Communication from Public

Name:	Jack
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 09:30 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm a USC student 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 witnessed the violence myself at USC and how muslim students were targeted. Further more, USC is a private school. Their private security, so-called DPS, has also been targeting muslim students, ignoring the harassment by zionist students to the encampment, and introducing violence. I am taking this opportunity to implore the council to pass a resolution to hold USC's private security accountable and increase its transparency to the level of LAPD. 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:	Kyle Hulburd
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 09:55 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, my name is Kyle Hulburd and I'm writing in as a GSWOC-UAW 872 member at USC and a resident in Councilmember Nithya Raman's District 4. 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 from April 24 to May 6, 2024. Within a matter of weeks, both my university and UCLA chose to put their students at risk of police violence by responding to peaceful protest, a legally protected right, with riot police. What's more, UCPD and LAPD allowed protestors to be attacked by a violent mob on UCLA's campus. It is clear that these decisions mark a normalization of violent university and state responses to peaceful protest, done on campuses that are supposed to provide safe learning environments for their students. It is absolutely critical that lawmakers in LA step up and demonstrate that students and student workers will not be left to suffer these injustices alone. If this committee is concerned with the safety of their constituents, these charges must be dropped immediately. Allowing student protestors to be brutalized by police and violent agitators while also facing criminal charges sets a wildly dangerous precedent. I urge you, in the strongest of terms, to drop all charges against all individuals arrested during peaceful protest at UCLA and USC from April 24 to May 6, 2024. Allowing criminal charges to stand against students and student workers on their own campus, their own worksite, will make all students in LA less safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathan Siu
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 10:32 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Nathan Siu and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Katy Yaroslavsky's District 5. 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 protests at UCLA and USC from April 24 to May 6, 2024. For the last month, UC has authorized violence against workers and students peacefully protesting on campus. Outside agitators burned my protesting coworkers and beat people with pipes and boards, all while LAPD stood by and watched. The next night, LAPD came in to arrest protesters with flash-bang grenades and rubber bullets. The smoke gave one person acute respiratory failure. Another protestor got a brain hemorrhage. Students' and workers' futures at UCLA, USC, and beyond are in jeopardy with looming misdemeanor charges and, thus, 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 protests at UCLA and USC from April 24 to May 6, 2024.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Contino
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 10:47 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Jason Contino and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Katy Yaroslavsky's District 5. 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. As a Head Steward of my union, UAW 4811, I am concerned with the way that police violence has been normalized as a response to peaceful student protests nationwide, and on my campus specifically. The mission of public education should be to uphold democratic values, not to actively erode them by inviting the police to brutalize, silence, and disrupt the protected actions of students and workers. The actions senior administrators at UCLA took April 24 - May 6, 2024 is, besides shocking, simply abhorrent. They allowed their students, faculty, and other members of our community to be attacked by a rightwing mob, before attacking us themselves with police batons and rubber bullets the next day. The police have no business responding to peaceful protests on our campuses, and their presence on our campus has made us demonstrably less safe. We must have amnesty for all those charged during the peaceful protests at UCLA and USC April 24 - May 6, 2024. Without this amnesty, our Universities, and this Committee, will be absolving themselves of their responsibility to protect the exercise of our democratic rights. Further, not holding the LAPD, UCLA, and USC accountable will further embolden the anti-democratic threats facing our City, and this nation. 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:	Kevin Jiang
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 11:53 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Kevin 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 the students have a right to protest. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Brandon Lim
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 02:29 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Brandon Lim and I'm a constituent in CD1 writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must be met with accountability and assurance that no such fascist policing will take place in our city. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year—money that otherwise could have been invested in our lives and neighborhoods, not brutalizing our kids. I urge the council to support and implement the accountability measures outlined in item 18 immediately.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 02:42 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, As a resident of LA and a USC student, I condemn the actions of LAPD on April 24 and again throughout the two weeks afterwards. I am writing is support of item 18. I want to make it clear that the encampment did not feel like a threat to the campus at all to me. On Wednesday April 24th and following days when the encampment existed on campus, I was able to get to my classes on time with no effect to my classes and any feeling of safety. However, once LAPD became involved, the campus started feeling unsafe and when the gates were set up around campus I wasn't able to get to classes on time. I want it to be very clear, again, that the actions of USC administration and LAPD made the USC campus unsafe, not the peaceful protesters or the presence of an encampment on campus. This disbandment of the encampment and how peaceful protestors were treated by USC Department of Safety and LAPD goes against the law and is unconstitutional. There was no show of violence from the protestors, they were simply exercising the constitutional right to free speech and protest, however LAPD still used unnecessary amounts of force to detain 90+ people and to spread fear and scare protestors during April 24. The police have the duty to ensure the rights of the people. When they are given orders that go against the people's rights, it is each officer's individual duty to not carry out those orders, LAPD officers on duty during these weeks have NOT followed their duty to the people, and instead infringed on the rights of countless students, professors, staff, and other members of the LA community. There is a video of a police car hitting a USC student late at night when they were simply taking a video of the cop car (again, taking videos is completely within anyone's rights in the US). There are countless trauma incidents from LAPDs actions during the USC and UCLA protests. The violence unleashed on these students needs to be met with accountability. Shows of force like these from LAPD indicate the need to defund LAPD and discipline ALL LAPD and USC DPS officers who directly harmed the LA community and infringed upon their rights. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 02:45 PM

Council File No: 24-0537

Comments for Public Posting: As a student at USC, I am appalled by the militarized police response of LAPD on our campus upon peaceful student protesters who neither enacted nor incited violence. In fact, the only violence I saw that day was from LAPD who charged at and chokeholded student protesters; coming prepared with full riot gear, batons, and rubber bullet guns to dismantle a peaceful student protest. We demand a full investigation of LAPD's actions as well as the complicity of USC administration regarding the events of April 24.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Torres
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 02:52 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jeffrey Torres and I've been living in the greater Los Angeles area for almost 20 years at this point. I'm a constituent in Council District 2, in North Hollywood. I'm writing in support of item 18. Seeing the bloated 3 billion dollar budget for the police be used to abuse and terrorize students who were lawfully protesting on campuses like UCLA and USC was appalling and should be met with harsh accountability. Every year the LAPD becomes more militarized and this force isn't used to stop crime rinks like catalytic converter thieves, help victims of domestic violence, rape victims, or any other serious crimes. No, that brutal force is used to abuse citizens for lawfully protesting, and students who are standing against a heinous genocide our government is helping fund. On the night of Tuesday April 30th violent counter protestors began assaulting peaceful protestor encampments while they slept. The violence went on for hours and the LAPD that claims to be there to protect and serve was no where to be found. For hours students were getting beaten, having fireworks thrown at them, and the LAPD did absolutely nothing - they actively DIDN'T answer calls to help. Enough is enough. 3 billion dollars a year from our budget are being sucked up by the LAPD when they could be going to preventative services that improve our city and help prevent crime from happening. Better housing, mental health, and medical support would go a longer way for the peace of mind of Angelenos. Please support item 18, thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 02:54 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Magdalena. I am a UCLA staff member and constituent of CD34 writing in support of item 18. The violence LAPD and other law enforcement units unleashed against peaceful protestors at USC and UCLA must be met with accountability. This violence includes but is not limited to shooting rubber bullets at protestors at short distance range and using flash-bangs as a way to terrorize the students on their own campus. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 23-24 fiscal year. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its horrendous actions. Police violence against peaceful protestors should never be justified or allowed, especially on University campuses.

Communication from Public

Name: Seo Yun
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 03:00 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Council members, my name is Seo Yun and I'm a UCLA alumn and a worker on campus at UCLA and Westwood living in CD 1. I am writing in support of the motion on LAPD Accountability and Campus Protest (item 18) after I personally witnessed the violent behavior by LAPD at UCLA. I was there that evening at UCLA when police officers unleashed rubber bullets on the students who were peacefully protesting and demanding that these institutions disclose how much of their tuition is being invested in military weapons manufacturers to be used overseas. When it comes to LAPD, we know exactly how much of our dollars are being invested in the guise of public safety. LAPD received over $3 billion for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. My tax dollars fund police brutality at peaceful protests while counter protestors who were shoving, shouting racist and despicable slurs, and inciting violence, walked away unscathed. This issue matters to me because I believe that students and civilians have every right to protest and demand change without the threat of police violence. I have every right to protest and hold signs without having snipers on rooftops surveying my every move. Students on these campuses are experiencing severe trauma and PTSD according to the campus counselors and psychologists I spoke with. This is unacceptable. Council members, I urge everyone to support item 18 in the name of public safety. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Julia Kim
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 03:00 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Julia Kim I'm a graduate student at UCLA, and constituent in CD_ 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 reports have demonstrated students are suffering from acute stress and trauma as an outcome of the events that have occurred on campus. As a professional in the social work field, I have seen the repercussions of social services not properly funded and its impact on those who are vulnerable. The outstanding budget of the law enforcement is prioritized over other services for the citizens of Los Angeles. As such, it should be reviewed with scrutiny and evaluated for its actual benefits for the citizens it should serve. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Anthony Quattrocchi
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 03:02 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	As a fellow Angeleno and UCLA alumni, I urge the city council to investigate why LAPD failed to act when counter protestors committed acts of extreme violence against the encampment protestors.

Communication from Public

Name:	Rebecca Fullan
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 03:26 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I'm writing in support of item 18, holding LAPD accountable for violence against protesters on USC and UCLA's campuses. I'm a faculty member at USC and witnessed this violence directly. Accountability and change is crucial- please support item 18.

Communication from Public

Name:	Joan Flores-Villalobos
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 04:04 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Joan Flores-Villalobos and I am a faculty member at the University of Southern California and a constituent of CD-8. I am writing in strong support of this motion. Given that the approved LA City budget gives increased funding to the LAPD, we must have accountability on the use of these funds for the unleashing of violence on peaceful protesters on campuses across our city. The council has a civic duty to demand answers and transparency from the LAPD. This issue matters to me as faculty, a member of the academic community, and as an LA resident.

Communication from Public

Name: Norma A Miller
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 05:07 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Norma Miller, and I am a graduate student in social work at UCLA. I live in District 12, and John Lee is my representative. I am a homeowner and a mother of two college-aged children. Additionally, I am the wife of an LASD deputy on the Malibu Search and Rescue team. I am writing to express my support for Council Item 24-0537. The recent violence on both USC and UCLA campuses needs to be addressed with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion in taxpayer dollars for the 2023-24 fiscal year. As citizens, we demand answers about what happened and expect the LAPD and all city officials to be accountable for the negligence and violence perpetrated on students. I was appalled to witness fellow students and peers being subjected to hours of brutality while law enforcement stood idly by. It was further disheartening to see the police respond with the same level of violence, all in the name of "keeping the peace." These actions have made me ashamed to be associated with LASD and law enforcement. Educational institutions should be safe spaces for students to express themselves and learn to stand up for justice and their beliefs. The actions of LAPD and other institutions on those days have let down students and the broader community. This is important to me as both a student and a parent. I urge you to support Item 24-0537, which calls for transparency as soon as possible. As long as the violence continues in Palestine, students will rightfully continue to demand action through protests and they must be safe in exercising their constitutional rights.

Communication from Public

Name:	Laura Isabel Serna
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 05:15 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Laura Isabel Serna, I am a faculty member at USC. I am writing in support of item 18. The LAPD and the city must be accountable for the violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses. 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 the LAPD was the force that turned a peaceful protest at USC's UPC campus into a violent confrontation. . 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:	DJ Hills
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 09:22 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is DJ Hills. I am a student at UCLA, and a constituent in CD 11, writing in support of item 18. I believe it is the duty of this council to hold LAPD accountable for its actions and the role LAPD played in the violence unleashed on students at both UCLA's and USC's campuses. No campus, or city, can call itself "safe" if those tasked with protecting peace are the ones repeatedly doing the most harm. Please support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 10:32 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rachel Bryant and I am a USC alumna and constituent in CD13, writing in support of item 18. The law enforcement officers and civilians who perpetrated violence against USC and UCLA students, instructors, and stakeholders on their campuses must be held accountable. LAPD received $3 billion in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and taxpayers have a right to demand answers as to why this budget is being used to harm the citizen of this city. This council has a duty to hold LAPD accountable for its actions and ensure democracy for all, not just the highest bidders and protectors of those oligarchs. Please support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Matilda
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 10:34 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Matilda, i'm 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 to free speech and to gather without being violently attacked, and this council has a duty to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 11:28 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of this motion. Especially part 18. Please look into it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 11:30 AM

Council File No: 24-0537

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Nancy and I'm a community member and constituent in CD 8 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 myself am a resident of LA and would like LAPD to be transparent and accountable as they are hired and paid with LA resident tax dollars. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Cristina Paul
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:03 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Cristina Paul. I'm a lecturer at UCLA and constituent in CD 10 writing in support of item 18. LAPD must be held accountable for the brutal violence it subjected students, lecturers, and faculty to at UCLA and USC. LAPD has received more than $3 billion for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Citizens have a right to demand answers. This council also has a duty to hold the LAPD and its officers accountable for the unique violence and trauma that has been inflicted upon students and educators. Students were left zip tied by LAPD officers for hours and now have nerve damage. I personally know librarians who were brutally beaten. I personally know lecturers who put their bodies in front of the young people they teach in hopes that police officers would act with less force and violence; they were unfortunately brutalized and no mercy was shown to them or their students. I personally know professors who were targets of violence such as being shot at with rubber bullets - some of these professors were brutalized while wearing regalia. These acts of force have caused extreme harm and trauma to me and many other students and educators on our college campuses here in Los Angeles. Countless young people, community members, faculty, and staff no longer feel safe on our college campuses because of the unacceptable violence that the LAPD has unleashed upon people at UCLA and USC. This issue matters to me as an alumna of UCLA, an educator at UCLA, and as a tax paying citizen. Please support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 12:15 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of LAPD Accountability and Campus Protest (Item 18). My family, friends, colleagues, and students, and I witnessed the horrific police brutality at the hands of police both in person directly and via media and social media against peaceful student and faculty protests on the campuses of USC, UCLA, and UC Irvine. The police attacked encampments, provoked students, and came charging in with riot gear, weapons out-weapons forward and there was NO REASON for this. Students and people have the right of free speech and assembly. Lawyer's Guild members present can attest to the lack of legal protocols as well as the excessive use of force and violence against students without provocation. As a parent of a UC student engaging in the righteous anti-genocide/apartheid movement, I abhor the lack of responsibility and callousness of not only the LAPD and other police forces (including campus police) but also local representatives. I called the offices of Karen Bass, of Curren Price, heck, I even called the LA Fire Department head because I was terrified about what I witnessed happening to these students, and their subsequent arrests. NO ONE called me back. AND worse--NO ONE did anything to stop and intervene. Shame on the city council for not promptly responding and representing the concerns of their constituents. At a bare minimum, this council should be investigating EVERYONE's complicity in the harm done to students and faculty in our local universities and subsequent violent police repression. ALL the CHARGES against students and faculty protesting in the encampments should be dropped immediately. As a frequent voter and city member, and as a teacher, mother and student myself--I demand respect for our community. I will remember who is who during the elections and hold all of you accountable for your actions as well as your inactions.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 12:30 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kaitlin. I am a UCLA alum and a constituent in CD 10, and I am writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students on both the USC and UCLA campuses must met with accountability. LAPD received over $3 billion dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and this should not be spent on violence against peaceful protestors, especially after failing to protect them from the violent attack on May 1st. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand answers and to hold LAPD accountable its actions. I urge you to support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 12:40 PM

Council File No: 24-0537

Comments for Public Posting: I am a graduate student at UCLA and constituent in CD 10. I am writing in support of item 18 and an investigation and accountability for the violence on USC and UCLA's campuses. The increased policing of these campuses alongside the lack of actions to protect students on the night of April 30th have heightened tensions, traumatized many students, and actively interrupted our education. Students deserve the right to protest without the threat of violence, to be heard and not swept. The level of violence of the police response to the encampments seem tied to actions that have also been taken against LA's unhoused communities. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and I hope council can take action on this matter. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Angela Zhou
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:46 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Angela Zhou. I'm a professor a USC 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. This issue matters to me because the deployment of police on campuses drains municipal resources and brings violence upon students rather than keep them safe. Please support item 18, thank you

Communication from Public

Name:	Wesleigh Gates
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:50 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I am a UCLA graduate student and constituent of CD10 writing in support of item 18. LAPD must be held accountable for its unacceptable and inhumane violence towards students and faculty exercising their right to peaceful protest on the UCLA and USC campuses. As a member of the UCLA community, I fiercely support the right to free speech, including pro-Palestinian advocacy, on my campus and all others. And as an LA resident, I am furious that my tax dollars go towards massive spending on a police force that brutalizes my fellow Angelenos. Please support item 18 – thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	zach
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:51 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	There must be accountability in policing, especially considering the events on both the UCLA and USC campuses. As a student at USC, I am writing in support of item 18. I saw first hand how the LAPD acted with aggression as they occupied our campus, disturbing the peace both on the ground and in the air via the overuse of helicopters which cost the tax payer exorbitant amounts. We the people have a right for justice; for the LAPD to be held accountable for it's actions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 01:05 PM

Council File No: 24-0537

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Thomas Witwer a local teacher and tax payer. I am writing in suport of item 18. The excessive force I saw used by the police against student protesters was unconsionable. This is not what I want my taxes used for and I demand accountabiliy from the LAPD for it's actions.

Communication from Public

Name:	Caleb
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:08 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Caleb I'm a PhD student at USC and Monterey Park resident 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 are dozens of issues that urgently need to be addressed in local, national, and global settings by our city, but instead i see absurd levels of spending snd resources devoted to trample consitutuonal rights and make me feel unsafe in my own community. LAPD ostensibly exists to protect our health, but their actions going back decades now have done unacceptable levels of physical and mental damage without meaningfully reducing rates of violent crime against LA residents as a whole, let alone the most vulnerable and marginalized among us. Accountability for their well-publicized actions in the wake of recent non-violent, protected speech protests is a necessary first step to remedying this. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 01:30 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Isaiah Alwin and I am a student at USC. I am writing in support of item 18. There are no excuses for LAPD's inappropriate, appalling, and violent response to the campus protests at USC and UCLA. The people have a right, and this council has a duty, to demand transparency and to hold LAPD accountable for its actions and decision-making. I urge you to support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Dylan
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:39 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	I live in Los Angeles, and I support the actions of the LAPD in their actions towards the USC and UCLA encampments, and am against item #18. I do believe in the freedom of speech and the rights to protest, but I do not believe in illegal take overs and the disruption that they caused; as well as the equal discrimination against Jewish people that was reported on. I do not believe to evils make a right. I support the continued funding and protection that the LAPD provide, though they are not perfect, they are still human, and do a job that is very dangerous.

Communication from Public

Name:	Zak Breckenridge
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:39 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Zak Breckenridge and I am a doctoral candidate at USC. This means that I am a researcher and teacher employed at USC. I am also also a constituent of CD1 and I am writing in support of item 18. I have witnessed the brutal violence unleashed by LAPD and other police forces against students, faculty, staff, and community members both first- and second-hand in recent weeks. I am appalled by the mismanagement, short-sightedness, and unnecessary use of force on display from LAPD. I am opposed in the strongest possible terms to the massive use of public funds to suppress speech on campuses in this city. The people of this city have a right, and city council has a duty, to demand accountability for the waste and violence on display in recent weeks. As a student and employee at USC, I have been directly harmed by the botched police response to campus protests. I hope you will support item 18.

Communication from Public

Name:	Juan N.
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:43 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Juan N.. I'm a UCLA student and constituent in SPA 2 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 be because no one should feel scared or fear for their life in the presence of police. The fact that the department had to use lethal force against students that had no weapons is abhorrent and shameful. There is extensive documentation online that proves the department's incompetency in handling this situation. No amount of pride will justify the department's actions. LAPD failed my classmates and I. The world is watching. Please support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Amir
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 01:56 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Subject: Demand for Accountability from LAPD Dear City Clerk's Office, I am writing to express my profound concern and demand accountability for the violent behavior exhibited by the LAPD during the recent protests at USC and UCLA campuses. It is absolutely unacceptable that law enforcement officers have violated the constitutional rights of the protestors, including the 1st Amendment right to freedom of speech and assembly, the 4th Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures, and the 8th Amendment right against cruel and unusual punishment. As a concerned citizen, I demand that immediate action be taken to address these egregious violations. It is imperative that those responsible be held accountable to ensure that such actions are not repeated in the future. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Communication from Public

Name:	David Smith
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 02:13 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is David Smith 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 communities have a right to be safe and more policing doesn't make us safer. Please support item 18, thank you.