



North Hollywood Northeast Community Impact Statement

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Mayor Eric Garcetti's Proposed Budget for 2021-22

June 2021

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council is in support of the allocation of funds to disenfranchised groups and initiatives that address the COVID-19 aftermath, racial equity and justice, poverty and homelessness, Los Angeles youth, police reform, and infrastructure investment. The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council demands a budget that highlights spending to expand safety net services, support economic recovery, and address racial and other inequities. We agree that some part of the budget must be allocated to the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery. However, consecutively, the LA City must adopt a racially-just budget, in which we not only acknowledge institutional racism but also demand for reforms for equity.

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council requests that the 2021-2022 city budget include a participatory process so that stakeholders and constituents may contribute. After multiple surveys and research, with tens of thousands of responses, there is a clear direction in what our constituents want, and that is a "People's Budget." We advocate for a participatory process in policy making, budgeting, and

decision-making that affect the community at large. Without an open and transparent budgeting process, City Council runs the risk of ignoring the demonstrable will of the people who wish to invest in Public Health and Healthcare, Housing Security, and Mental Health services while **divesting** from the City Attorney's Office, Police and Policing, and Parking Enforcement. Therefore the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council requests that the creation process of the 2021-2022 City budget include a variety of points of access to marginalized stakeholders.

Due to the City's collective failure to address poverty, health, and racial justice, police officers and other departments have been given responsibilities that they are not equipped to solve and manage. Therefore, the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council stands in solidarity with the stakeholders who support pulling some of the response efforts back from armed officers and handing it over to trained clinicians, and other public safety and health experts experienced in these matters. The way to go about this is by investing in police reform, poverty and homelessness aid, youth development, community building, violence prevention, and arts funding. Our Council simultaneously calls for a participatory budget in which citizens and constituents encompass a critical role in the allocation of our City funds.

Thank you,

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

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