

**WRITTEN
PUBLIC
COMMENTS
& HAND-OUTS**

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

JUNE 16, 2020

Monika Radeva

From: Paige Wajda <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 3:31 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Public Comment for Council Meeting on 6/16

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Dear City Council,

I will not be able to make the meeting on Tuesday but I would like to submit a public comment for consideration regarding the city budget.

Name: Paige Wajda
City of Residence: La Quinta
Phone number: [REDACTED]
Public Comment/ Written
Subject: Police Brutality and Budgeting

I would like to start out by saying that I was born and raised in La Quinta and have recently moved back here after years of living abroad. I am a poet and library associate at one of the county library branches. I live in the Cove and wanted to say that I love the recent additions of the roundabouts here and find that they are a far superior method of controlling traffic than stop signs or traffic lights, so I want to thank you for that.

On another note, recent events have shown that there is an epidemic of police brutality in this country. We are lucky to live in a town where we have not had to witness such horrifying instances such as those which have recently occurred in Minneapolis and Louisville, but still, we must take precautions to make the community safer for people of color that live and work here.

Currently, 32% of the city budget (\$17 million) goes to the LQ police department. Meanwhile, at the La Quinta library, the roof leaks every time it rains, causing books to be ruined and mold to grow. Library employees in the RCLS system only earn minimum wage and do not receive many benefits despite working tirelessly to help educate the community and put on free events for low-income families.

I urge you to divest funding for the police department and put that money towards projects that will actually help our community flourish: improving our roads, fixing the library roof, funding education and the arts, and maintaining our parks. Please consider a drastic reduction in the funding for the police, and ensure that the remaining police receive rigorous de-escalation training, thereby making La Quinta an even safer and more beautiful place to live. Even though we live in a small town, we can and should set an example to other cities that we, as a nation, can do better, and to affirm that Black Lives Matter.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 16, 2020 - WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS BY RESIDENT PAIGE WAJDA
PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Paige Wajda

Monika Radeva

From: Shelley Morgan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6:49 AM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Written Comments

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I am urging you to not cut back on any of the funding of our local police services. We need well trained police officers now, more than ever, for our public safety.

Sincerely,
Shelley Morgan
La Quinta, CA

Monika Radeva

From: Carol O'Donnell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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Dear Ms. Radeva,

We want to encourage the City Council to make no cuts or defunding of police services. We enthusiastically support the police force that keeps us safe in La Quinta.

Sincerely,
John & Carol O'Donnell

Monika Radeva

From: Laurie Muhlhauser <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: Fw: Do Not Cut Police Services

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City Council of La Quinta:
Do NOT cut our police services!
Thank you

Monika Radeva

From: laquinta@enotify.visioninternet.com on behalf of City of La Quinta, CA
<laquinta@enotify.visioninternet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: Email contact from La Quinta, CA

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

Site Visitor Name: Becky A. Franco

Site Visitor Email: [REDACTED]

Keep our beautiful La Quinta safe!
NO to defunding police!
NO cuts to police services!

Monika Radeva

From: laquinta@enotify.visioninternet.com on behalf of City of La Quinta, CA
<laquinta@enotify.visioninternet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: no cuts or defunding Police and Public SaeftyEmail contact from La Quinta, CA

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Message submitted from the <La Quinta, CA> website.

Site Visitor Name: Paul Franco

Site Visitor Email: [REDACTED]

I urge you not to cut Police services or defund Public Safety. You will surely destroy our great little city we have here in the desert. We don't want rampant crime and destruction of everything we've built here in La Quinta. We do not want another San Francisco or L.A. in our desert cities. We are law abiding people here. Don't let the noisy few ruin our communities. We stand united with Law enforcement.

Monika Radeva

From: Rosemary Andre <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: La Quinta City Budget and Police Funding

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I understand the city of La Quinta will be reviewing the overall budget in the next few days. Given all the news regarding a movement to defund the police, I want to be clear that as a taxpayer I **DO NOT** support this position. I believe the police perform an important function in our community. However, I also believe police reform is key and officers should be held accountable when their actions do not support upholding law and order appropriately.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Andre

[REDACTED]
La Quinta, CA 92253

Monika Radeva

From: WENDY LAPHAM <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:27 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Written Comments for City Council Meeting Today

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- 1) Wendy Lapham
- 2) City of Residence - La Quinta
- 3) [REDACTED]
- 4) Public Agenda Item - Fiscal Year Budget
- 6) Written Comments

Do NOT reduce any funding to the Police and Public Safety!
I'm shocked as to how many people are falling for this "movement".
Don't drink the kool-aid!
Be strong La Quinta!

Monika Radeva

From: SMG <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: keep police funded

** EXTERNAL: This message originated outside of the City of La Quinta. Please use proper judgement and caution when opening attachments, clicking links or responding to requests for information. **

In case funding for the LQ Police Department is on the agenda for your meeting tonight, we just wanted to send in our concerns about "defunding the police", since this term means different things to different people.

If we are talking about reform and training for the police in appropriate restraining or removing police from service who have a pattern of negative marks on their record, these seem like reasonable solutions to the recent negative feelings toward the police in general. Defunding that takes away money from the police or removes the department completely seems like a hasty, radical, unwise and unsafe path forward for the city as a whole.

Safety has to be a priority in our community. The majority of police men and women care about the welfare of the people in their community. Please don't defund the LQ police based on a few rare instances in other cities and from a small amount of negative public opinions that seem to have the loudest voices.

Defunding might sound good to those who want to cause crime and want anarchy, but please, consider the majority of law abiding citizens who want to feel safe in La Quinta.

Thank you for your time and consideration, La Quinta family residents

Monika Radeva

From: mary ann farnsworth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Monika Radeva
Subject: Fw: NO TO DEFUNDING POLICE

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From: mary ann farnsworth <[REDACTED]>
To: mradeva@laquintaca.gov <mradeva@laquintaca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 04:10:47 PM MDT
Subject: Fw: NO TO DEFUNDING POLICE

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From: mary ann farnsworth <[REDACTED]>
To: MRADEVA@LAQUINTA.GOV <mradeva@laquinta.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 03:58:46 PM MDT
Subject: Re: NO TO DEFUNDING POLICE

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 03:56:00 PM MDT, mary ann farnsworth <[REDACTED]> wrote:

NO TO DEFUNDING THE POLICE!!!

WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH POLICE TO BEGIN WITH!!!

DO NOT DEFUND THE POICE!!!

NO TO DEFUNDING THE POLICE IN LA QUINTA!!!

OR ANY WHERE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER!!!

THIS IS CRAZY!!!

PLEASE DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE!!!

THEY ARE ESSENTIAL!!!

RESPECTFULLY,

CRAIG FARNSWORTH

LA QUNTA RESIDENT

Monika Radeva

From: James Nava [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:12 PM
To: City Clerk Mail
Subject: Inclusive Community

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What are the certain measure's are you going to take to provide a more inclusive community? As a resident of La Quinta, ca Cove. I was curious on what is your take on this movement. Since its affecting some groups who are not included. Most who are left with no answers from the city.

Name: James Nava

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