Communication from Public

Name:	Nathan
Date Submitted:	05/26/2024 09:49 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Nathan Cuenca 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 LAPD are said to keep the public “safe” yet when engaging with mostly PEACEFUL protesters the police resorted to violence. As a taxpayer this is UNACCEPTABLE. • Please support item 18, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:	Emily Szpiro
Date Submitted:	05/28/2024 02:10 PM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	Hello my name is Emily Szpiro 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 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 police brutality we saw against union members and the broader community, which our employer authorized, cannot be tolerated. If police were here to prevent violence as they contend, they wouldn't have stood by while my colleagues and students 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:	Jackie
Date Submitted:	05/27/2024 12:33 AM
Council File No:	24-0537
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Jacqueline Villalobos. 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 the constitutional right to freely express without fear of retaliation. Our students deserve better. Please support item 18, Thank you.