

# THE PEOPLES BUDGET

## City of Los Angeles 2023-24 PBLA Survey

Presented by the People's Budget LA Coalition

Led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dominique DiPrima

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# GROUNDING AND LIBATION

Mama Paula Minor



# **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Councilwoman Heather Hutt

A woman with curly hair, wearing a black t-shirt with 'LOS ANGELES' and a graphic, is speaking into a microphone at a protest. In the background, a large sign reads 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' with red hearts. Other protesters wearing masks are visible.

# PEOPLE'S BUDGET HISTORY AND FRAME

Dr. Melina Abdullah

Black people are **dying at twice our population share** from COVID-19 in Los Angeles County.

Interlocking economic, political, and social injustices collide with long-standing patterns of medical racism to make COVID-19 a Black issue that **demands a response specific to the needs of the Black community.**

[tinyurl.com/BlackLADemands](https://tinyurl.com/BlackLADemands)

# Black Los Angeles Demands in Light of COVID-19 and Rates of Black Death

APRIL 16, 2020

in light of inequalities exposed by COVID-19

**MORE THAN 50** Black Los Angeles community leaders stand

# UNITED



**STAND WITH US AND DEMAND JUSTICE**



The People's Budget LA coalition is led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles





**2013-Present**

## **The Foundation of The People's Budget**

BLMLA and allies repeatedly sounded the alarm on outsized spending on LAPD. Over 618+ people have been killed by police in LA County during this time.

**April 2020**

## **Black LA Demands**

BLMLA and more than 50 Black Los Angeles community leaders released the Black LA Demands, calling for investments to ensure Black residents have resources in light of COVID-19.

**May 2020**

## **2020 People's Budget Coalition Formed**

BLMLA convened The People's Budget LA coalition. People's Budget survey released, town halls commence

May 25 - George Floyd murdered by police in Minneapolis.  
#DefundThePolice becomes clarion call

**June 2020**

## **City Council Presentation**

BLMLA and The People's Budget LA coalition presented the results of the survey, town halls and years of research to LA City Council.

City Council responded with several policy proposals.

**July-Sept 2020**

## **Town Halls and Direct Action**

BLMLA and The People's Budget LA coalition continued to hold town halls and organize direct actions to inform how public safety policy moves forward.

**October 2020**

## **Participatory Budgeting Pledge**

People's Budget Coalition launches a Participatory Budgeting Pledge which candidates sign to commit to holding a participatory budgeting process.

**Jan-Apr 2021**

## **Town Halls and Participatory Budgeting**

BLMLA and The People's Budget LA coalition continued to hold town halls and gather input on how the budget should be shaped.

**April 2021**

## **Preparing Budget Proposal**

People's Budget LA Coalition released a survey and has prepared the 2021-22 People's Budget.

**May 2021**

## **Budget Advocacy**

People's Budget LA Coalition will continue budget advocacy as City Council meets to make recommendations about the mayor's budget

## Achievements

1

**Black LA Demands and launch of People's Budget LA Coalition (2020)**

2

**Global Black Lives Matter uprisings in the name of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others (2020)**

3

**\$150M cut to LAPD budget, \$250M pledged to Black and Brown communities (2020-21)**

4

**Bonin/Harris-Dawson motion to bar police from traffic and transportation stops (2020)**

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**35% cut to LAUSD police (2020-21)**

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**Passed Measure J in LA County (2020)**

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**Lobbied for funding for Black communities through local Black-led organizations (2020-present)**

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# OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Phillip "Rock" Lester



# Participatory Budgeting Engagement

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Prioritizing the voices of Black, Brown, working class, and poor people

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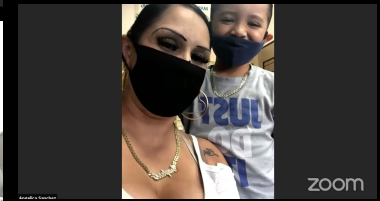
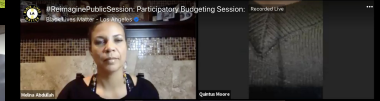
Working with community organizations to invite participation

3

Making room for people to be heard

4

Sharing resources so attendees can get more involved in participatory budgeting processes



# **MORE THAN A HASHTAG: TAKAR SMITH**

Shameka Smith



# THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

Dr. Tabatha Jones Jolivet

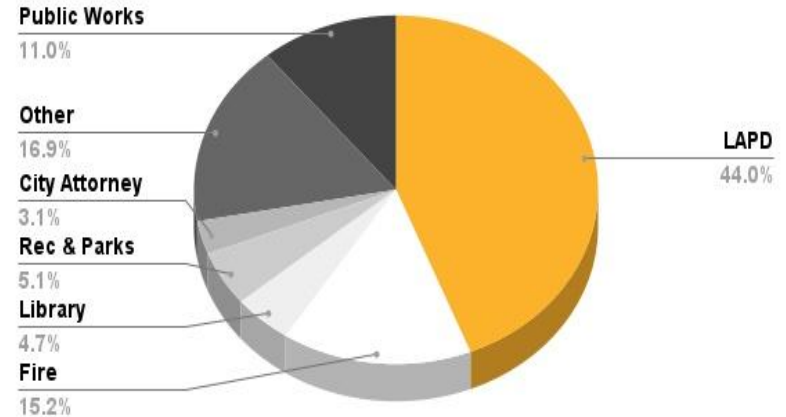
**The proposed FY 2024 City of LA Budget is 13,064,121,734. The LA City Controller's Office released an interactive website, where you can learn more about how the City plans to spend your tax dollars.**

**[budget.lacontroller.io](https://budget.lacontroller.io)**



**According to Mayor Bass' proposed FY 23-24 City of LA Budget, LAPD will receive \$3.24 billion (\$87M increase from FY 22-23) and would receive 44% (\$2.9B) of the City's Unrestricted Revenues (discretionary funds that can be used on anything).**

Proposed FY23-24 City of LA Budget (Unrestricted Revenue \$6.6B)

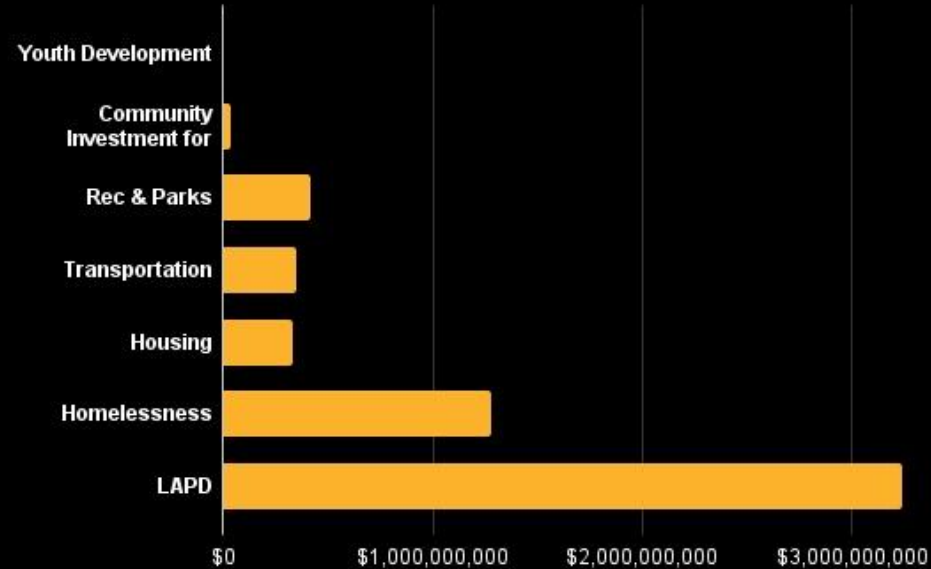


**When the City allocates billions to the police, the city can't pay for the support the people need.**

**Services from the housing department to youth programs remain underfunded.**

## Mayor Bass' 2023-24 Proposed Budget

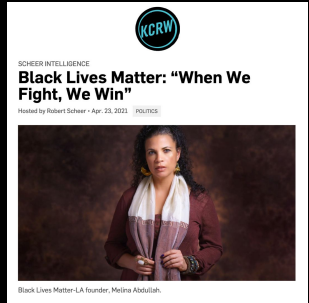
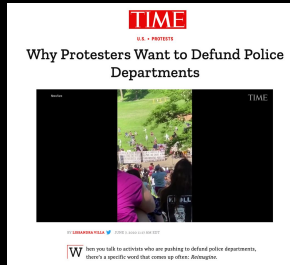
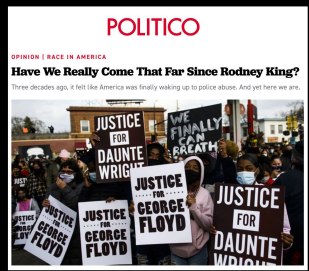
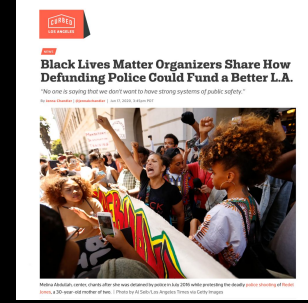
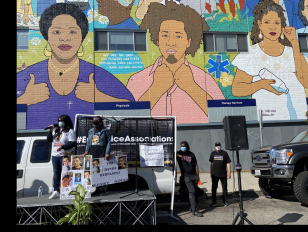
### Proposed FY23-24 City of LA Budget (Various Depts)



Source: Mayor's Proposed Budget 2023-24

The people demand a just budget.

The people demand a defunding of the police.



**Defund. Divest. Invest.**



**Police presence often turns a nonviolent situation into a violent one. We must remove police from these areas and fund community workers and professionals who can provide the needed support.**

~~Parties and noise complaints~~

~~Domestic and family conflict~~

~~Neighborhood gatherings~~

~~Substance use situations~~

~~Public transportation~~

~~Homelessness~~

~~Wellness checks~~

~~Street vending~~

~~Car accidents~~

~~Mental health~~

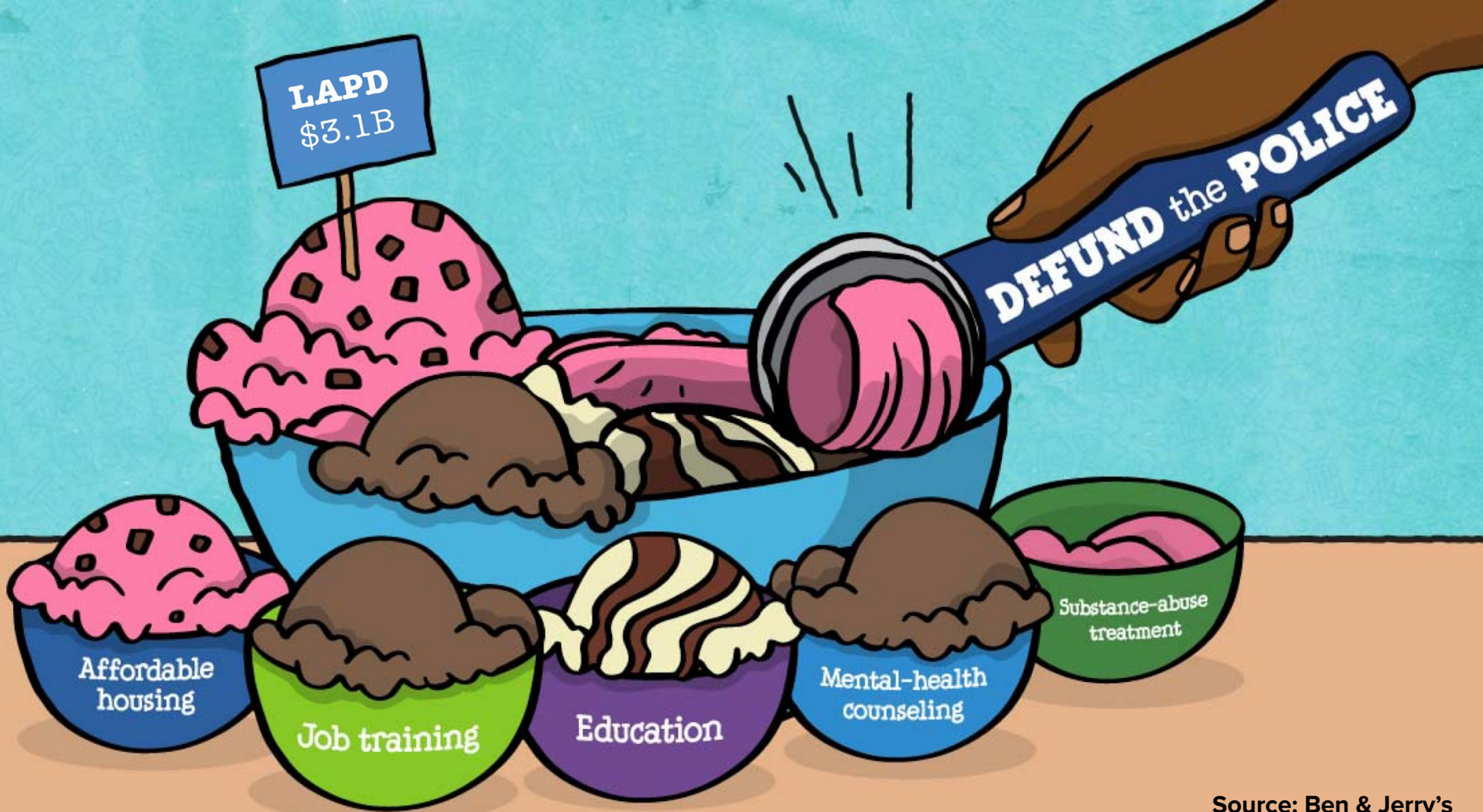
~~Housing~~

~~Evictions~~

~~Libraries~~

~~Schools~~

~~Parks~~



We continue to hear urgency  
around **defunding the police.**





# THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

Dr. David C. Turner III



We have been engaged year round in an urgent **public process of participatory budgeting** to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city.

Since we presented at City Council in June of 2020, **we have engaged thousands of participants through online and in-person town halls**. We've also partnered with a few City Council members to hold town halls.

**Over 30K**

Survey Respondents  
Over the last 3 budget cycles  
(2020-2023)

**Over 60K**

Participants Engaged  
in Town Halls

Survey data can be segmented by several dimensions to **ensure our city's most neglected voices are heard.**

## Council District

## Employment Status

Experiencing Wage Cuts  
Furloughed  
Retired  
Unemployed  
Working

## Essential Worker Status

Yes  
No

## Gender

Female  
Gender non-conforming  
Intersex  
Male  
Non-binary  
Transgender  
Two-spirit

## Race

African-American/Black  
Asian  
Biracial (two or more races)  
Latinx (Latino, Hispanic)  
Middle Eastern  
Native American  
Other  
Pacific Islander  
Southeast Asian  
White

## Sexuality

Asexual

# Some Highlights from the Survey

(Preliminary Results N = 1,409)

**43%**

Of respondents  
identify as a crime survivor

**20%**

Of respondents have been  
directly impacted by the  
carceral system

**39%**

Of respondents have had a  
family member impacted  
by the carceral system

**19%**

Of respondents  
have been directly harmed  
by law enforcement

**32%**

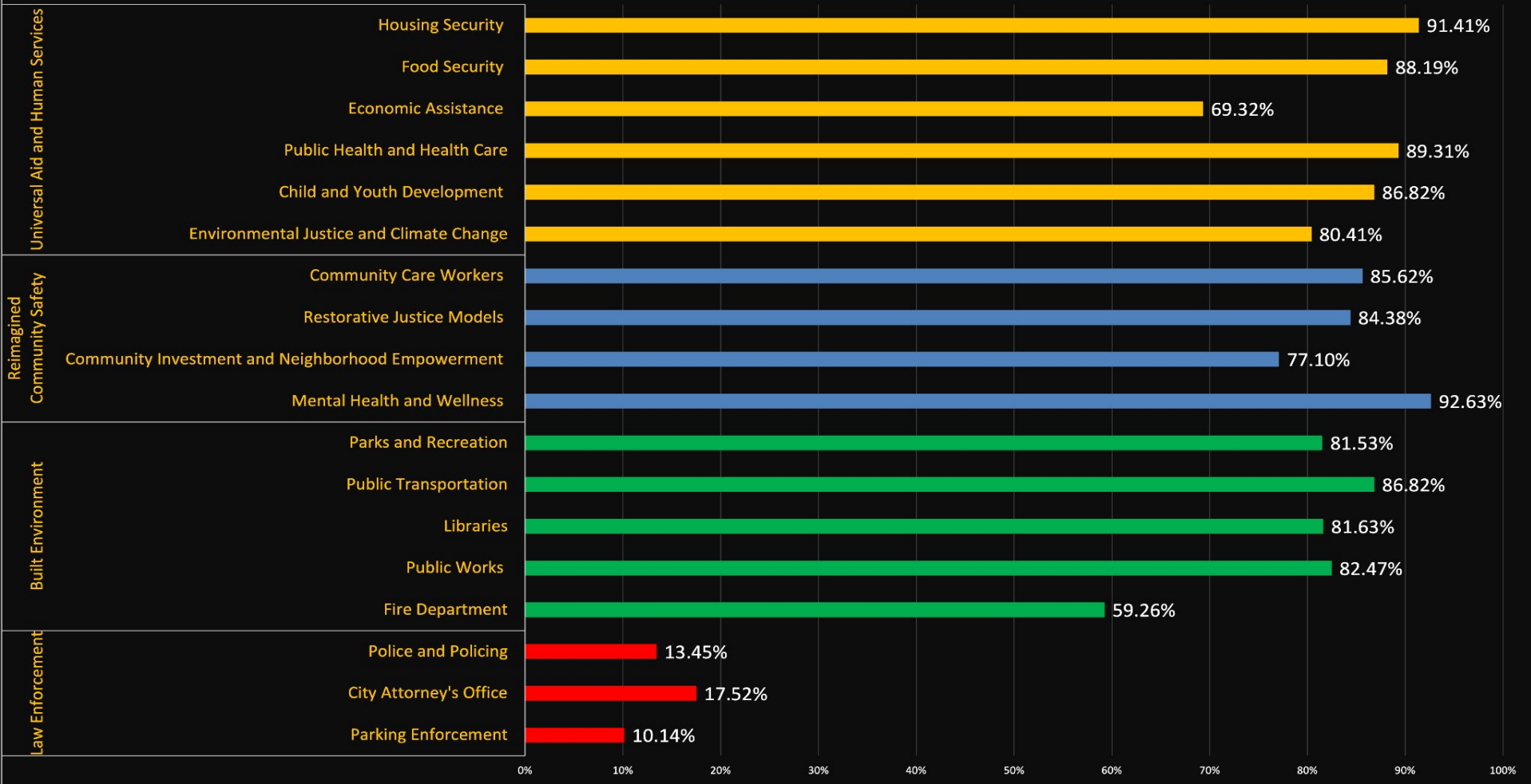
Of respondents  
have had a family member  
harmed by law enforcement

**95%**

Of respondents  
are registered voters in the  
in City of Los Angeles

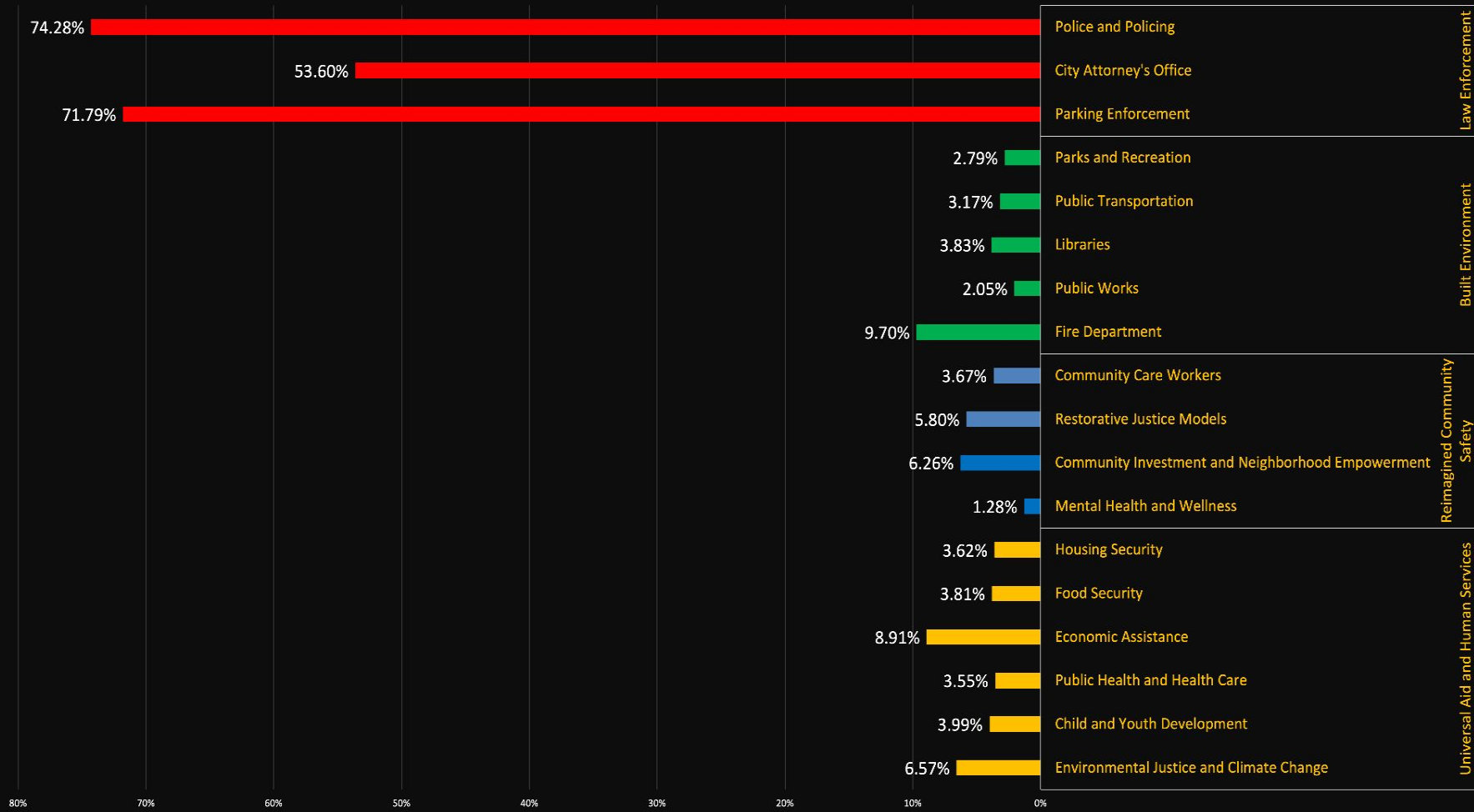
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Survey Responses with both "Investment" and "Maximum Investment" pictured here



# Areas of Divestment

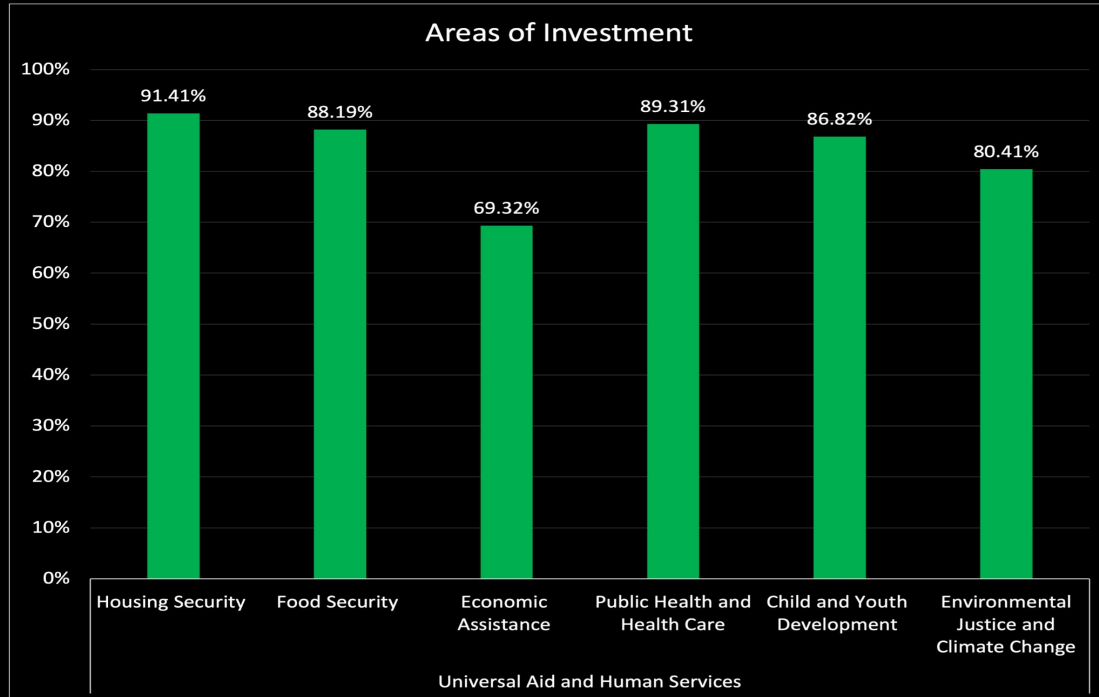
Survey Responses with both "Divestment" and "No Investment" pictured here



# Top Priorities for Investment

## Universal Needs

(Showing both maximum and moderate investment)

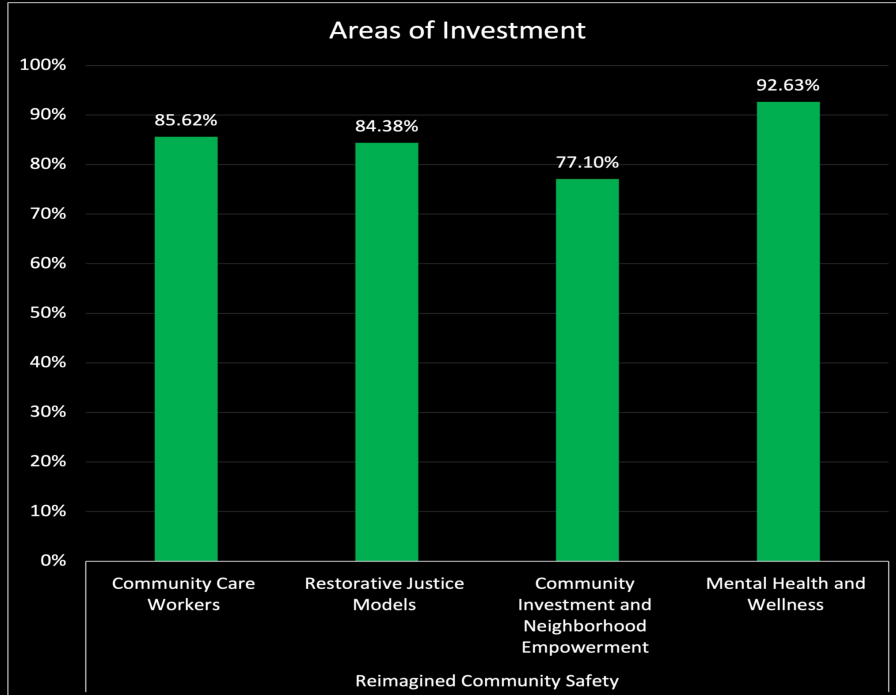


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# Top Priorities for Investment

## Reimagined Community Safety

(Showing both maximum and moderate investment)

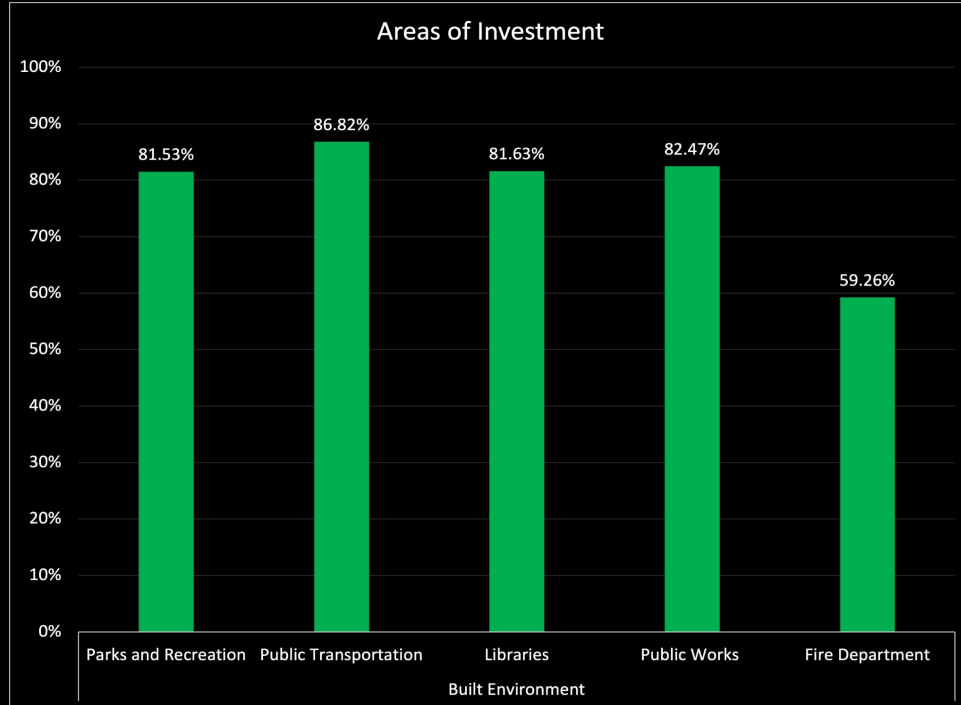


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# Top Priorities for Investment

## Built Environment

(Showing both maximum and moderate investment)



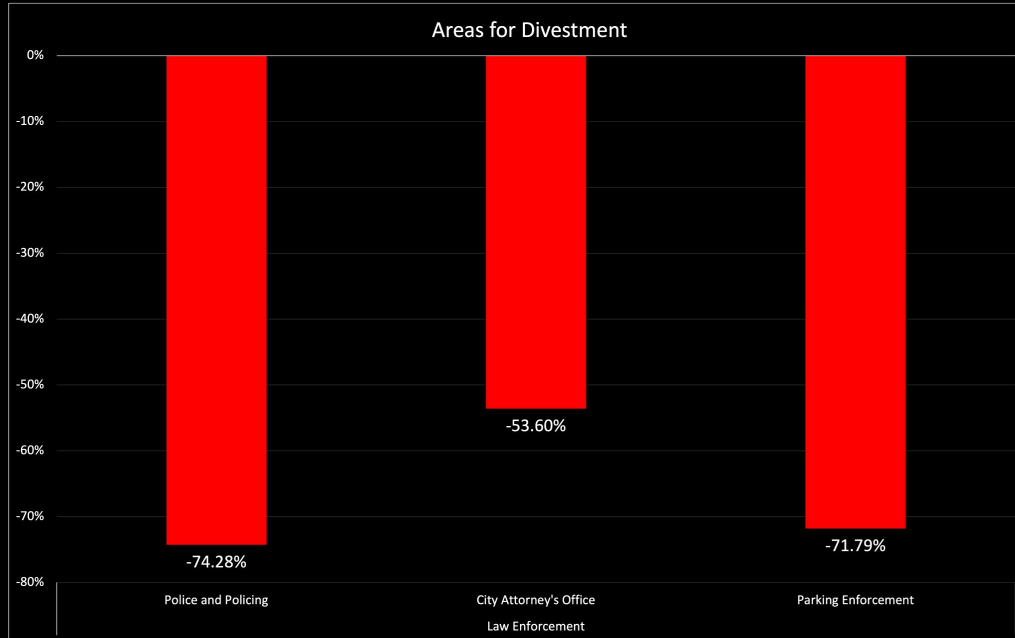
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# Top Priorities for Divestment

## Law Enforcement

(Showing both divestment and no investment at all)



(Preliminary Results N = 1,409)

**Our data demonstrates a consistent  
commitment: invest in universal needs and  
divest from traditional forms of policing.**

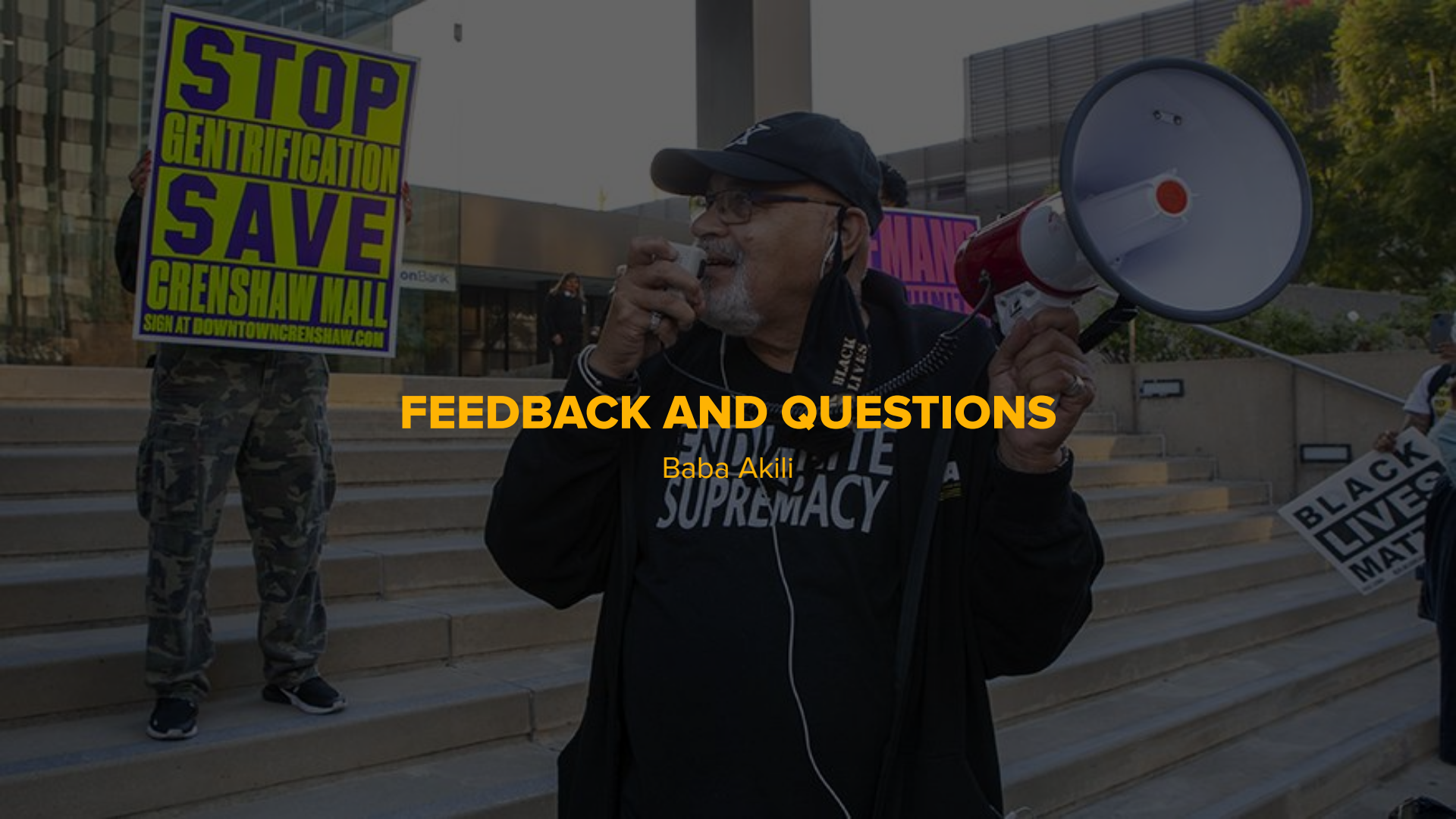


# THE COURAGE TO REIMAGINE

Kendrick Sampson

# **MAYOR'S RESPONSE**

Mayor Karen Bass



# FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS

Baba Akili

**“We don’t need more money for the  
police. We need to save our community.  
Reinvest in our community.”**

- Prentice Morris

**We must defund the police and adopt a people's budget.**

**Learn more and get involved at**

**[peoplesbudgetla.com](https://peoplesbudgetla.com)**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Williams

DEFUND  
THE  
POLICE!!

BLACK LIVES  
MATTER

NO  
JUSTICE  
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NO JUSTICE  
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# **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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