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Comments:

I'm disappointed that this Council, faced with an unprecedented level of public comment, decided to imply that we don't know what we're talking about and need schooling on how to read a municipal budget. You could have responded to the community's outrage and re-examined your stance on police funding. Perhaps we're not simply reacting to a fad, as several of you led by council member Kennedy seemed to imply. Perhaps we're seeing your ineptitude in addressing the issue of police violence and racism, deciding to take action and give you a hefty kick in the seat of your pants. The Pasadena Police department has murdered innocent people. No one went to jail for it. It happened again, and again, and still no one went to jail for it. And now we decided to raise our voices against a callous decision to increase the police budget in the middle of a nationwide movement to defund and demilitarize police, and have been told that we need a lesson in public budgets 101. This is condescending and shameful. Good luck to all of you when you're up for re-election. We will not forget.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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