Communication from Public

Name: Alfonso Hegde
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 02:48 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Alfonso Hegde and I'm writing in as a UAW 872 member at USC and a resident in Heather Hutt's District 10. I'm asking you to hold the LA Police Department (LAPD) accountable to the UCLA and USC communities and urge you to drop all charges against all individuals arrested during peaceful protest at UCLA and USC April 24 - May 6, 2024. Student at my campus of USC were violently arrested and pressed with unjust disciplinary charges including unionized graduate student workers for simply existing on their campus spaces. We have been subject to multiple checkpoints with blatantly discriminatory security ironically not that dissimilar from the experiences of the Palestinians whose rights and freedom we are fighting for. USC admin called LAPD onto our campus multiple times to violently arrest students and workers despite the president being on tape with student activists claiming she would not call LAPD. Graduate student workers are now forcibly surveilled, securitized, and routinely humiliated having to reveal all of our belongings upon entering our workplace. Students and workers who rely on public transportation have been blocked entryway and forced to walk up to 20+ minutes around the campus to one of only two open pedestrian gates, while those who can afford cars face little to no security. This is all blatantly discriminatory behavior that feels more like an authoritarian police state and less like a school and workplace. Police should not be called to respond to peaceful protests. The police brutality we saw against union members and the broader community, which our employer authorized, cannot be tolerated. If they were here to prevent violence as they contend, they wouldn't have stood by while many were attacked and hospitalized. Student and/or workers futures at UCLA, USC, and beyond are in jeopardy with looming misdemeanor charges and university raised student conduct charges all for peaceful protest. As the Public Safety Committee, you have the responsibility to ensure that community members exercising their rights to peaceful protest in public spaces are met with peaceful response and are kept safe. That was not the case when LAPD responded to the campus protests at USC and UCLA, allowing vicious assault from outside agitators and arresting nearly 300 of our community members across multiple days. We urge you to drop all charges against all individuals arrested during peaceful

protest at UCLA and USC April 24 - May 6, 2024.

Communication from Public

Name:	Gage Tilly
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 07:12 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I support Item 18 - the motion for LAPD Accountability and Campus Protest. The violent mobilization of LAPD officers to surveil, silence, and punish dissent, manipulating the law and definition of free speech in the process, is a blatant impingement on public discourse, the purpose of government, and human rights.

Communication from Public

Name: Julian Avrith
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 07:25 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Julian Avrith. I'm a USC Student and constituent in LA county writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because there is no excuse for the conduct I witnessed firsthand and saw caught on video by the same officers I should call in an emergency. Police are meant to keep our communities safe, but I learned at USC they are only keeping institutions in power safe, flying up to 4 helicopters for multiple days even when the camp was at its lowest numbers—and therefore bleeding thousands of dollars to learn information you could get by just walking around. SWAT cars paraded onto our campus, something I'd only seen in movies for serial killers or drug busts. Less lethal bullets were shot at the same friends I was supposed to see in class tomorrow. I know people who waited outside the holding cells for a whole 12 hours in the cold just to see their friends come home safe, all to go to class the next day. The response and indifference from USC suggests these are all things they are ready and willing for their own students to experience at, considering the reason, a drop of a hat. Regular people don't get this kind of response when they call the police, ever. It took 3 calls and my friend being sent to the hospital to convince campus police there was some kind of air contaminant in a shared space (there was). Considering all of this I am reiterating my support for item 18. Hold LAPD accountable now or else, in the future, if you ever feel passionate for a cause in the wrong place in LA, all of this will happen to you. Despite that, I am also taking this opportunity to implore the council to pass a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ted Trembinski
Date Submitted:	05/26/2024 08:36 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello. My name is Ted Trembinski, D14 resident. I am writing in support of item 18. According to the city comptroller, the LAPD had a budget of over 3.3 billion dollars for the 2023-24 fiscal year. After the violence it unleashed upon students at UCLA and USC in the past weeks, it must be held accountable. This council has a duty to demand answers of accountability. Over my time as a tax paying resident of Los Angeles, I have worked with the students of both schools to create music as a contractor, and have seen many of these students go on to start life-long careers in the arts based in Los Angeles. As an arts hub of the US and world, I expect the city, including the LAPD, to uphold the rights of students, especially those exercising their right to protest the ongoing genocide in Gaza by Israel. After LAPD failed to prevent the violence of a racist, Zionist mob on April 28, they must also be held accountable for committing violence against the students who were victimized the following day. I urge you to support item 18 - thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Elianne Melendez
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:04 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Sample Comment: My name is Elianne Melendez, and I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles County and an alumni of the LAUSD and Cal State University system. I am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because not only have I grown up admiring these campuses as symbols of Los Angeles's commitment to educating the next generation of this city's leaders, but because my members of own family are students at USC and faculty in the UC system. The behavior of police on school campuses has shaken my faith in the ability of the police to handle peaceful protests and the wisdom of how they have chosen to use the resources that we, the community of Los Ángeles, for. Students should not be body slammed or have their bones fractured for assembling and practicing their right to free speech. There must be consequences to treating students so violently and callously as LAPD has. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Jared Dancler
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 04:55 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	The LAPD's actions at the USC campus protests was egregious and unacceptable. I witnessed the overbearing unnecessary use of force against peaceful protesters. Myself among many others were shoved with batons, battered needlessly as the police attempted to force their way through peacefully organized picket lines. Picket lines formed to rally against state sponsored violence. I condemn the police's tactics, those that I witnessed and those that result in the perpetuation of the very state violence being held to account.

Communication from Public

Name: Virginia R Espino
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 07:55 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Virginia Espino. I'm a lecturer at UCLA. I have worked at UCLA for the past 16 years. I am also a constituent in CD 1. I have lived in Mount Washington since 1999 and grew up in Highland Park. I am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with an investigation and accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This Council has a duty to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because student protest is a part of our history and a part of campus life. Students have change the world for the better with their fierce convictions. Shame on the LAPD for bringing such cruel and abusive behavior to those exercising their right to free speech. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Tanya Akel
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 09:18 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because we must protect democracy and end abuse. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Delaney McCallum
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 10:49 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Delaney McCallum. I am a recent graduate of USC. I was present at a peaceful student protest against the genocide in Palestine. Dogs and children ran around in the lawn, as sun shone down and students joined hands and sang sings together. Not but one hour later, I saw my fellow students brutalized by LAPD. I am ashamed of my institution for enacting this violence. I am ashamed of my city for releasing this violence upon young people with a conscience against genocide. I am ashamed of my country for perpetrating this violence against its own people and overseas. LAPD received $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ely WAHBA
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 11:07 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Ely i am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because . Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Melanie
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:01 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Melanie and I am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because students have a right to protest and not be met with violence like LAPD unleashed and UCLA and USC administrators allowed. Student protests have been pivotal in different movements, like protests against the Vietnam War and the invasion into Cambodia, student protests against South African Apartheid, student protests during the civil rights movement, all of which were also met with police violence and it must stop. Students peacefully protesting genocide in Gaza should not be met with violence but rather listened to by school administrators rather than suspended, arrested, and brutalized. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Luana Kasych
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:08 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	CEASEFIRE NOW!!! COPS AND AUTHORITIES ARE HARMING STUDENTS AND IMPEDING ON THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. COPS ARE HARMING THE ONES THEY ARE MEANT TO BE PROTECTING.

Communication from Public

Name:	Claudia Hoffens
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:58 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Claudia Hoffens. I am a UCLA alum and constituent of CD 34 writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed in students and faculty at the UCLA and USC campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion taxpayer dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and the council has a duty, to demand answers and hold LAPD accountable. As a lifelong LA community member and LA educator I see the direct link between violence experienced at the UCLA & USC campuses and the violence experienced by my students and their families day in and day out at the hands of LAPD. We encourage our children to be upstandards, to use critical thinking skills, to use their voice. Yet when they do on their own college campus, they are met with violence and punishment. This cannot stand, which is why you must support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Gillian Claycomb
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 02:16 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Please hold LAPD accountable for their failure to protect the student protesters at UCLA from the violent Zionist counter protesters. Also, please sanction LAPD for their violence against students at both UCLA and USC who were exercising their 1st amendment rights.

Communication from Public

Name:	Sarvani K
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 03:26 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Sarvani and I am a USC recent grad (2024) writing in support of item 18. The completely reprehensible police and state violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. As someone who frequents the UCLA campus as well I am absolutely disgusted with the ways in which LAPD has repeatedly endangered student safety by permitting violent attacks of students in addition to other deeply deplorable measures taken. I am also taking this opportunity to implore the council to pass a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. Please support item 18. Do not stand on the wrong side of history. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Beth Clark
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 03:58 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I support item 18, LAPD accountability and Campus Protests. University protests are a right. Student protests are what have led to much of the freedoms we enjoy today. But some of these freedoms are being stripped away. The first amendment should never be infringed upon. Kids at ucla and usc were injured and traumatized by the use of harmful force by lapd. They need to be held accountable and their actions should never be repeated.

Communication from Public

Name:	Chloe Osmer
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 09:14 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Chloe Osmer and I'm a UCLA alumni and constituent in CD 1 writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. I am also taking this opportunity to strongly urge the council to pass a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Eddie Vcelikova
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 11:55 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Eddie Vcelikova, I am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. This issue matters to me because I am a UCLA alumni and i was horrified that LAPD just stood there and watched as violent outsiders attacked UCLA students. Please support item 18, thank you.