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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17-Legislative Committee recommendations**

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### **Comments:**

Please do not vote to support any measures that will cost your businesses money.

Tax increases that would come with passage of Prop 15 and Measure O will be passed in to commercial and residential tenants. Already suffering local small businesses will bear these increases, putting their future viability that much more in jeopardy.

Want to save the local bookstore? Don't increase their tax burden.

Want to keep rents from going up? Don't increase the tax on landlords who will pass the costs on to tenants.

Wouldn't it be much more prudent to wait two years until the economy has settled out (we can hope) before increasing taxes on anyone.

Even two school board members objected to putting Measure O on the ballot.

Please join those two and do the prudent, thoughtful thing and not support Measure O or Prop 15.

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Thank you

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17

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Bert			
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### Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am disappointed that the Legislative Policy Committee is recommending endorsement of Proposition 20. This proposition is aimed at putting more people in prison, which means more poor people and people of color behind bars.

It would:

- \* Authorize felony charges for some crimes currently classified as misdemeanors.
- \* Limit access to parole programs established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term of their primary offense by eliminating eligibility for certain offenses.
- \* Cost the state tens of millions of dollars.

Please oppose proposition 20!

Additionally, I urge the city council to support Proposition 15. This proposition closes a property tax loophole for large corporations while protecting all residential property and giving small businesses a tax break. It will bring upwards of \$4 billion into LA County for schools and other community needs, such as affordable housing and healthcare.

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And finally, I urge you to support measure J. It was put on the ballot by the County Supervisors as a way to address racial justice by reallocating county funds for job development, affordable housing, and help for small businesses.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17

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Allison			10000 Ave, Pasadena, CA
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### Comments:

Dear Council,

I'm disappointed by your opposition to County Measure J. Measure J would amend the L.A. County Charter to require no less than 10% of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues (about a billion dollars) to address disproportionate impact of racial injustice through community investments and alternatives to incarceration. There are eligible and ineligible uses of the funding, and the Board of Supervisors would adjust and approve use of these funds—within the voter approved constraints—on an annual basis. Measure J is clear that use of any of these earmarked funds for carceral systems and any law enforcement agencies is strictly forbidden.

It's sad you oppose this initiative that would fund services at the county level, including capital investments in housing. You ignore the support of this budgetary pivot--aligning the budget with our values: housing, alternatives to incarceration, health. The polling in support for Measure J is overwhelming and endorsed by United Way, LA Times, Black Lives Matter, LA Voice, ACLU, YWCA, Union Station, National Union of Health Care Workers, 4/5 of BOS. When everyone is questioning budgets and values, how can you stand on the other side of history of these organizations? You would stand against county funding for services?

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17

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### Comments:

As a resident of District 7, I'm disappointed by your opposition to County Measure J. Measure J would amend the L.A. County Charter to require no less than 10% of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues to address disproportionate impact of racial injustice through community investments and alternatives to incarceration. There are eligible and ineligible uses of the funding, and the Board of Supervisors would adjust and approve use of these funds—within the voter approved constraints—on an annual basis. Measure J is clear that use of any of these earmarked funds for carceral systems and any law enforcement agencies is strictly forbidden. Opposing this initiative thus opposes county efforts such as capital investments in housing. I would have hoped that you would support aligning the county budget with our shared values: housing, alternatives to incarceration, and health. Measure J is endorsed by United Way, LA Times, Black Lives Matter, LA Voice, ACLU, YWCA, Union Station, National Union of Health Care Workers, and the majority of the County Supervisors. I urge that you reconsider the opposition recommendation of the Legislative Policy Committee, and instead do the right thing and support Measure J.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17

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### Comments:

At the Clergy Community Coalition, I heard a policeman explain how they had 1,800 arrests those experiencing homeless in one year. I knew that we only had around 500 homeless people, so did not make any sense. I approached him and he said that some people were arrested twice and three times. I was frankly brokenhearted and shocked. It costs \$475 a call. Please funds would be much better used for group like Cahoots, at only \$100 per call. Cahoots would be better equipped to deal with those experiencing homelessness in a compassionate way avoid arrests to get to the root of the issues, via rehab, rather the expensive jail time, and prevent any barrier from getting housed by having an arrest on their record. Measure J would divert the kind of funding needed to save money and better serve our communities.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item Measure J

**Name:** Anthony Manousos      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**      Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

I urge you to support County Measure J since it would benefit our City as well as the entire county. Measure J would amend the L.A. County Charter to require no less than 10% of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues (about a billion dollars) to address disproportionate impact of racial injustice through community investments and alternatives to incarceration.

This initiative would fund services at the county level, including capital investments in housing. As a person of faith and as an advocate for housing justice, I strongly support this measure because it is consistent with my religious and moral values: housing, alternatives to incarceration, health care. Measure J is endorsed by the California Council of Churches, the Friends (Quaker) Committee on Legislation of California, United Way, LA Times, Black Lives Matter, LA Voice, ACLU, YWCA, Union Station, National Union of Health Care Workers, 4/5 of BOS. When religious and progressive organization united in support of Measure J, why should are city stand in opposition? You would stand against county funding for services that our city and our county urgently need.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17**

**Name:** David Chavez    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

Dear Council,

Many of you have stated that Black Lives Matter, yet you are now voting to oppose measure J. Measure J would amend the L.A. County Charter to require no less than 10% of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues (about a billion dollars) to address disproportionate impact of racial injustice through community investments and alternatives to incarceration. Measure J is clear that use of any of these earmarked funds for carceral systems and any law enforcement agencies is strictly forbidden.

Why would you be against investments in housing, alternatives to incarceration, health? The polling in support for Measure J is overwhelming and endorsed by United Way, LA Times, Black Lives Matter, LA Voice, ACLU, YWCA, Union Station, National Union of Health Care Workers, 4/5 of Board of Supervisors. When everyone is questioning budgets and values, how can you stand on the other side of history of these organizations? You would stand against county funding for services?

I am calling on the city council members of conscious to vote this item down and then call for a vote in support of measure J.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on October 5, 2020 about Agenda Item 17**

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### **Comments:**

Where does it end with this council??! You ignore the support of Measure J's budgetary pivot-- which aligns LA County's budget with values MANY people in this city applaud: housing, alternatives to incarceration, health. The polling in support for Measure J is overwhelming and endorsed by United Way, LA Times, Black Lives Matter, LA Voice, ACLU, YWCA, Union Station, National Union of Health Care Workers, 4/5 of BOS. When everyone is questioning budgets and values, how can you stand on the other side of history from these key organizations? And against county funding for desperately needed services?!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Egregious indeed.

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### Comments:

I'm Una Lee Jost, a long-time resident of Pasadena, District 4. I'm also a faith leader of LA Voice and Pasadena Mennonite Church. Measure J is one of our key election priorities, so I'm extremely disappointed the Council is considering opposing it.

Measure J would give voters the opportunity to redirect LA county public funds from incarceration to community investment.

In the wake of recent protests inspired by the movement for Black lives, quite possibly the largest social justice movement in U.S. history and the world, Supervisors Kuehl and Solis co-authored the motion "Re-Imagining LA County: Shifting Budget Priorities to Revitalize Under-Resourced and Low-Income Communities," and succeeded getting it on the November ballot by a 4-1 vote.

For decades, the County's budget has directed money away from Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities and allocated it in ways that negatively impacted those same communities. The impacts on these communities have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The people of LA County are being crushed by the pandemic and a status quo budget that continues to deny them resources and opportunities.

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More on Measure J can be found at: <https://www.socalgrantmakers.org/news/policy-reimagine-la>

Please stand on the side of our families and communities and champion Measure J.

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