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#### Impact Information

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Summary: We are in urgent and unprecedented times. As a result, we need urgent and unprecedented action. The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council hereby requests the LA City Council to increase Neighborhood Councils' annual budget to \$100,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. It is feasible, fair, long overdue, and in tune with the recent reallocation of funds away from LAPD's and into the community. The People of our communities have taken to the streets to demand the systemic transformation of how law enforcement and institutions treat black people and other communities affected by a history of white supremacy in America. We have demanded that systemic brutality in the hands of the police be addressed by redirecting funds away from the LAPD and directed into community-based programs, jobs, youth enrichment activities, and other basic needs.

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The LAPD budget currently stands at over 53% of the city budget accounting for \$1,857,330,549 (1.85 billion) in comparison to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at \$2,828,444, (2.8 million) or .006% of the city budget. Neighborhood Council annual budgets were reduced from \$42,000 to \$32,000. Neighborhood Councils are the most comprehensive systems of self-governance in the country. We have direct links, lived experiences, and connections to the communities we serve. No one is excluded from participating regardless of gender, citizenship, or social status. Funding Neighborhood Councils is funding food pantries, youth literacy, sports, recreational, and enrichment programs; it is funding the healing of our neighborhoods through mental health services, violence intervention and prevention, and other programs the councils have funded in recent and past history; it is funding local park activities, public schools, and after school programs through Neighborhood Purpose Grants and Community Improvement projects. Funding neighborhood councils reduce crime, trauma, and unrest.

In service,

Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council