city can and must do more the protect it's most vulnerable citizens. Stand up and take a hard stance for a change, or risk losing your position of influence because of it.

Hasani Barquet-Jordan

Location:

Submitted At: 3:09pm 06-16-20

Measure U funds would be better suited for schools, after school programs, tutors, school nurses, community centers, field trips. I am opposed to Measure U funds going to the Sacramento Police Department.

Heather Haight

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 06-16-20

Measure U

I urge the City Council to revise your budget plan to take into account the feedback received from last night's Measure U meeting opposing allocating more Measure U money for the police department. As people in power during this historic moment, you must listen to your constituents during this moment. We do not want an additional \$20 million in Measure U funds to be allocated to Sac PD. This money would be far better used reallocated to schools (not police or prisons...) and healthcare, among others. You need to proactively and preventatively protect our most marginalized populations of which the black community is particularly vulnerable - they bare the wounds, trauma and death of wrongful choices and policies. Don't let more blood be on your hands - listen to those you represent and defund the police.

Also, it's not too late to hold past police and people in power accountable for the blood on their hands from past wrongful deaths. Act now, or history will remember.

Amy Kuo

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 06-16-20

Mayor Steinberg's proposal to shift \$5M towards non-law enforcement first responders is a move in the right in the right direction, but it is absolutely nowhere near enough. For context, \$5M is only about three percent of Sac PD's \$150M+ budget. A municipality's budget is a reflection of its values. Policing and police in this country contain racist origins and continue perpetuating racism and white supremacy to this day. What are this Council's priorities? Black Lives Matter. Invest in the community - defund the police.

Esther Santacruz

Location:

Submitted At: 3:04pm 06-16-20

I oppose Measure U funds to be given to the police department. What Sacramento needs is to defund the police and use that money along with Measure U funds and invest in our communities.

Shanae Ollison

Location:

Submitted At: 2:55pm 06-16-20

Please do not allocate any measure U funds to the police department. Those funds will be better used towards schools and educational programs for low income youth. Also, please use these funds to assist in uplifting and improving low income communities.

Nicola Simmersbach

Location:

Submitted At: 2:41pm 06-16-20

I voted for Measure U but not in my wildest dreams did I expect to witness what feels like a complete circumvent of the will of the people that I see articulated by the proposed city budget. I do not even want to come to the city council meeting to speak because I don't want to have to interface with city police and I'm not a demographic that is often hassled.

I would like to see an immediate prioritization of the demilitarization of police in relation to our community, in particular, the communities of color. I would like the city to rapidly and agilely implement collaborative budgeting and hear and adopt the recommendations of the Measure U advisory committee. I never again want to see teargas and rubber bullets used on unarmed citizens again by this city and its employees. Finally, I want to lift up the expectations of Black Lives Matter in Sacramento. We must change. We must make this city a good place for everyone. We must start with this budget and do it now.

Tiffany Colasanti

Location:

Submitted At: 2:38pm 06-16-20

I urge the City Council to revise your budget plan to take into account the feedback received from last night's Measure U meeting opposing allocating more Measure U money for the police department.

Nayely Ramirez

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 06-16-20

Defund the Sacramento Police Department. Policing in the United States is rooted in a White Supremacist regime. The Sacramento PD is not exempt from this criticism. They do not help the most vulnerable members of our community, they actually harm them or put them in further risk. Despite any attempts to reform or "reduce" police brutality, policing communities is flawed to its core. We must disband the Sacramento Police Department, allocate their bloated fund to the poorest and most at-risk for violence and abuse. I do not support Steinberg's tone-deaf message of gradual change, nor do I support any type of Police Reform. We want to abolish the police, and we want it done immediately. I support the path of #8toAbolition. Black Trans Lives Matter. No Justice, No Peace.

Amanda Bartell

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 06-16-20

I would like to express my opposition to any Measure U funding for the Police Department. As a state scientist, I have seen a lot of data generated by the state that shows the numerous disparities in majority minority communities. I would like to see this money invested into these communities instead. These communities are not only targeted when out in public, but they then must go home to environmental policies rooted in racism that do not afford them the same access to a clean environment. Fix this now.

Tamera Vallejo

Location:

Submitted At: 2:31pm 06-16-20

As a resident in D3 and a business in D2 I'm asking not only for you to use the money on community needs but I'm also asking that you actually listen to the Committees and Community members who are already doing the work instead of funding only your pet projects. Let's solve problems!

Nicole Schedler

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 06-16-20

I urge the council to oppose allocating more Measure U funds to the Sacramento Police Department. I call on the council to listen to the community demanding actual reform rather than empty promises. We can and must do better for all Sacramento residents, and it starts with where we place our investments. The council should use the Measure U funds to invest in our community through means of education, youth outreach, mental health services, homeless outreach, nutrition, increased affordable housing--all of which bring dignity to the community

rather than more policing.

Sonja Glasser

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 06-16-20

I echo many of the comments below. Measure U is exactly the opposite of the the community is proposing and in conflict with the need to defund the sac city police and the sac county sheriff department. The FY21 city budget needs to be revised and fundings must be removed from police/jail institutions and reallocated to mental health, safe affordable housing, education and other restorative public works.

Sacramento and surrounding counties are tired of the violence and occupation of policing forces. These methods are not relevant nor in the interest of the the inhabitants of contributing members of our communities.

Megan McEvoy

Location:

Submitted At: 2:10pm 06-16-20

The City Council needs to think long and hard about how they want to move forward with this budget. In the past weeks the city has been crying out for change. We must defund the police and put the money back into out communities. We have been defunding education and healthcare for years now and no one ever called that radical. Lives are at stake here and its time that the city council realizes that they play an active role in the shaping of this city. A movement has been simmering for years and recent events have brought it to a boil. The city can and must do more the protect all its citizens

Chris Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 2:02pm 06-16-20

I oppose using Measure U funds to fund the police. The measure was promoted as a means to build stronger more resilient communitis in the disadvantaged neighborhoods of Sacramento. This not the police's mission and spending these valuable dollars in such a manner betrays the public trust.

Malcolm Abbey

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 06-16-20

Your police reforms do not go far enough. We need to immediately and drastically cut the police budget. Immediately reassign non-crime related calls to departments that are adequately trained. Measure U funds should not be used for police budgets, they are brutalizing our community and being rewarded with 1/3 of the city's funds!

Emily Wonder

Location:

Submitted At: 1:43pm 06-16-20

The FY21 city budget needs to be amending, and the Sacramento Police Department needs to be defunded.

It is our responsibility as a society and as a democracy to express our priorities and our values in how we allocate resources. Our current city budget prioritizes the oppression of our community by a violent and weaponized police force. We have seen too many cases of police violence in our community in the year (and last month) to deny this. Our budget does not reflect the value of human lives by providing the resources necessary for our community members to live a healthy, fulfilled life. That is something we have the power to change this year.

The City invests too much money in law enforcement. Because of this we have lost too many Black lives to police violence. I am requesting you create a budget amendment which defunds the Police Department, ends the flow of people into jails, and invests in the needs of our communities.

John Marcotte

Location:

Submitted At: 1:41pm 06-16-20

I am not happy with how the Measure U funds are being spent. I helped support the passage of Measure U with the implicit understanding that the money would NOT be spent on police. I know we are in a budget crunch, but I don't want more of our limited resources being devoted to policing at a time when we should be looking at ways to reduce the footprint of police and investing in other services like mental health and addiction counselors.

Martin Burgos

Location:

Submitted At: 1:36pm 06-16-20

I moved here two years ago and have been exposed to police harassment in the city.

I am writing to you today to express my concern for the county's FY21 budget, specifically the budget for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

During these times, the peaceful protests I've attended have had such a heavy police presence. It's disgusting to see the army of trigger happy officers ready to immediately escalate the situation and incite violence in the community.

The City invests too much money in law enforcement. Because of this we have lost too many Black lives to police/sheriff violence. I am requesting you to create a budget amendment which defunds the Sheriff Department and invest in the needs of our communities. The budget needs to invest in our communities, not sheriffs. It needs to invest in rehabilitation programming, not prisons and jails.

David Van Hofwegen

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 06-16-20

I urge you to listen to your constituents during this moment. The people in this city do not want an additional \$20 million in Measure U funds to be allocated to Sac PD. Proceeding in this manner would worsen the broken trust between your constituents and city leadership. Please listen to the people you represent.

Regina Funk

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 06-16-20

I am echoing someone else's statement here but I wholeheartedly agree: "I urge you to review the advice of the Measure U Advisory Committee and the numerous public comments opposing the City's plan to allocate an additional \$20 million from Measure U to the Sacramento Police Department. We were promised that the Measure U advisory committee would be given weight and that these funds would be used for community development. Ignoring the public comments as well as the advisory committee makes a mockery of the good faith voters put in our leadership and Measure U."

Dominic Bulone

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 06-16-20

Remember when Stephon Clark was shot and the City Council didn't take it seriously? Remember when they minimized the idea of an independent commission that could actually do something? Remember when Council member Carr said the commission "can't be the kind of thing that's 'off with their heads'"? Remember when Mayor Steinberg would rather banish people for decorum than tackle police brutality? I remember.

There are good arguments for defunding SacPD, but if you want to keep it, you better make some real changes. This new inspector general better have some actual power to fire bad police officers, or we're just going to be back here in years, maybe months, when SacPD shoots someone else unarmed. Re-open union contract negotiations if you have to, but you cannot just keep adding processes that have no actual teeth to reforming the department. If you can't fire them, what's the point?

Sara Gandara

Location:

Submitted At: 1:14pm 06-16-20

A common response to the public outcry against our inherently racist systems of policing are reforms to the system (such as a chokehold ban or the use of body cameras). I would like to know what these reforms have done for us so far? Have we been holding police accountable and punishing them accordingly when they use excessive force? Is any attempt being made to investigate the use of rubber bullets and tear gas on peaceful protesters in our city? Have any police been held accountable for the death of Stephon Clark?

I would like to know what the Members of the Sacramento City Council plan to do to fix the systems in place that allow police to act with impunity. I suggest that the Council begin to look into alternative forms of crime prevention and think of ways that money can be reinvested in Black communities to help solve the socioeconomic inequities caused by deliberate forms of systematic oppression. Steps must be made to defund and demilitarize Sac PD for the good of our people.

Vanessa Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:14pm 06-16-20

The Sacramento police department's actions continue to highlight the reasons that the community would benefit far more from a defunded police department and increased community initiatives. As the capital of the state, please set an example of what caring for your community looks like. Defund your police department and reallocate those funds to communities who continue to be oppressed by the systems you uphold. It is not enough just to discuss reparations; take action and start giving back to your Black residents. Invest in education, resources for the homeless, healthcare, the arts. Stop using prison labor to build this city—that is slavery in its modern-day form and is completely unacceptable for you to continue. Take a look at and listen to what your community needs! Don't continue to support a system that is upheld by violence and suppression. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Brie Bel

Location:

Submitted At: 1:05pm 06-16-20

Measure U was voted for because of the promise of community development NOT to fund more police brutality! DEFUND THE POLICE and use that 20 MILLION To fund education, rehabilitation, mental health and youth programs!!!

Philip Malan

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 06-16-20

Hello Council,

My name is Philip Malan. My wife Katie and I moved into district two 2.5 years ago. Our hope was to be a part of the community and make the district grow. That is far from what has happened. There is still the same drugs, crime and prostitution going on in our district. Now our councilmember wants to open little Amsterdam on del paso Blvd, and these businesses are moving into buildings that our councilmember owns or operates. This is a sad reflection of the lack of leadership that we have from our councilmember. Please do not allow these businesses into our community. We already have one on el Camino not far from these other proposed locations. Our district always carries the burden for the rest of the city. Where is the other weed dispensaries in the city? Please block this grifting maneuver by our councilmember

George Barks

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 06-16-20

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of The City Council:

I'm representing many residents of the Washington School Park district. They are very concerned of the lack of enforcement of the City's regulations for the park. The city has designated the park to be a Children's Park. Signs posted that an adult must be with a child to be in the park and the park to remain closed during the Covid-19 pandemic. The park is currently being used, 3-4 days a week as a Boot Camp. The man running the camp does not have a permit to conduct his business in the park. 3-4 people have the keys to enter the park and one person participating in the camp says they work for the city. The residents believe a member of this group has pull with someone in the city in the position of authority. Would you please direct the city manager to investigate these

concerns.

Sincerely,
George Barks
1700 F. St
Sacramento, Ca., 95811
310-714-6907

Emily Perez

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 06-16-20

I urge you to review the advice of the Measure U Advisory Committee and the numerous public comments opposing the City's plan to allocate an additional \$20 million from Measure U to the Sacramento Police Department. We were promised that the Measure U advisory committee would be given weight and that these funds would be used for community development. Ignoring the public comments as well as the advisory committee makes a mockery of the good faith voters put in our leadership and Measure U.

Giovanni CM

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 06-16-20

The actions and behavior of the Sacramento City Council are disgusting but not surprising. We are at a critical time right now, where the Sac PD has proved itself to be incredibly useless. In 2019, the department spent close to \$8 million in lawsuits, in addition to the Sac County Sheriff who spent \$27 million on their reckless behavior. In addition, Officers Terrance Mercadal and Jared Robinette are still employed with the Sac PD and have not been charged or dismissed for the murder of Stephon Clark. Mayor Steinberg, your leadership is poor and to the rest of City Council who aren't taking a stand, you're all complicit in this behavior. As gentrification continues to push out our long time residents, it's time start reinvesting back in our city with community programs instead of police and greedy developers. I urge City Council to re-appropriate funds back to the city.

Alex Ng

Location:

Submitted At: 12:20pm 06-16-20

Dear Mayor Steinberg and Sacramento City Councilmember Rick Jennings,
I am asking today, both as a community member of District 7 for 21 years and as a witness to the imprudence of the police department in the protests and over the many years living here, that we not continue to misallocate such a hefty part of the budget towards the funding of the Sacramento Police department. Our city invests too much money into law enforcement and what it has manifested is the loss of far too many Black lives and impoverished groups alike. I am requesting that we create a budget amendment which defunds the Police department and invests in the needs of our communities that better protect and facilitate their growth. I also request that unpaid prison labor be prohibited, having too a striking resemblance to slavery and profits off of the Black, indigenous, and people of color that are criminalized and unfair detained in our justice system. I ask that those who we elect to uphold our demands, listen.

Maryam Afaq

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19pm 06-16-20

As a Sacramento resident, I want to echo what so many of my fellow residents are urging City Council to do: defund the police department and use the Measure U funds to create social support infrastructures in our community instead. Fund elementary schools so parents no longer have to collect funds to have simple things like science and art for our young people. Create community programs for youth so they are engaged during the summer months. Create mental health resources for those struggling to participate fully in our society. HELP THE HOUSELESS POPULATION be safe and taken care of. Stop giving money to the police and create accountability for them instead. They should be serving the public, not killing us.

Mary Mills

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 06-16-20

Defund the Sacramento Police Department and reallocate those funds to invest in community building efforts- education, healthcare, affordable housing etc. These moneys can be put to much better use. The city is demanding this change, and our voice must be heard.

Pooja Prasad

Location:

Submitted At: 12:09pm 06-16-20

City Council, you claim to serve the people of Sacramento. We are speaking. Its your turn to listen and act. Commit to reimagining law enforcement and justice. Commit to defunding SacPD. Commit to using Measure U funding the way it was intended- arts, education, economic empowerment. This is your job.

Angela Asch

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 06-16-20

As a community member and registered voter, I urge the City Council to revise their budget plan to take into account the feedback received from last night's Measure U meeting opposing allocating more Measure U money for the police department. Please listen to our community and the opposition expressed over the last few days and weeks against further funding for our police department. Our community needs social services for youth, homelessness, mental health, employment (job training), nutrition and so much more. Qualified professionals in aforementioned areas are better able to assist and support our community, more policing is not the solution. Please act as our community is urging you to!

Amy Greenlee

Location:

Submitted At: 12:02pm 06-16-20

I am disappointed in the city counsel's decision to completely ignore the input it received yesterday from the people it is supposed to represent. Once again, we are gathering to state clearly--and publically--our demands. Too much Measure U money is going toward police and fire. We demand reallocation to community development. Do not blatantly ignore us again.

Joanna Gallagher

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53am 06-16-20

Please honor the words of constituents from last night's meeting by refusing to allocate Measure U money to the police.

Felisa Concepcion

Location:

Submitted At: 11:52am 06-16-20

DEFUND THE SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT! We need community based resources not cops and jails. We need housing, jobs, food, mental health programs, substance abuse programs. We need crisis intervention programs. We need restorative justice programs. We DO NOT NEED THE POLICE!

Jordan Venema

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 06-16-20

Mayor and council members,

While Measure U is not on tonight's agenda, I hope you will consider the many comments from residents regarding the Measure U budget and your plan to reallocate a portion of its funds to the Sacramento Police Department. Now more than ever, our police department needs defunding and not additional funding, and for the city to allocate the redistribution of those funds to departments and policies that will more directly and widely impact our community. Consider the arts, education, housing, resources to the houseless in our communities. A larger police budget does not make a city great, and I personally consider it a failure on your part - the mayor and council - that you are reallocating funds from Measure U, to the police department, especially after promises were made that this would not happen.

I call on you to use the funds of Measure U within its confines, and not to fund the police.

Jordan Venema, District 4

Jinnae Stuckey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 06-16-20

I strongly urge the City Council to re-evaluate the city budget for the 20-21 year, taking into account the input garnered from last night's Measure U meeting. The Sacramento police force funds need to be re-evaluated and reallocated to best serve all members of the community.

Lillian Tinsley

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44am 06-16-20

We demand that you revise the city budget plan to take into account the feedback received from last night's measure U meeting opposing allocating more measure U money for the police department.

Elizabeth Campbell

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44am 06-16-20

In 2018, this people of this city voted for a half cent tax increase in support of inclusive economic development. Instead, the mayor and city council decided to allocate the majority of that money to the police.

If the city needs funds to pay for police retirement benefits, those funds should come from other parts of the police budget. We already spend far too much money funding a militarized force that apparently has plenty of free time to harrass journalists and young people of color.

Those funds needs to go back to the people. Further, if federal CARES money is illegally allocated to police funding or is treated as part of the Measure U pot of money, the city will squander much needed funds on pointless litigation.

No Measure U money for police. It's time to defund. Please listen to the Measure U committee.

Jamee Villa

Location:

Submitted At: 11:36am 06-16-20

I am urging my elected City Council to revise their budget plan and to take into account the feedback received from last night's Measure U meeting opposing allocating more Measure U money for the police department. Please consider using those funds for true economic development which is so clearly being expressed to you all. Now is the time to show your city where you stand and back it up with actions and not words. Your community voted for Measure U and trusted you all to do the right thing with those funds.

Jessica Gordon

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32am 06-16-20

Last night, over 400 public comments opposed the City plan to spend an additional \$20 million of Measure U dollars on the Sacramento Police Department.

Measure U funding is for inclusive economic development, not police. I urge you to consider ways to reallocate police budgets to social services that would better serve and protect all of Sacramento's residents. Please, at minimum, revise your 2020-21 budget to take the Measure U feedback into account.

Samuel Greenlee

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31am 06-16-20

There is an urgent need for the City Council to review the advice of the Measure U Advisory Committee and the overwhelming public comments opposing the City's plan to allocate an additional \$20 million from Measure U to the Sacramento Police Department.

These funds are needed for inclusive economic development and community care. Given the promises of the Measure U campaign, it is also essential that the Council listen to and accept the clear stand of the Committee established to advise on the use of these funds.

Cassy Friedrich

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 06-16-20

Listen to the Measure U advisory committee and the many citizens who are calling to decrease police funding and increase spending in programs that will truly make our city safer and healthier. Prioritize housing, education, food access, health care, mental health and de-prioritize the police, who are causing harm and violence.

Crystal Pryor

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 06-16-20

I urge you all to consider and create a plan to defund Sacramento PD. This does not mean remove all funds at once. This means to decrease the budget substantially and reinvest those funds in our communities. The root of crime lies in inequality, lack of resources, trauma, etc. so we should put our money into PREVENTING crime, not criminalizing our own people. Research shows that contact with the criminal justice system actually helps to perpetuate the things that cause crime. So our system is not only racist and kills Black people, but it actually perpetuates the thing it's 'supposed' to protect us from. Let's be smart about our policies and let research and empathy inform them, not fear.

Allison Thrower

Location:

Submitted At: 7:00pm 06-15-20

I'm calling on the Council and the Mayor to begin defunding Sacramento Police Department. Reform has been tried, over and over again for decades, yet we're still no closer to meaningful change. The system is broken beyond repair, and the last few weeks of police brutality in the spotlight has proven this beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Furthermore, as the capital of California, Sacramento has an incredible opportunity to help lead the country toward meaningful change. Defund Sacramento PD. Entire communities feel (and, frankly, are) LESS SAFE with police around. It's clear that policing in Sacramento needs to end. We are creative, hard-working people, and I know we can come up with better solutions than bullies with weapons walking around.

Sacramento Resident

Location:

Submitted At: 5:09pm 06-15-20

We need a clear path forward to defund the police in Sacramento and end policing in all human service programs. The police budget must be reallocated to safer more direct practices to protect folks living in and making Sacramento the vibrant, diverse, city that it is. We should have call center lines that are directed towards specific services needed (ie mental health services, addiction recovery, housing or food needs being met) that do not allow space for police brutality and deeply white supremacist and biased power dynamics. We need programs that listen to and are led by black community members, that support mutual aid and empowerment, and allow the power of the people to run our city. Commit Sacramento to being an actively anti-racist city in our practices and not just the words of some marketing firm to placate us. We need independent elected public service auditors, more funds towards curing the widening income inequality in this city, rent caps of 30% of city minimum wage.

Sarah Dolislager

Location:

Submitted At: 4:28pm 06-15-20

The city council needs to reexamine the budget and the need for other public programs besides policing. What is

the police department asked to do that could be done through a different, more appropriate public program? Please get creative! We can't move forward doing the same things we've always done. Let's create a better future for our communities, specifically for the Black people in our communities. Do more for them than those who donate to your campaigns. Back up your words with action. The city council's action needs to match the "BLACK LIVES MATTER" written on our downtown streets. We don't need more police power or money, we need better housing programs, mental health programs, education programs, etc. Put the energy and money into those programs.

Anna Perantoni

Location:

Submitted At: 1:32pm 06-15-20

Sacramento MUST defund its police department. That money should be reallocated to community support programs, including clinics, education, housing, etc. We demand a substantive reform to the way the police is funded and allowed to operate within our communities.

Jerry Camous

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 06-15-20

The painting over of the backstop at the ballfield at Woodlake park is insulting and the lack of consideration from the City Council to have it repainted the week that will commemorate the one year anniversary of Tara O'Sullivan's murder is absolutely offensive.

No one should be treated with such disregard, especially after Tara's family have been so supportive of the City even after their daughter's sacrifice. Do the right thing and have the backstop repainted in her honor.

Holly Murphy

Location:

Submitted At: 10:15am 06-15-20

The police department in Sacramento has proven it does not serve the public good and only stifles our right to free speech. Funds currently going to the police are too high and those resources could be better allocated to public housing, education, and overall community support. Defund and dismantle the Sacramento PD.

Cassie Becker

Location:

Submitted At: 5:21pm 06-14-20

Police can no longer be in charge of investigating police. I ask that the city council find a way to move the oversight of the police to a different department of Sacramento outside of law enforcement. In conjunction, the police must be defunded and those funds moved to places they're actually needed to help our communities (housing, education, clinics, schools, mental health services, community programs, etc.).

John Hawkins

Location:

Submitted At: 3:19pm 06-14-20

I am calling for an immediate change to the city charter to give elected officials the responsibility of firing police officers. We must defund the police department and use those funds to enrich our city, starting with the Black and Brown communities. By investing in education, housing, mental health services, and youth programs, we have an opportunity to make Sacramento a city we can be proud of.

Camille Rogado

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 06-13-20

The current police system is dangerous for our black and brown Sacramentans. This is unfair, unjust, un-American, and we are obligated to fix it. Our communities are beautiful and diverse and are hurting. We have problems to solve that police are not the answer to, but we keep trying to use them. The police have shown what they are not good at, like responding to non-violent crimes and mental health crises, so let's stop asking them to do that. Police should only be used in situations where there is imminent bodily harm. Even then, racism persists and must be eliminated. Police need to be held accountable. They should not revert to using tear gas or

sponge/rubber bullets for crowd control. We need to evolve beyond policing, especially the militarized version. We need to use our money effectively by investing in programs for education, jobs, mental health care, and affordable housing. I support defunding the police in favor of these community based efforts.

Amanda Wynn

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02pm 06-13-20

Moves need to be made to defund the Sacramento Police Department. Follow the lead of LA, Minneapolis and other cities and defund SacPD.

Vanessa Hernandez

Location:

Submitted At: 5:19pm 06-13-20

I'm calling on the city council to take steps to defund the Sacramento Police Department. We need to invest in housing, education, job opportunities, community programs, healthcare, mental health, etc. It is unconscionable that the Sacramento PD has the budget to be so militarized while we have citizens going hungry and facing housing insecurity. Why are we funding a department that criminalizes poverty and blackness when we could be funding schools, clinics, shelters, etc? Why should Sacramento students have more police officers in their schools that counselors and nurses? The Sacramento Police department should not be so heavily funded while other necessities and being neglected. The root causes of crime are not being addressed and that is doing a disservice to the people of Sacramento. Follow the example of other cities that have successfully defunded their police departments and do right by the people you are meant to be serving. Defund Sac PD now!

India Barton

Location:

Submitted At: 5:57pm 06-12-20

The current budget allocation does not serve our community best. We need to be actively defunding the police department and investing that money into our community. Increasing funding in the areas of public housing, parks, and education would have a stronger impact on the population.

Emily Edmond

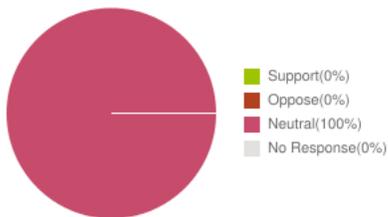
Location:

Submitted At: 3:58pm 06-12-20

DEfund the Sacramento Police Department, reforms and extra trainings won't work, that money needs to spent elsewhere.

Agenda Item: eComments for CORRESPONDENCE Added for Matters Not on the Agenda [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 11:00 a.m.]

Overall Sentiment



Katie Little

Location:

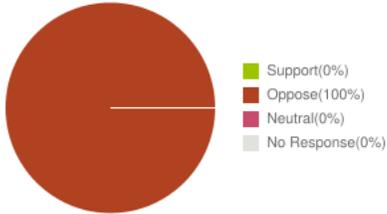
Submitted At: 2:01pm 06-16-20

I am writing to request the reallocation of Measure U funds to support community investment and to reflect the

values of our community. I am requesting \$0 allocated from Measure U to any law enforcement agency. The Sacramento Police Department does not need any more money to continue to terrorize and harm our communities. We are tired of violence, oppression and despair. The dollars we invest in our communities are a reflection of our values and right now our budget is grossly misaligned with our values. The community has made clear that we do not want our tax dollars used to further terrorize our communities. It is past time to divert funding from the police department to other services that enhance quality of life in our communities.

Agenda Item: eComments for eComments Report - Please note eComments received after 10:30 a.m. will be posted here after the meeting. [Updated 06/16/2020 @ 11:00 a.m.]

Overall Sentiment



Lillian Hartman

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 06-16-20

My name is Lillian Hartman and I am a Nurse serving Sacramento. I strongly oppose ShotSpotter and the inmate work crew proposals. Its inhumane to force inmates to do free labor. Either pay inmate a fair Minimum wage or don't do the program. The ShotSpotter is an unnecessary waste of funds that we need to use for emergency health care, food, mental health, and housing for the community. We need community aid in this pandemic! COVID is not over. We expect to see increasing cases since the city is essentially reopened. Please serve and support our community as you promised.