Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 03:02 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: I am appalled at what has been happening at college campuses, the freedom of speech has nullified, and police have completely taken over the campus. It's distressing. When the students were attacked, it didn't come out of nowhere. The fascist encampment was harassing the students the night before, playing amplified music including the sound of babies crying and screaming. They approached the guards for help to address this issue (amplified sound requires a permit as well which wasn't enforced) and they did absolutely nothing. It is obvious they were setting up and sacrificing the safety of the students by allowing the beatings and harassment to occur. There should be an investigation into who ordered the security and police to stand by. Also LAPD and CHP should not be trained in Israel, or using Israeli tactics and technology. It is evident the crowd control techniques they learned from Israel. Any councilmember who voted against this motion has outed themselves as being aligned with Nazis and fascists. CNN has already shown that these people have gone to school board and Trump meetings among others.

Communication from Public

Name:	Ainsly
Date Submitted:	05/26/2024 09:33 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is ainsly Rivera 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 I am tired of LAPD and the pigs over at men's central jail killed my uncle • Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jas Singh
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 09:13 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Jas Singh 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. The last month has seen harrowing attacks on freedom of speech and the right to protest in Los Angeles. I have been a student at UCLA since 2016, and in my time I have seen a myriad of student-led movements and protests, but I have never seen such drastic repression. I have never seen outside agitators allowed to brutalize students for hours. I have never seen swarms of riot police assault and arrest hundreds of students for engaging in a peaceful sit-in. This is an unconscionable and dangerous attack on the pillars of a democratic society: the right to express disagreement with and protest against one's government. 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:	Cassandra
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 09:21 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Cassandra and I'm a UC Alum and constituent in CD 43 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 should not be violently punished for holding peaceful protests and expressing free speech meanwhile LAPD allowed UCLA students to be violently brutalized by outside agitators and ignored their several calls for help. 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: Akshaya
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 09:30 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Akshaya, and I'm writing in as a UAW 872 member at USC and a resident in Hugo Soto-Martinez's District 13. I'm asking you to hold the LA Police Department (LAPD) accountable to the USC and UCLA communities and urge you to drop all charges against all individuals arrested during peaceful protest at UCLA and USC April 24 - May 6, 2024. I was on USC's campus on Wednesday April 24, 2024, the day that our university president called LAPD, leading to the arrest of 93 of our students, faculty, and community members. Like many of my peers and colleagues, I was shocked by this blatant violation of trust by our employer, to students exercising their first amendment rights. I saw the peaceful, nurturing environment of the protests; there were speeches, open discussions, songs, art projects, and even a kitten playing in the grass! In this display of free speech there was not a hint of violence, no hate-speech, nothing. Our campus became unsafe precisely at the moment that campus security and LAPD showed up to intimidate, harass, brutalize and arrest protestors. Hours before the arrests took place, the sound of 5 LAPD helicopters close overhead, plus an additional US military helicopter, was deafening. LAPD flagrantly made our worksite volatile, violent, and authoritarian in their attempts to silence protestors. It is obvious that LAPD does not keep us safe. I feel deeply, personally hurt by USC's actions. I have lost trust that USC cares about its students or their education. USC preaches lofty values, like free speech, diversity, community care, and critical thinking, but when we actually think critically and stand up for all members of our community, including Arab and Muslim students and students of color, USC would rather have us arrested. I have lost trust in USC to keep their students safe, protect our right to free speech, and provide us with a safe work environment free from harassment and police brutality. It is not normal to have your own students and workers arrested in the middle of campus, for peacefully exercising their right to free speech, and it sets a very dangerous precedent. Whenever workers in UAW 872 voice a political disagreement with USC, will USC call the cops on us? 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 worker 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: Jose Muzquiz
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 09:35 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello! I'm José Múzquiz and I'm writing in as a UAW 872 member at USC and a resident in Hugo Soto Martinez's District 13. I believe it is very important that you, as the Public Safety Committee, hold the LA Police Department (LAPD) accountable to the UCLA and USC communities and urge you to pressure the city attorney to drop all charges against all individuals arrested during peaceful protest at UCLA and USC April 24 - May 6, 2024. As a member of the Executive Board of our union, I am deeply worried about the show of brutal force the LAPD used on my coworkers, both at USC and UCLA. This is particularly troubling given that the protests were peaceful, as is verifiable in their schedules, which show poetry readings, teach-ins, prayer, and musical activities. The spirit of these protests starkly contrasts with the authoritarian, violent and disproportional response by the LAPD. This brutal repression of peaceful protests is a precedent that should not be let stand today. Our union members and broader community have a fundamental right to peaceful protest. Instead of LAPD protecting and upholding our right to peacefully assemble, our coworkers were intimidated, insulted, kicked, maced, attacked with gas canisters and firecrackers, and riot police pointed weapons at their heads while LAPD stood idle. Many key rights of ours, that matter today and, in the future, have been trampled on. Student and/or workers futures at UCLA, USC, and beyond are in jeopardy with looming misdemeanor charges which could be career ending for International Students. Further, both universities have 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: Patrick Dexter
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 10:13 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Patrick Dexter and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member and a resident in Hugo Soto-Martinez's District 13. 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. I was shocked to witness the gratuitous and unnecessary police presence at UCLA on the night of May 1st. As the City of Los Angeles and the State of California grapple with huge budget deficits, I found it offensive that some city and state agencies- such as the LAPD, the LASD, and the CA Highway Patrol- seemingly have no qualms about wasting taxpayer money on completely superfluous displays of force. Hundreds of officers were deployed to a peaceful protest at which the only threat of harm or violence came from the police themselves. 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: Michael Wasney
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 10:19 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Michael Wasney and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA. 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. My partner is Palestinian, so this issue is particular close to my heart. It is crucial that I, my fellow coworkers, and my fellow community members be able to protest the genocide in Gaza without facing brutal police repression. 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:	Sydney Campbell
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 10:20 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello, my name is Sydney Campbell 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. I am a head steward with UAW 4811. Our union members and broader community have a fundamental right to peaceful protest. Instead of LAPD protecting and upholding our right to peacefully assemble, our coworkers were kicked, maced, attacked with gas canisters and firecrackers, and riot police pointed weapons at their heads while LAPD stood idle. Many key rights of ours, that matter today and in the future, have been trampled on. 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: Jonathan Mah
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 10:30 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Jonathan Mah and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Traci Park's District 11. 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 working class descendant of working class descendants of working class descendants, I value deeply the fundamental values this nation was built upon, such as the protected rights of free speech and peaceful assembly. Our union members and broader community have a fundamental right to peaceful protest. Instead of LAPD protecting and upholding our right to peacefully assemble, our coworkers were kicked, maced, attacked with gas canisters and firecrackers, and riot police pointed weapons at their heads while LAPD stood idle. Many key rights of ours, that matter today and in the future, have been trampled on. 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: Isabella Ersoz
Date Submitted: 05/27/2024 11:57 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: As a born and raised angeleno, I have never been more ashamed of my city as when I saw UCLA, USC, and LAPD conspire to violate the basic constitutional rights of the students engaging in peaceful protests. Their actions made it clear they are not interested in protecting angelenos and our rights, but in protecting the property and interests of the wealthy, something we saw before during the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests. LAPD has proven to be a violent, senseless, immoral group, they do not make our city safer, they escalate and increase violence. Students shouldn't leave peaceful protests with rubber bullets in their faces. There is no amount of "disturbing the peace" or "property damage" that can justify beating, tear gassing, and SHOOTING any citizen. The videos I saw of students bleeding and crying were horrific. There was no need for riot police or snipers. These were flagrant abuses of power. Not only should all officers and officials involved be suspended, but the city council needs to defund them and stop treating them as the solution. They are the problem. Statistics have shown that crime doesnt decrease as the LAPDs budget increases- so by choosing to fund them not only are you essentially burning tax payer money, youre empowering the most violent and out of control group on this city. When im out on the streets, i feel LESS safe when i see cops. The photos and videos that came out of the UCLA and USC attacks were so disturbing- you could see officers smiling gleefully as they attacked students. Disturbed people like that should not be our cities supposed "protectors". Any council member who sides with LAPD is complicit in the continued violence in LA, the US, and the world at large. Public servants who do not serve the public have failed to serve their function and should be dismissed. The right to protest and free speech are the basic and most crucial tenants of our countries constitution, to violate them is un-american and shameful. Defund LAPD and make sure nothing like this happens ever again to any angeleno, but especially our students. The world is watching, and we will remember.





Communication from Public

Name:	Breanna Sanchez
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 04:07 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Breanna Sanchez. 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. 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: Stephanie Wert
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 10:31 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Stephanie Wert and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Traci Park's District 11. 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 - May 6, 2024. Many of my friends and colleagues have joined movements to protest Israel's war on Palestine. They are students, mental health professionals, service workers, and concerned parents who are fed up with seeing images of starving children and destroyed communities coming out of Gaza. They have a right to peacefully take a stand and call on their government to stop supporting this destruction. This kind of free expression is the bedrock of our democracy. Our union members and the broader community have a fundamental right to peaceful protest. Instead of the LAPD protecting and upholding our right to peacefully assemble, our coworkers were kicked, maced, and attacked with gas canisters and firecrackers, and riot police pointed weapons at their heads while the LAPD stood idle. Many key rights of ours that matter today and in the future have been trampled on. 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: Kira Fish
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 10:52 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Kira Hello, my name is Kira Fish and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Ted Lieu's District 36. 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. The gratuitous police presence at UCLA on the night of May 1st was offensive and wasteful. Hundreds of officers were deployed to a peaceful protest, where the only threat of harm came from the police themselves. Our employer authorized this police brutality against union members and the broader community, which cannot be tolerated. For weeks, campus administrators lied about the true nature of our peaceful Palestinian solidarity encampment, and police stood by as we were brutally attacked by violent mobs with explosives, blunt objects, and chemical agents. This incident exemplifies either gross negligence or municipal and university collusion with violent, racist mobs, and we, the workers and citizens of Los Angeles, won't allow it to stand. 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: Yoni Hirshberg
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 10:57 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Yoni Hirshberg and I am writing as a member of UAW Local 509 and an alum of USC. 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. I think it's shameful that the clowns in the USC administration chose to violently repress peaceful protests by calling in the police to arrest their own students. Their incompetence has divided the campus and ruined the atmosphere around graduation. Moreover, it is a tremendous waste of taxpayer money to have police arrest nonviolent students on the campus they pay tuition to live on. The only people the police should be arresting on USC's campus are the many corrupt, predatory, and dishonest individuals in, or protected by, the administration. I also want to note that I am deeply troubled by the anti-muslim decision to bar Asna Tabassum from speaking at graduation, and I am also pissed off by the anti-semitic decision to blame this decision on "safety," thus implying without evidence that the Jewish community was threatening her safety. USC administration is run by bigoted cowards who are so afraid of their own students living up to American and academic values of free speech that they rely on police brutality and divide and conquer racism. 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: James Boocock
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 11:10 AM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is James Boocock 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. I am a rank and file member of UAW 4811, and I believe that our union members and broader community have a fundamental right to peaceful protest. But instead of protecting and upholding our right to peacefully assemble, LAPD kicked, maced, and attacked our coworkers with gas canisters and firecrackers. When riot police pointed weapons at their heads while LAPD stood idle. Many key rights of ours, that matter today and in the future, have been trampled on. 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: Sophia L
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 12:18 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: I am a USC alumna writing in support of item 18. I witnessed students and faculty peacefully protesting at USC on Wednesday April 24, and I also was at UCLA on Wednesday May 1 through the morning of May 2nd. None of what I saw on either campus warranted the excessive and brutal LAPD response that was carried out on both occasions. The violence unleashed on peaceful protesters at both campuses must be met with accountability. I spoke to several UCLA students and faculty who had been attacked themselves and witnessed their fellow UCLA community attacked by a pro-Israel mob the night of April 30th. One of the teenage UCLA students I spoke recounted in disbelief watching LAPD stand by and do nothing that night as officers witnessed the pro-Israel crowd hurl racial epithets and physically assault UCLA students and faculty for hours. There is a clear double standard in how protesters are treated depending on their political cause. When the pro-Israeli mob attacked UCLA students, LAPD stood back and watched as the violence unfolded. The following night, LAPD and other law enforcement agencies were the ones attacking peaceful protesters. Where is the accountability? I implore this council to demand answers and to also reflect on why thousands upon thousands of your constituents have been protesting since October. It is beyond time for this council to pass a resolution calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. As we watch Israel enact genocide in Gaza and commit war crimes throughout occupied Palestine, LA City Council cannot continue to remain silent.

Communication from Public

Name: Desmond Fonseca
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 12:23 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Desmond Fonseca and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA 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. I am one of hundreds of UCLA students and workers who were brutally attacked on April 30th into the morning of May 1st at UCLA's peaceful Palestinian solidarity encampment. For weeks, campus administrators have been lying about the true nature of the encampment - calling it violent and anti-Semitic. In reality, dozens of Jewish students took part in the peaceful demonstration which constantly came under violent attack from outside anti-Palestinian agitators. In the course of falsely accusing the encampment of violence, the university AND city + county police stood idly by as racist, violent mobs brutally assaulted us with explosives, blunt objects, and chemical agents FOR HOURS. I do not understand how either the university or the city could allow this to happen and appears as nothing but a brutal crackdown on the freedom of free speech. How can these institutions claim to be democratic when they let a group of armed civilians attack peaceful protestors, and then attack that same group of recovering peaceful protestors? At worst, this incident is an example of municipal and university collusion with violent, fascist racist mobs. At best, it is gross negligence worthy of massive investigation, overhaul and punitive measures against all municipal and university agencies involved. Our workers are going on strike to show that this cannot stand, and we, the workers and citizens of Los Angeles, won't allow it to stand. 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:	natalie barman
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 12:26 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello my name is Natalie and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member and a resident in Hugo Soto Martinez's District #13. 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. 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: Piril Nergis

Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 12:29 PM

Council File No: 24-0537

Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Piril Nergis and I'm writing in as a 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 April 24 - May 6, 2024. I was on jail support duty the night when USC administration decided to arrest over 90 of their own students, faculty, academic workers, and community members. And as folks were being released in the middle of night, I learned of the inhumane treatment they experienced while waiting for trespassing charges from their own campus and workplace. A coworker reported that "the amount of recently dried blood on the bus seats we were taken in was terrifying…Plus we weren't properly buckled in for the drive and it was completely unsafe." Then once they arrived, my coworkers, faculty, and students were packed into cells that weren't large enough for all of them to fit. I was also at UCLA with other UAW 872 members to help protect their encampment after UCLA admin and LAPD did absolutely nothing the previous night but watched while outside agitators terrorized, harassed and beat UCLA students, academic workers, and faculty with pipes and boards. During the UAW 4811 rally, my friend and coworker in Electrical Engineering was shot directly, point blank with a rubber-cased metal bullet from LAPD for absolutely no reason but being along the perimeter. LAPD came in to arrest protesters with flash-bang grenades and rubber-cased metal bullets. The smoke gave one person acute respiratory failure. Another got a brain hemorrhage. (https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-05-03/injuries-during-clearing-of-ucla-encampment) Police should not be called to respond to peaceful protests—doing so only escalates violence and we've seen this time and time again, regardless of the participants, regardless of when. The police brutality we saw against union members and the broader community at USC and at our neighbor campus, UCLA, which our employers 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 and they wouldn't have brutalized us. 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: Hamsini Sridharan
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 12:29 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Hamsini Sridharan and I'm writing in as a 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 April 24 - May 6, 2024. On April 24, I watched in horror from USC's campus as LAPD arrested 93 people engaged in peaceful protest, including my graduate worker and faculty colleagues and the students we serve. I was again terrified for my community the night of April 27, hearing sirens and helicopters all the way in East Hollywood as LAPD descended on USC's campus en masse with no real cause. Meanwhile, on the night of April 30, my colleagues at UCLA's protest were violently assaulted by "counterprotesters" while police stood idly by, only to themselves attack and arrest peaceful protesters the next night. And then at 4am on May 5, LAPD joined campus police in pushing USC protesters off campus. LAPD, acting at USC and UCLA's behest, has pnot only materially harmed those attacked and arrested, they have sought to silence, intimidate, and terrorize all who spoke out in campus protests throughout this period. And all on the public dime. As a resident of LA, I am disgusted by LAPD's continual abuse of public resources to silence protest. As a graduate worker at USC, I fear that my employer and LAPD have made it unsafe to engage in protected speech and assembly on campus. 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:	Kaija Gahm
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 01:48 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello my name is Kaija Gahm and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Traci Park's District 11. 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 UAW 4811, I know that the right to peacefully assemble and protest is fundamental to workers' abilities to advocate for our rights. Instead of upholding those fundamental rights, the LAPD stood by while my coworkers and friends engaging in peaceful protest were physically attacked by outside agitators. Later, LAPD itself inflicted violence on my protesting colleagues, arresting them with flash bang grenades and rubber bullets. The smoke gave one person acute respiratory failure. Another got a brain hemorrhage. 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:	Andrea Gonzalez
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 01:58 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Andrea Gonzalez, I am a past constituent of Congressional District 27 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 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 as I have family members currently attending the UCLA campus and I don't want them to fear violent retaliation for peacefully expressing their values and opinions. Everyone in this country has a right to freedom of speech and protest, and our students should be no exception. I am also taking this opportunity to implore the council to pass a resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Please support item 18. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Yuntao Liu
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 02:04 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Yuntao Liu and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Traci Park's District 11. 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 UAW 4811, I know that the right to peacefully assemble and protest is fundamental to workers' abilities to advocate for our rights. Instead of upholding those fundamental rights, the LAPD stood by while my coworkers and friends engaging in peaceful protest were physically attacked by outside agitators. Later, LAPD itself inflicted violence on my protesting colleagues, arresting them with flash bang grenades and rubber bullets. The smoke gave one person acute respiratory failure. Another got a brain hemorrhage. 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: Tanya Gupta
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 02:09 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Tanya Gupta 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 researcher at UCLA, I attended several well-organized and safe rallies in support of pro-Palestinian protestors. Several of these rallies had a large police presence. 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: Anand Balakrishnan
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 02:47 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Anand Balakrishnan and I'm writing in as a UAW 872 member at USC 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 the newly elected President of UAW Local 872, the first ever academic worker union at USC, it is incredibly concerning to me that USC and UCLA authorized the massive LAPD forces — in riot gear — to arrest and brutalize our union members and our community members engaging in their right to peaceful protest, and to militarize our campuses, further establishing their unfair and uncontrolled power dynamic against students and workers. If our employers really cared about protecting students and community members, and to prevent violence, they would not have called the riot police on us. It is even more concerning to me that the police took such unprecedented action against members of our sister union, UAW 4811, at UCLA and, in stark contrast, stood by while violence was being directed against them not a day before. Student and/or workers futures at USC, UCLA, 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: Gabriel Edwards
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 02:55 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Gabriel Edwards and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Katy Young 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. I'm the unit chair for Academic Researchers at UCLA - the unit is made up of staff researchers who have already completed their training (in contrast to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who are still considered trainees). Some workers in our unit have been at the UC for decades, and we consider our jobs as long term investments in our career. It is especially important to us that our workplaces remain environments where, in addition to carrying out our research duties, we are able to assemble and voice our concerns peacefully without the threat of violent confrontations of any kind. The police brutality we saw against union members and the broader community on May 1, 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 by outside agitators the night before, on April 30. 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:	Katie Rotolo
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 03:15 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Katie Rotolo. I'm a concerned citizen and constituent in Los Angeles writing in support of item 18. The violence unleashed on students, faculty and community members 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 citizens and students have a right to free speech and saying no to our tax dollars and tuition fees being spent to fund genocide, as well as a right to be protected in those rights, and not to be brutalized and met with extreme violence at the hands of police. I am also taking this opportunity to implore the council to pass a resolution for a permanent and immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Perez
Date Submitted: 05/28/2024 03:41 PM
Council File No: 24-0537
Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Jacqueline Perez and I'm writing in as a UAW 4811 member at UCLA and a resident in Traci Park's District 11. 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 an Executive Board member of my union, UAW 4811, I am fully aware of just how fundamental our rights as workers, students, and community members are to our ability to organize for meaningful change. The University of California and USC failed their communities when they allowed counterprotestors and LAPD to disrupt and assault peaceful protestors. I was at UCLA before even the most egregious attacks on our campus on the nights of May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. That Sunday prior, counterprotestors shoved me, spat on me, shouted horrible slurs—profiling me as Muslim—and wished for me to die and to be raped. Campus security just watched. Riot police stood yards away and watched. The next day, Gene Block responded by sending an email to the campus denouncing EXCLUSIVELY antisemitism. 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 condoned, 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. For hours, I watched in horror as my coworkers, my friends, were brutalized by counterprotestors. They were maced, beaten with metal rods and wood planks, and had fireworks thrown at them. LAPD watched this unfold with no intervention for 3+ hours—when most of the criminals had already left and the harm was done. The next night, after allowing them to be brutally assaulted, they arrested hundreds of protestors exercising their right to free speech on our public campus. 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.