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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
112.		<b>Favor</b>	Daniel V Rodriguez	The Sheriff's Department's proposed budget is nearly \$4B. The Department does not need additional funding for the Office of Constitutional Policing.
			Mildred A Burge	
			Shady R Mallory	
		<b>Oppose</b>	Megan Castillo	
			Michae De La Cuadra	
		<b>Other</b>	Alexander Tron	
			Felicia A Carbajal	
			Ida Marie Briggs	
			June Pan	
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>10</b>	

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**From:** Maya Mackey <civicinput@newmode.org>  
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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors & the Chief Executive Office -

Once again, we find ourselves facing a budget introduction in LA County that appears to be designed to discourage community participation.

Despite purported openness to public input, accessing budget hearings remains a significant challenge. It's imperative that community voices are not just heard, but prioritized, as decisions are made regarding the allocation of our tax dollars.

While the Board has professed its commitment to realizing a Care First vision for the County, the proposed 2024-2025 budget fails to reflect this. Quite the contrary, the County plans to increase the budget for the LA Sheriff Department, notably in personnel expenses. With a staggering \$10 billion allocated to "law and justice" offices, over half of this funding is earmarked for the LASD and the Probation Department. This excessive spending on incarceration is alarming, particularly when over 60% of LASD's budget goes toward patrol and custody personnel, perpetuating the cycle of mass incarceration.

Allocating \$4 billion to the LA Sheriff's Department hardly aligns with a Care First approach.

Currently, \$5 billion is allocated to the Sheriff and Probation departments combined, compared to a mere \$1.5 billion for the Department of Public Health. Furthermore, the allocation of a paltry \$75 million toward Youth Development is shameful. A Care First budget should prioritize investments in healthcare, affordable housing, and community development, yet the County continues to underinvest in crucial departments while pouring billions into those plagued by financial irresponsibility and systemic issues.

In November 2020, LA County voters overwhelmingly supported Measure J, embracing a Care First vision that prioritizes community investments and alternatives to incarceration. However, the 2024-25 Recommended Budget falls short of this mandate, with a meager increase in allocated funds to support such programs. We demand nothing less than \$900 million in community investment and full budget transparency to ensure our communities receive the critical funding they deserve and to honor the will of the voters.

It is imperative that the County revisits its budgeting process to center the community in the equitable distribution of resources, particularly to Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples. A true Care First vision necessitates transparent and accessible processes that empower the community and promote accountability and equity. The County can

adopt the Care First Budget framework to ensure investments in the most impacted communities and address systemic disinvestment.

As impacted community members continue to lead the fight for equitable access and investment, they must have a significant role in the budgeting process. I urge the County to consider these demands seriously when finalizing the FY 24-25 budget.

Sincerely,  
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