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# Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Council File #: [20-0600-S39](#)

Title: Budget Motion / Mayors Proposed 2020-21 Budget / Funding / Los Angeles Police Department / Through Our Eyes Program Partnership Expansion / Community Safety Partnership Sites / Youth-Serving Organizations

Position: Support if amended

Summary:

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) extends its support to this motion (20-0600-s39) if amended. This motion calls for an increase in the LAPD budget by \$100,000 to expand the LAPD's "Through our Eyes" program. The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood council calls on the city to amend this item to an increase of \$0 (Zero Dollars) with the recommendation that the Police Department proceed with their proposal to expand this program. In the spirit of "the People's Budget" the HHPNC cannot endorse any increase to the already bloated LAPD budget. The concept of the program itself is worthwhile enough that the LAPD should be able to find what amounts to .01% of their current budget (\$1.189B) from within or from outside partnership as had previously been done with funding from State Farm. Such dedication to a program that helps create a bridge between teens and police by finding their own funding would show that the LAPD does intend to transform itself into a department that cares about the community. All without taking money from other potential programs in the city.