

## CIS on Cannabis Enforcement

The \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood council, at a Brown Act Meeting dated \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement:

Moved to request the City Council reinstate funding of LAPD for cannabis enforcement

### Facts:

Due to the reduction of the LAPD budget, the Chief of Police has discontinued the cannabis enforcement detail. This causes an un-level field allowing illegal shops who sell dangerous and illegal product in an unsafe way, and causes a revenue shortfall to the City estimated at over \$150,000,000.00 per year. We hereby request said funding be reinstated.

CIS on Discretionary Funds

The \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood council, at a Brown Act Meeting dated \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement:

Moved to request the City Council sweep any and all city council office discretionary funds and mark them for use of local community core services within their district. Said funds should NOT go into the general fund as they will be lost to salaries and pensions instead of being used for local core services.

We the xx Neighborhood Council understand that the City is facing a fiscal emergency and that significant cuts must be made, however we strongly oppose some of the steps the CAO and City's Budget and Finance Committee is taking to address the deficit.

While essential services must be maintained to ensure public safety there are aspects that should be made more efficient, and many of the proposed cuts appear too broad and will have unintended negative impacts on the City for years to come.

We therefore wish to direct the following concerns regarding CF 20-0600 to the CAO, the City's Budget and Finance Committee, the City Council and the Mayor:

[add/amend/subtract as the NC wishes]

- the hiring freeze must not be arbitrary – each position must be considered individually in light of the needs of the City's residents
- renegotiate with the unions on a temporary basis using whole-scale lay-offs as leverage
- take the Council Districts' discretionary funds for the next two to five years
- focus on and build up revenue-generating areas i.e. invest in cannabis enforcement to increase taxes from marijuana operations
- cut down on lawsuits and settlements by making individuals personally responsible for their actions, i.e. in sexual and racial harassment lawsuits
- do not sell City assets
- get the homeless into housing and off the streets

A balanced budget is required and is an important aspiration but we need to be realistic in trying times

The City needs to set specific goals within departments and across all departments to ensure the needs of Angelenos are put ahead of political considerations.

Priority should be given to solutions that take the City and its inhabitants to where they want to be in 5, 10 or 20 years rather than a balanced budget – it wasn't balanced last year with the union raises known.

We the xx Neighborhood Council strongly oppose cutting the budget of the Emergency Management Department below the levels of FY 2019/20. This is an essential service department dedicated to ensuring public safety in the event of earthquakes, wildfires, floods, mudslides, civil disturbances, terrorist attacks and epidemics.

We are submitting this under CF 20-1210 to request that sufficient funds be reallocated to the Emergency Management Department to rebuild the Department to levels adequate to protect Angelenos and future of our City in the event of any and all future emergencies or cascade of emergencies.

In their 2020 White Paper, the Budget Advocates report on the Emergency Management Department included the following recommendations:

- permanently funding sufficient disaster management personnel to staff the current Emergency Operations Center and satellite centers 24/7 in emergencies;
- establishing satellite offices, possibly in Council District Field Offices, to coordinate neighborhoods in the aftermath of an event; and
- providing the Department with vehicles outfitted with 4-wheel drive for off-road capabilities which can serve as a mobile operations center with GPS, mapping, satellite communication and supplies, as well as serve as a field shelter for staff in a disaster.

The current cuts initiated by the City have cut senior staff at the Emergency Management Department in half which means they do not have sufficient personnel to run the Emergency Operations Center on an ongoing basis.

This means that they will not have people working weeknights and weekends – and disasters do not oblige us by occurring only nine-to-five on weekdays.

We therefore strongly recommend that a minimum of \$5 million of the \$150 million taken by the City from the LAPD budget on July 1, 2020 be allocated to the Emergency Management Department immediately to rebuild the department so it can continue its work and ensure our safety, and that such minimum levels of funding be maintained in perpetuity.