

# LAPPL SUR

**THERE WERE OVER 100 PAGES OF COMMENTS.**

**THIS IS A SELECTION OF COMMENTS WE  
RECEIVED REGARDING THE CITY COUNCIL.**

1. Absolutely not. They immediately wanted to defund the police over an incident that did not involve the LAPD.
2. The City Council is a prime example of being unable to police their own. Multiple City Councilmembers are arrested for crimes and they have the audacity to point fingers at LAPD. Perhaps pointing the high-powered microscope at themselves before others would be a better option. We have civic leaders who lack morals and integrity. They are supposed to lead by example. Also, we have City ethics policies and committees, but apparently they do not care about conflict of interest and the abuse of power in City Hall. No checks and no balances.
3. They are out of touch with what policing involves in the real world. They seem unaware of the many violent crimes which take place in our city.
4. The Council at least understands the role of police in Los Angeles and appreciates what police personnel do for their districts, but they must do better at expressing this reality, especially now.

**DO YOU CURRENTLY FEEL SUPP**

The Council right now acts like a close friend who stays away from you and pretends not to know you when you are involved in a controversy and they know you are innocent. The Council needs to affirm the Department's service to the public. What would Councilmembers do without senior lead officers and patrol?

5. These buffoons might be worse than the Mayor.
6. No. They are just caving to whatever wacky idea comes their way so they can say they support change. No leadership, just appeasing the loudest voices of the week.
7. They folded as well to all of the political extortion currently going on!
8. The City Council defunded the Department. (Look at past history.)
9. Everything I say kind of repeats itself. Our City Council has demonstrated that it is wracked with corruption scandals. Again, there is no right or wrong. Just what supports their political interests.

10. Cutting the budget is the most dangerous thing you can do the the citizens of L.A., but the Mayor and City officials don't seem to get it.
11. City officials are just feeding into this as a power grab for upcoming elections and to say "look what I've done" but not for the real reason the help the people in their community.
12. They have failed our city.
13. They are misinformed and will see the consequences of cutting \$150 million.
14. 100% NO!!!! They are the ones who pushed for more proactive policing, along with our command staff, in high crime areas (South Bureau) over the last few years, resulting in large crime reductions. Only now Councilmembers are calling us an occupying force and "killers." Disgusting.
15. The current City Council caters to the vocal minority. They cannot be trusted and would throw any officer to the wolves given the chance.
16. I absolutely do not feel supported by the City Council,

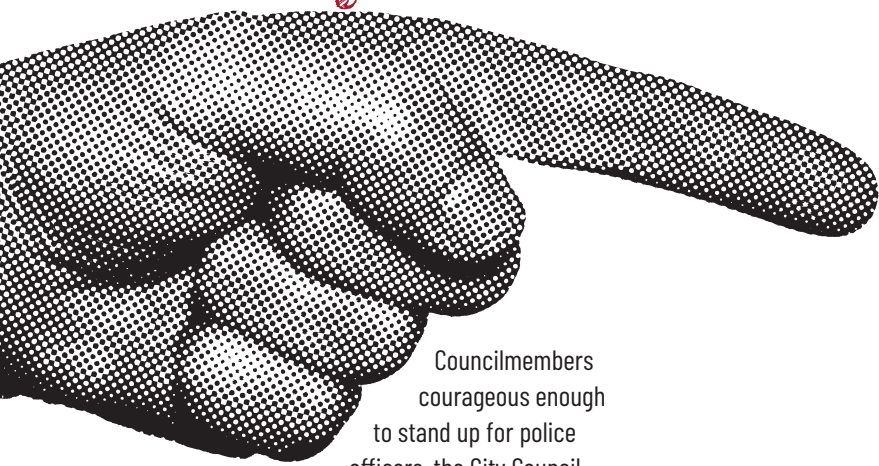
they chose the sides of the violent protesters and caved in to their demands.

17. How can I feel supported by a City Council that won't acknowledge the facts regarding police UOF/ shootings and extremely successful interactions with minority community members?! Look at the numbers and facts!
18. ABSOLUTELY NOT! As a former SLO who worked closely with several Councilmembers, I always knew it was just a matter of time before they threw us under the bus. They are running scared and refuse to stand up for what is right. They know they are wrong for what they are doing and are using this time to push through their own agendas and not thinking of the long-term effects. They are too worried about their re-elections without noticing that the people they are catering to can't even vote for them.
19. Everyone wants to jump on the bandwagon because it's "popular" now. It has nothing to do with the future safety of the community and the preservation of law enforcement. I'm glad I'm toward the end of my career because I would never be a police officer nowadays nor would I encourage anyone to get into law enforcement. It's sad.
20. Like the Chief, they tend to side with the minority group who constantly disrespect the men and women who defend them.
21. 20% maybe. The other 80%, not at all. In my 20+ years, I have never felt the support of the City Council. I also have never felt so embarrassed to be LAPD.
22. The Chief, Mayor and City Council will forever change the direction of what once was the best police department in the nation. Officers will leave, retire, and recruitment will drop. It's not long before they completely destroy it.
23. City Council does not enforce laws. Politicians only think of themselves and hurt law enforcement and our communities we serve.
24. Some Councilmembers were supportive of the Department. Many others were not.
25. Recent corruption and pandering to a vocal anti-police minority.
26. Being financially penalized for another agency's actions is absurd and irrational. It directly affects our ability to give proper service to our communities.
27. Except for John Lee. He's awesome and has my vote!
28. It is pretty clear they do not back us. They took money away from us for something we had nothing to do with.
29. Not one bit. Another perfect example of a two-faced person is Nury Martinez. For months she had four officers and one supervisor sitting outside her home for "protection" and then verbally bashed us to the public. She demanded that officers sit outside her home, and if she didn't see a black and white parked outside her home, she'd call Foothill Station demanding one and wanting to know where it was and why it wasn't there.
30. Only by a very few... The rest completely do not support us and in fact use us as scapegoats for all the city's ills.
31. The City Council clearly answers to the politics of the day. With the exception of only two City

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**PORTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL?**

# Survey Results



Councilmembers  
courageous enough  
to stand up for police  
officers, the City Council

only seeks to protect its standing with the political electorate in Los Angeles.

32. I feel supported by about two of them.
33. The worst City Council in the 30 years I have worked for LAPD.
34. Weak, liars, no backbone, except for two.
35. Anytime you take away public safety funds, it is not good.
36. Absolutely not. There's like one City Councilman, Buscaino, who I trust, a little bit. Some days even he is shaky, but what's holding his feet to the fire is that residents of San Pedro would likely take pitchforks and torches to his office run him out of town on a rail if he pulled any serious acts of attacking the LAPD. The rest of the City Council is completely useless, leftist scum. There, I said it. It's the truth. They back us in good times but throw us under the bus as soon as they have a chance. Just took \$150 million from our budget to create jobs, filled by people who will go out, look at a dangerous situation, and then say, "I'm not going in there, someone call the police. Time for my union break."
37. Too many politics have a stranglehold on public safety.
38. The City Council seems to be operating at times in another dimension.
39. All of them (except the two who voted against defunding the police) are as equally USELESS as the Mayor.
40. Not supported by all Council except Lee.
41. Thank you to John Lee and Joe Buscaino for their support of the LAPD. I watched their address to LAPD at Hotchkins, and what they were saying should be the mainstream message. Aside from them, the City Council (like the Mayor) rushed to show their contempt for law, order and the police. This was evidenced by their remarks and actions. They are more concerned with appeasing the mob or doing what's politically correct instead of doing what's morally right and best for the people of Los Angeles.
42. No, their words and actions have shown their lack of support.

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# Yes

43. We are one critical incident away from being used as an example even if our actions are justified.
44. They've shown their cards to us. They hate us, but tomorrow they still have to deal with us. Yup, we're still here.
45. Same as before, it's every man/woman for themselves.
46. City Council only supports itself. They treat officers and others like trash. They only want to show respect when they need something from us.
47. The City Council turned on the Department. No backbone. Two-faced. Unpredictable. Followers.
48. Except for Buscaino, they either dislike us or only do whatever the loudest voices want, not what the population need and want.
49. NO! The City Councilmembers never during the first days told their officers (us) that it was not our fault and that we have been national leaders in reforms and handling the riots. They never stood united to praise us but were COWARDS and appeased the people who terrorized our/my city for days. Then they called us racists and killers. They kicked every LAPD officer in the balls and let the air out of us. We did everything they asked us to do and we did a great job with only a helmet and a stick, and then they do that to us. They owe not only us, but our parents, families and friends a heartfelt and truthful apology to them. My mother told me, "I didn't raise a racist or killer, and I know you're not!" Please tell City Council that I cannot wait to get the hell out of the city of Los Angeles that I love so much, but they and the Mayor have destroyed. I was born, raised, and am raising my family here in this once-beautiful city.
50. All but three voted to defund police. Again using us as personal bodyguards to protect them and their families.
51. Only three Councilmembers have been supportive, and that number may be down to only one.
52. They are succumbing to the pressure like everybody else instead of standing up for what they believe in.
53. They don't have a true understanding of what we do.
54. Absolutely not, they are always trying to find a way to make us look bad. And constantly dropping the ball when it comes to taking care of the community.
55. With the exception of Buscaino and Lee. They seem to show support even when it's not politically popular to do so.
56. They are in lock step with the Mayor.
57. They also turned their backs to us and threw us to the wolves "just because we wore the uniform."
58. Very few speak well of us. They are the haves that play by their own rules. The citizens, especially Hispanics, pay for their lack of leadership in the community. They are only interested in power and money.
59. Clearly the action to "defund" the police is appalling to me as an officer. I'm not sure why they think that is a proper response to criminal justice reform. All agencies across the country should be modeling their policies after existing LAPD policy, and the City Council should be praising LAPD for all the hard work and reforms that had been made already. Instead of saying LAPD needs to be punished because they are law enforcement, they should have held us up as a model for other agencies to follow. Not cut the budget or come up with some other crazy "reform" ideas.
60. All but Joe Buscaino and Lee. The rest are transparent and spineless hypocrites too. Especially Nuri Martinez. If they really don't want LAPD around, let's start with their security details. They make enough to hire their own private security details.
61. They're the ones leading the defund brigade while continuing to use police services for their personal protection.
62. Absolutely not!! They will sell the police out in a heartbeat to further their political ambitions.
63. Grandstanding and political pandering. I suspect many will be voted out next term.
64. The majority of the City Council are listening to the vocal few extremists and going against what the majority of the residents of Los Angeles have

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been complaining about and pushing for many years: more police patrols, presence and visibility in the communities. Better community policing.

65. They are so out of touch with reality.

66. Governing, changing laws, policies and defunding our

Department based upon protest signs and upon a horrible event that took place in another part of the country only solidifies the Mayor's belief that they also believe we are killers. Instead of standing as a united front to tell the media we are a strong and diversified city that supports our police department that consistently works with the community we protect and serve for justice for all, the City Council caved in to the demands of few and defunded us and in effect agreed with the rioters that looted and burned our city. Instead of standing with the officers who were there to defend and protect its citizens and community. Not realizing their actions will now hinder future good officers from even applying, leaving us in a worse position as a profession and as a department.

67. They just want to keep crippling us from being able to do our job effectively. Their decision just jeopardized the safety of the city.
68. No, [they are] political puppets who have no freaking clue about law enforcement and what goes on in the streets.
69. The anarchists have more support than our personnel. This city has lost its way. Will someone please come out and publicly support our officers. This is the worst City Council I've seen in my 31 years.
70. I worked as a SLO and I know the politics. And City Council needs us and they use us to help with their constituents. Especially when it comes to safety. Homelessness. Quality-of-life issues and what they send us to enforce and things they want from LAPD for free. To do this, it's clear it's an election year, and they have thrown us under the bus. I feel in less than a year, just like the cash overtime detail on 7-4 for fireworks, they will be back asking us to enforce

things on the down low. They need to make this job safe for their officers and make sure their constituents know that they expect the laws to be followed, and we will be their enforcers. To ask us to do it in private and in public make us the enemy only makes this job tougher, and it won't accomplish anything but get officers hurt.

71. They acquiesced to ridiculous calls to defund the police department. Nobody but the very vocal extreme minority believes that is a good idea. City Councilmembers should have stood up for their residents and those communities that would be most affected by less policing. The fealty they showed the Mayor and the BLM political movement was self-serving, nakedly transparent and totally dishonorable. Meanwhile, they are getting indicted by the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office left and right.
72. They are cowards, selling us out for votes. The actions by the City Council are disgusting. I've seen it bad before, but not this bad in my 31 years.
73. No, the highest paid City Council wants to defund the police. How about defund City Council so they can lead by example?
74. They are worse than the Mayor, but they are political animals. They're going to get the exact police force they want, that's our process. Once again, however, someone must argue the facts that show the truth on the matter.
75. Their salaries should be published. Make it public knowledge openly that they are one of the highest paid City Councils in the nation. No more uniformed security

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for the Police Commission or City Council as well for any of their events; they can find their own security details.

76. Evil, spotlight agenda, hoarding City money for who-knows-what while officers continue to work shelters and test positive for COVID.
77. Only by Councilman Lee. He defended us when they voted to lower our budget. The rest are pandering to a fringe group and either refuse to stand up and defend us or are really dumb and have no clue regarding our policies and training.
78. How could they be supporting us when they took \$150 million from our budget?? And we can never do anything right. No matter what.
79. All totally worthless. The closest to decent was Buscaino.
80. They gave into their groups and abandoned their officers. But they sure as hell like using us as their private security.
81. How can we feel supported when they cut our budget by \$150 million and scapegoat us to the public as though we are the problem?
82. Not at all. Only three members will stand for the police.
83. Only by two members, Lee and Buscaino.
84. They're clueless as to what police work is all about. They need to participate in full 12-hour shift ridealongs and encounter an abundance of situations to know what we're up against. Our Councilmembers get paid more than most in the country at an average of over \$200k. They can afford to take a day or two to ride with patrol officers.
85. The City Council are skills and corrupt and only care about themselves. Budget cuts do not affect their salary, but because of budget cuts, I will not longer be promoted on lists I prepared for and did outstanding on during the testing and interview process.

86. They stoke the flames of adversity and divisiveness. They intentionally put the lives of the public and officers into harm by condoning the behavior. With no consideration for human life, they let officers take actual bullets and never spoke out about that. They are liable for the visceral hate of law enforcement and any officer harmed in the line of duty within the city of L.A. They made officers feel abandoned along with feeling targeted for political gain.
87. I don't know who they think they are appeasing. Their proposals appear written by a high school dropout, facts are unsupported by data. Prager U would school them on what they consider facts.
88. They were the first to introduce our budget cuts. While we lay our lives and safety on the line to protect this city from burning down.
89. It's not popular to support us. We protect them when they're threatened by the people they support and instead of thanking us, they disrespect us.
90. The federal indictments of a current City Councilmember and a former City Councilmember has made me lose confidence in both the Mayor and the City Council.
91. No, they are bowing down to these protesters and taking our money away from our department. Let them respond to the calls and deal with the worst of society on a daily basis.
92. If they cared, they would increase the budget for extra training, not defund!!
93. City Council has (with some notable exceptions) abandoned their role as well. They are implementing policies that will devastate the communities that they serve. Sacrificing public safety on the altar of political expediency is the epitome of cowardice in leadership. They need to have the courage to serve their constituents and not pander to the lowest common denominator.
94. There are only three who support us. The rest are making politically-motivated decisions to save their jobs. This is an election year, so they have no regard for anyone but themselves.
95. Councilman Buscaino is about the only one who supports us.
96. They all (except for two, I think) want to defund us, yet all had 24/7 police security in front of their private homes for MONTHS because they were afraid of a couple of protesters. Yet they claim the rioters are peaceful.
97. The vast majority of the City Councilmembers have abandoned the Department to side with the more vocal cop-hating public. There were only two members who showed support with their votes. We have an extremely professional department that is vastly comprised of good people trying to do a good job. There will be mistakes made by officers, unintentionally and intentional, and the Department works incredibly hard to identify mistakes, hold people accountable, provide corrective action, and remove people who shouldn't be wearing a police badge. City Councilmembers have benefited from the proactive work being performed by LAPD officers in each of their districts. They side with us when they need something or when it's convenient, but quickly point the finger at us when a criminal-cop in another city and state does something horrible (murder) to dishonor our chosen profession. The

***“I only feel the support of Councilmen John Lee and Joe Buscaino!!!”***

- City Council should be ashamed of themselves for their overall lack of leadership.
98. If anyone took a bigger knee during this entire time it would have to be the City Council, which knelt down and handed over the city to this anti/abolish/defund police movement and the BLM all because they shouted the loudest. During all the times I was on the streets during the "peaceful protests" I heard way more people praising us for the good job officers were doing rather than the few negative interactions that had occurred outside of our city.
  99. They are turning their backs on LAPD, except for Lee and Buscaino.
  100. Many of the City Council have continually called upon officers to help them with problems in their community. The fact that they think armed officers are not needed to write tickets, respond to domestic violence calls or deal with persons suffering from mental illness is ridiculous. In one case, a Councilmember referred to officers as being brutal because of excessive use of force. I was personally offended by this, as I have 28 years with the Department and a stellar record. How would this same Councilmember like everyone to refer to him as corrupt for taking money, bribes, going to Vegas with call girls and engaging in prostitution?
  101. With the exception of Councilmember Lee and Councilmember Buscaino. The rest are weak leaders who will do whatever the vocal minority wants. Councilmember Bonin was taking pictures in front of police cars and requesting more police officers in his district during his re-election. Now he's one of the main proponents of defunding.
  102. Behind closed doors they have been very critical of protesters who protested at their residences, and they asked for police protection. Publicly, some of them are against us, yet they still want our protection at their residences.
  103. Bunch of idiots except for Buscaino and Lee. Kudos to them for not kowtowing to the hypocrites.
  104. They are puppets of the popular narrative.
  105. Again, defunding LAPD will drastically increase problems with homelessness, mental illness, response times, etc.
  106. Once again, 100% absolutely not!!!! The president of the Los Angeles City Council herself stated the exact same thing as the Mayor, that the Los Angeles Police Department officers are a bunch of "killers." This is unsatisfactory and makes me question why they were elected.
  107. They are not listening to their constituents, only to protesters who do not live in their area and have other agendas.
  108. They are useless, ill-informed and make no effort to educate themselves on public safety.
  109. The majority of the City Council would rather support violent protesters and looters than to support law-abiding and hardworking police officers who protect the city.
  110. The City Council and Mayor are stripping us of money that could be used for equipment, training, etc. to make the Department better and community safer.
  111. It's also clear that Council is only concerned with re-election. They have no integrity and do not care about doing what is right.
  112. Misguided and uneducated on police work. Again giving in to the loud voices that represent a small portion of the community.
  113. The City Council, at least most of them, are also clearly insane and being paid off by radicals. They have no idea what they are doing, and are out of control, damaging the infrastructure of our city beyond repair. This is not a matter of incompetence, this is anti-American decisionmaking, favoring anarchy over order. How are they not being driven out of their positions after so clearly displaying their intent to destroy civilized society? That Nury Martinez in particular needs to step away from us—I don't need this Councilmember "ordering" officers to take a knee with her when we are on duty working MFF responsibilities. Are you kidding?!?

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114. No, why are they defunding when the incident didn't happen there? We didn't do anything wrong. City Council is a bunch of self-serving hypocrites who look out only for themselves.
115. Clearly looking out for their best interests. I feel very betrayed.
116. Again, they made life-changing decisions without input from the rest of the community; they were allowed to be bullied by a bunch of radicals with a dangerous agenda.
117. They are weak and cowardly.
118. Politics and re-elections were more important to them than supporting the frontline officers.
119. There are a couple of members who appear to support LAPD. The majority of them choose to speak out against the LAPD and make decisions that do not benefit police officers. Councilmember Martinez trusted the LAPD to provide her and her family with security at her residence. Then she spoke negatively about LAPD officers. I don't trust or believe anything that most of them say.
120. With the exceptions of Buscaino and Lee, they have dishonored their office and broken their oaths.
121. City Council doesn't understand true policing and the fact that sometimes people don't want to listen or cooperate with police.
122. They plan to cut the budget for police and use that money for low income areas. Not sure what they plan to do, but low income areas need assistance from the police for safety.
123. They took our contributions but failed to back us when we needed support.
124. Hypocrites. They seem to talk big on supporting police and being tough on crime, until it's time to actually support the police and be tough on crime — then they crumble.
125. Corrupt City Council betrays law enforcement. They should not be able to vote on any law enforcement-related matters until they are cleared of wrongdoing.
126. The Councilmembers lack the knowledge or skills to make cogent decisions and are spewing convenient political talking points. Their behavior is irresponsible and will cost lives in our city.
127. Just like the Mayor. No matter what we do to protect our city, we will always be wrong to them. We follow state and Department policies. In their eyes, it's all political, and they make us look like the bad guys.
128. Definitely not.
129. There are only three members who support LAPD.
130. As a whole no! Only two Councilmembers supported the opposition to defund the police department.
131. They do not support us. But they sure want us to protect them. Then they defund us.
132. Of course not. With the exception Joe Buscaino and John Lee, the rest of them should either be recalled or resigned for their lack of courage.
133. City Council lacks the knowledge/experience or understanding of police work. They make decisions based on uneducated guesses and biased personal experience. Besides, City Council and Police Commission do not represent all the people of Los Angeles.
134. Funny how they have private LAPD security but they think we need less. Let's start reductions by canceling the Mayor's detail.
135. They took \$150 million from my job.
136. They are continuously attacking our profession and don't show public support for what we do.
137. Completely clueless of LAPD tactics and laws in use of force. Pander and lie to the public to seem "woke."
138. They have been very clear about how they feel about us and it's negative, other than Lee and Buscaino.
139. Nury Martinez's statements and the Councilmembers who want to defund us and have non-sworn people handle nonviolent calls.

