

On Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 4:43 PM Tiff Guerra <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Commissioners, I add my voice to those who are demanding that the LAPD budget not be voted on this week.

Over the weekend folks have had some opportunity to take a look at the proposed budget, and what we see is alarming.

Body Worn Video (BWV) continues to be proposed as a tool of surveillance against community members, by collecting data and video for automated tagging and review later. BWV is even proposed as a tool to "streamline" the complaint process (you already find 99% of complaints unsustainable, so I am not sure how much more streamlined this could be). We don't agree that BWV is a tool of accountability or truth, in the hands of LAPD it is only used to promote police lies and to expedite prosecution (not safety) of the Black community.

Please say no to the vote on the police budget. Don't let it go through to City Council. For the closed session items -

Victor Valencia was one of so many people with disabilities who was killed by police! This is not ok! Where is the humanity of this police commission in saying that something must be done to stop police violence against community members, and especially against folks who are mentally ill, disabled, and who are also Black or Brown, all of which means they appear more suspicious to police, and are less likely to be given any grace or room to be human or to falter. How dare you take his life LAPD, and how dare you all (Commissioners) fit into this scheme where all of this is normal. We demand the family of Victor Valencia be notified and given as much space as they need and would like.

Also Leila Safdari died in LAPD custody in the 77th Street jail on January 14th 2020 and this has yet to be acknowledged or spoken in an LAPC meeting. What happened to this individual and why is there no information?

At least 41 people have died or been killed in LAPD custody since 2012, and those are only the deaths that LAPD has "officially" recorded - in the 2016 Annual Use of Force report for example, there are eight deaths listed as "ICD" for that year, and this was later revised down to 2. Similarly in 2015, there were originally 12 deaths listed as "in custody deaths" and this was later revised down to 9.

So these are only the 41 names LAPD acknowledges. What happened to Leila Safdari? There are 15 officers linked to this death but Moore could not even say the name of Leila Safdari in a meeting this year.

The LAPD murders people by taking money from the community, by stopping people and causing harm, by killing people in the street and in their jails. #DefundThePolice #DefundSurveillance

And we demand an end to pretext stops!!

And open up public comment to the community, and examine how to make public comment more accessible to those folks most impacted by policing, and whose voices are most marginalized.

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