

March 2023 EMC & OPS Public Comment – Item 23

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:32 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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I take the 4 bus and red line regularly. I want MTA money to be spent on making a more robust service and making public transportation an inviting place for everyone. Police do not and HAVE NOT done this. Please consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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The police do not create safety, they create intimidation and compliance.

I hope that you take the time to consider all other options and solutions outside of the over-policing that I witness as a rider on the Metro.

Every person in LA deserves to feel safe when taking public transit, not just the few.

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From: [REDACTED]

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I just moved to Los Angeles from Vancouver Canada and initially I was excited to get to know the city through public transit. I was disappointed after experiencing many cancelled buses and the lack of clean metro stations and trains.

I simply do not see how more policing can improve my or other people's experiences taking transit. Improving station and train conditions and increasing bus service is what I'm hoping to see.

If there is more investment in improving infrastructure, I'd be excited to take more public transit. Because I miss it and don't want to be driving.

Thanks for reading!

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Safe, free, accessible public transportation is the only way to "move" forward; in a world suffering the effects of climate change, the days of individual consumerist car culture are numbered. Let's face the future with group unity, not individual fears.

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As a daily LA Metro commuter on both buses and trains, it's very important that LA Metro invests in transit ambassadors rather than police officers. The vast majority of the security issues: like mental illness, homeless, cleanness, and broken things; the first line of defense should be the transit ambassadors and not the police officers. Police officers should only be used for the few urgent reasons that they would be needed (just like how a SWAT officer should only be used for the few urgent reasons that they should be needed).

Thank you for your time.

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I am living car-free and use the Metro a lot at all times of the night and day. An approach of care towards fellow citizens and of welcoming, humanizes us all and de-escalates. Police in LA is not known for de-escalating. I have much more trust in a care-first approach.

Sincerely,

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When there is a police presence on trains I ride (infrequent event), the officers are talking and joking among themselves—a complete waste of money. Transit ambassadors are more effective at a fraction the cost. Stations are dirty and many trains are disgustingly filthy. Each County Supervisor should be required to ride Metro buses and/or trains for a week to understand the experience of public transit riders. Metro trains are a disgrace; much poorer countries operate clean, safe urban train systems. There is no excuse for the present substandard state of affairs.

Sincerely,

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De-escalation programs, access to housing, and quick access to mental health support would be a much better investment.

I would also recommend using some of the fund to provide masks and hand sanitizer access at transit areas and encourage masking as part of transit etiquette so that the immunocompromised can start using transit again and regain some form of normalcy. I am not requesting a mandate, but rather a massive campaign to encourage vigilance and compassion for those who have weaker immune system. Everyone deserves access to Metro.

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We stand with the BIPOC transit riders who are disproportionately over-policed on Metro. We call on Metro reimagine safety in public transit without Police.

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I am a homeowner in Los Angeles and rely on the Gold Line for my commute. I wholeheartedly support the transit ambassador program and believe funds should be directed toward more programs like that and away from police on the Metro. Thank you!

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Thank you

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Absolutely believe that investing in improving the infrastructure will do more for safety than increased policing, I'm a life long resident of Los Angeles and would take the Metro more often if the infrastructure were improved - not more police added.

Sincerely,

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Other cities have coffee and sandwich shops, fun murals, good lighting. It's different in LA , not even gates to protect passengers.

I do n't take the Metro any more.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Hernandez

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To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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I also own a car and can easily afford gas, but I try to use Metro as much as I can. More policing on Metro would discourage me from using it. If you have money to spend on Metro, please spend it on increasing the frequency of buses on routes. Currently if a bus has issues and misses a stop, it can easily be another hour before there's another bus. That makes Metro too unreliable to use for most transportation for those of us with cars.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I took the Metro from Pasadena to Long Beach transferring at Union Station on a Friday night in late December by myself.

As a 78-year female, it felt a bit sketchy. I usually drive and would like to introduce my grandchildren to the use of public transit. I'd need to see the transit ambassadors out on the platforms and on the trains before I'd do that.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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More police can't keep Metro safe. Use the money for something useful like free transportation, the transit ambassador program, better service.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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I no longer even ride the metro because it's so unsafe now. I don't even walk in my neighborhood anymore either because nearly every day there are armed robberies and carjackings nearby. The crime is off the charts in Los Angeles now.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Our tax dollars should ensure that PUBLIC transportation is FREE. Defund the LAPD and invest our taxes into making this a livable city, not a police state.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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[Redacted signature]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 1:09 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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I am a long-time public transit and public space participant and advocate in Los Angeles. I encourage a caring presence of Metro representatives that can guide the transit experience for many different kinds of people using Metro including me. I don't support policing of Metro experiences. I have great respect for Metro bus and train drivers and want them to be able to perform their work with ease. This is a sophisticated activity that requires a complex system of care.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:52 AM

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[Redacted signature]

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PLEASE ----. SO I CAN USE THE METRO AGAIN -----

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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more police is not a solution; hire more ambassadors instead!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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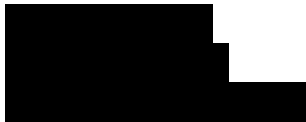
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Care, not cops!

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[REDACTED]

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Please expand ambassadors, elevator attendants, outreach to unhoused, station cleanliness, unarmed response teams (like Eugene Oregon CAHOOTS program), etc. Please minimize reliance on armed law enforcement, which has resulted in harm to your low-income Black and Latino riders.

Please expand efforts to activate stations - with vendors, busking, programming, bathrooms, etc. - as ACT-LA noted in its Metro as Sanctuary report.

Sincerely,

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I am white, assigned female at birth, and usually taking Metro to my white-collar job, but cops on the train make me uncomfortable. Please invest in safety tactics that actually work and that foster inclusion for all riders.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Anyone complicit and in favor of funding the police and further criminalizing poor people taking the bus, is responsible for this assault and violence you are taking on our communities.

Support ACT-LAs care-first initiative too, because anything else is disgustingly violent and will further harm the communities you claim to represent and care about.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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We don't need to be policed on public transportation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: SUPPORT ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I oppose ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and support item 23.

Metro is taking its time to come up with a safety solution that meets the needs of riders while addressing activists demand, many of whom do not ride the system. It is a delicate balance that needs full attention, but in the meantime law enforcement cannot be withdrawn from Metro. Doing so would be crazy.

Continuing the existing law enforcement contract month to month combined with enforcement of metrics related to physical presence and response times will help not make the status of the system not deteriorate further while letting Metro determine if ambassadors and unarmed security personnel can better do the job.

There do need to be capital improvements to the system. Lighting and ventilation need to be improved, and restrooms need to be installed and cleaned regularly. Riders should be treated with dignity. But fare enforcement has largely been abandoned except at turnstiles. While I share the concerns about disproportionate citing of Black people I am confident that Metro security are enforcing in a race neutral manner and following race neutral policies of checking all people passing a point or all people on a rail car or platform. While saying that Black people are more likely to commit crimes like fare evasion or non criminal offenses like code of conduct violations is perceived as racist, Metro needs the time to drill down further into why this disproportionality persists despite race neutral enforcement.

I do agree with ACT-LA that Metro should absolutely not be starting their own police department. Compliance with state peace officer standards and training (POST) requirements is challenging. No new POST certified agency has started up since UC Merced started its police force in 2005. A one contract model with the Sheriff, the only countywide law enforcement agency, combined with strict oversight would be my preferred option. Second would be the current multi jurisdiction model. The worst option would be a new police department, with all the costs and issues it entails.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:03 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Operations & Safety 3/16 meeting public comment, Item No. 23 (2022-0868)

Dear operations committee.

My name is Jeremy Fuster. I am a Palms resident that commutes to work via the Expo Line and has used the Red Line regularly since I started high school in 2007. While I have seen countless unhoused residents struggle on Metro Rail rides, many with drug addictions, I do not believe that adding more police funds on top of the \$1 billion Metro has spent since 2017 will be a solution.

Metro can be a part of a system that provides care throughout Los Angeles to the unhoused and the addicted through improved infrastructure and a team of unarmed transit ambassadors supported by social workers and crisis care specialists that can provide support to those who need it and protect riders on Metro without policing. Throwing more police at the problem is only fighting the symptoms, not the disease. Please turn away from this cycle of law enforcement funding with minimal results and build towards a more sustainable solution with services, not sirens.

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It is absolutely possible to not rely on police. To not rely on those who target Black people and people of color. To not rely on those who target lower income folks. To not rely on those who target and dehumanize people who are homeless. To not rely on those who rely on their weapons first and questions later. To not rely on those who escalate situations to the death rather than de-escalating. To not rely on those who act as judge, jury, and executioner. We can have a public transit service that doesn't rely on police.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:56 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:02 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahag.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgoomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I **oppose** a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety. It has not resulted in a real plan for safety on transit—or data on how police make transit safe.
- Metro should absolutely not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness and failures of policing, and undermines every effort to establish a culture of care on Metro.
- Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.
- Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.

- By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.
- The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:39 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:01 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Investing in station upkeep and train cleanliness would go a long way to provide a more welcoming and safe environment for passengers.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:17 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

= **From:** [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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I support the hiring and expansion of social workers and EMT crisis teams who can respond to situations throughout the city without escalating. Additional policing will ultimately make public transit less safe and lead to wrongful deaths and the brutalization of individuals experiencing mental health crises. It is my hope that our city will invest in solving these problems at the source rather than violent band-aid "solutions" that perpetuate a cycle of poverty and suffering.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:29 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I ride the metro daily. I live in East Hollywood without a car, and rely entirely on the bus and metro systems to get around. My local transit ambassadors have been nothing but helpful, while the police presence on the metro has only led to more violence and fear that I've witnessed. Honestly, it makes Los Angeles feel like a police state.

To feel safe riding the metro, I need the trains to run on time and more often. I need to spend less time standing on the platform wondering if they're going to show up. I need friendly, gun-free ambassadors that don't make me fear for my life. I need platforms that don't make me stand in the dark at night.

I would love to live in a city where I can walk to a metro stop in any neighborhood. Angelenos would love to take the metro. Help us feel safe, by removing police presence and creating a kinder metro.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:33 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I am a frequent transit rider for my commute and for personal life, and what makes me feel safe is more frequent service, NOT law enforcement. I would love to see the Metro budget spent on more trains and buses, more shelters from sun and rain at bus stops, fareless service, and high-quality training for unarmed transit ambassadors. The LA Metro has an opportunity to be a leader in the country when it comes to reimagining transit - please don't waste it!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:30 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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I don't own a car and I rely on metro for transportation. I do not feel safer when I see police on the trains or in stations! Instead, I would like to see real care from trained support professionals for people who need it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:40 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; Councilmember Krekorian <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahay.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I **oppose** a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

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Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:42 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:49 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 12:26 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 12:58 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:12 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; Karen.Bass@lacity.org; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; dperry@lacbos.org; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; mperez@gatewaycog.org; sahad.yedalian@lacity.org; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; vgomez@bos.lacounty.gov; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

My name is Michael Lopez. As a transit commuter, I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23. I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care. Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro. Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.

Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates. Nationally, we are in the midst of an opioid and homelessness crisis: Last year the US saw over 70,000 fentanyl deaths, including 1,600 in LA County. The issues we see on Metro are not specific to transit, or even Los Angeles, they exist in a broader ecosystem that requires prevention and care. We know that when we send police to deal with public and mental health issues, they cannot and do not produce results. In 2019, PATH teams on Metro were able to secure housing for 27% of their contacts.

Meanwhile, LAPD secured housing for just 1% of their contacts. Similarly, PATH teams referred nearly 50% of their contacts to services, while LAPD could only do this for roughly a fourth of their contacts. Metro is allocating a tiny fraction of budget to services that we know work to assist people experiencing housing insecurity, mental and substance abuse crises, and throwing hundreds of millions annually at the institution of policing, which we know cannot solve these problems. Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and

preventative approach to safety. By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders. We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service. Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:09 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:19 PM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Devote the money that would go to cops towards expanding the metro and giving it better infrastructure! Really! cops are so expensive! put that money back into a public service instead!!!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:25 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Please invest more into transit ambassadors and other unarmed safety officers on public transit. Public safety is much more than throwing guns at a problem.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:49 PM

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By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

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Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:36 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahag.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgoomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23, because I have been a regular Metro rider—buses, trains, and now Micro—for more than a decade. This experience allows me to say with great confidence that item 23 is wrong for Metro—wrong for ridership growth, wrong for safety, and wrong for financial solvency. I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro. The data and information included below speaks for itself.

Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.

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Thank you.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:49 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 3:12 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

My name is Jason Bautista. I have been a resident of Los Angeles all my life and used Metro services till this day. I don't drive and have been taking the bus/rail/etc. since my high school days in 2011 to get to where I need.

For me, it has been more than a decade riding Metro. I know it has been a complicated space where I rely to get to places and carry on with my life. Yet the downsides with the dirtiness, occasional incidences of hostility, and misuse of the stations/transit is and continues to be apparent.

I do not have an immediate answer to solve these huge issues. But I can say that I witnessed the implementation of police forces at the Metro stations and rails. And I can firmly say it they are useless and unnecessary. Any issue I have seen has not resulted in a proper response from the police. I only see them check the fare from riders and not wear a mask. Additionally, it makes the riding experience more hostile seeing them fully-armed. I do not have trust in them to do properly their job and protect the general public, but instead I feel uneasy and unsafe.

I rely on Metro and will continue to do so. I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives.

Thank you

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 3:17 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com;

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Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

Hello, my name is Gina Dance, and I am the Policy Administrative Coordinator at Community Health Councils (CHC). For over 30 years, CHC has been at the forefront of systems change work to eliminate disparities in health and wellbeing. We seek to create a community eco-system that authentically engages residents and provides a holistic set of supports for residents. We work with and for South Los Angeles residents, many of who utilize the Metro to go to school, work, and leisure. We know how vital Metro is to residents and the role policing plays in South LA neighborhoods. Today we uplift their experiences, and we support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

CHC opposes a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.
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- Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 3:48 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

My name is Mallory Sherer, I live in the Fairfax District and I ride the 217 bus line to work.

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23. I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro. Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care. Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro. Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies. Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

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Thank you.



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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 4:27 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

On behalf of Los Angeles Walks, we support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

We **oppose** a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.
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In community,
Los Angeles Walks team



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 5:05 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 12:02 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 1:09 AM

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From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 4:31 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:13 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:16 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:49 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:51 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I am a long-time public transit and public space participant and advocate in Los Angeles. I encourage a caring presence of Metro representatives that can guide the transit experience for many different kinds of people using Metro including me. I don't support policing of Metro experiences. I have great respect for Metro bus and train drivers and want them to be able to perform their work with ease. This is a sophisticated activity that requires a complex system of care.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:52 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:58 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 7:00 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 7:40 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 7:43 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:10 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:12 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:18 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:45 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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PLEASE ----. SO I CAN USE THE METRO AGAIN -----

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 8:54 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:04 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] y

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:11 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:17 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:23 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:27 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:28 AM

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I use the LA Metro all the time. I have a disability because I have epilepsy, which means I'm not allowed to have a driver's license. I believe in public transit. Making the right investments with our tax dollars is very important to me, and I support ACT-LA's call for approaches that are more effective and less discriminatory, to improve public safety.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:29 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:39 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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As a subway rider, I see how the current system has failed us. Metro is filthy, unsafe, and, quite frankly, an embarrassment to the city. Police are standing by the exits on their phone and talking with other officers. Meanwhile, people are smoking meth, shooting up, fighting, and harassing other riders. I can not believe that adding more officers is the solution. People need help and we deserve to ride a safe and clean metro.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:12 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:07 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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more police is not a solution; hire more ambassadors instead!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Living in West LA, I love taking the Expo line downtown and can't wait for the Wilshire line extension to Westwood! I don't think police are the solution to the issues I've seen on the trains – investment in infrastructure and unarmed ambassadors is what's needed.

Sincerely,

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I've known countless people that have been assaulted, whether verbally, physically, or sexually. With the last two happening to myself and my partner on different occasions. Haven't ridden the metro in over a year now. Wish I could feel safe on it. The Pasadena Lake station is atrocious.

Sincerely,

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L.A. has had the metro for long enough now that we can see, empirically, that there has not been enough return on investment in policing.

Let's move that money into these alternative solutions, keeping the metro cleaner, and prioritizing maintenance and service that keeps it running on time.

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I am sympathetic to the homeless and their need to stay warm and dry. But, the LA Metro is not the place to do that.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 6:50 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

I've been a Los Angeles city resident for the past 30+ years and, while welcoming of increased transit options, have been distressed to see the lack of care for a reliably safe and pleasant experience for riders.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Care, not cops!

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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Natalie Lara

453 s. Chicago st. Los Angeles ca. 90033

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 11:06 AM

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Please expand ambassadors, elevator attendants, outreach to unhoused, station cleanliness, unarmed response teams (like Eugene Oregon CAHOOTS program), etc. Please minimize reliance on armed law enforcement, which has resulted in harm to your low-income Black and Latino riders.

Please expand efforts to activate stations - with vendors, busking, programming, bathrooms, etc. - as ACT-LA noted in its Metro as Sanctuary report.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:34 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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We must invest money into the services and improvements communities need most and remove expensive, violent and life threatening entity of policing in public transit.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 1:05 PM

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It is disgusting and inhumane to add LASD gangs or LAPD that uphold their legacy of murdering and assaulting Black children, Black and Brown folks, disabled folks, and transgender people daily. Please understand how the US establishment historical and on going violence on racialized and colonized people is rooted in how the government including your office functions, how the police are a brute and heinous force that is unjustly licensed to kill people.

Anyone complicit and in favor of funding the police and further criminalizing poor people taking the bus, is responsible for this assault and violence you are taking on our communities.

Support ACT-LAs care-first initiative too, because anything else is disgustingly violent and will further harm the communities you claim to represent and care about.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:18 PM

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From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:58 PM

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

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Thank you.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Every individual should feel safe and included while using public transit. Police presence is not conducive to this goal.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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We don't need to be policed on public transportation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: SUPPORT ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I oppose ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and support item 23.

Metro is taking its time to come up with a safety solution that meets the needs of riders while addressing activists demand, many of whom do not ride the system. It is a delicate balance that needs full attention, but in the meantime law enforcement cannot be withdrawn from Metro. Doing so would be crazy.

Continuing the existing law enforcement contract month to month combined with enforcement of metrics related to physical presence and response times will help not make the status of the system not deteriorate further while letting Metro determine if ambassadors and unarmed security personnel can better do the job.

There do need to be capital improvements to the system. Lighting and ventilation need to be improved, and restrooms need to be installed and cleaned regularly. Riders should be treated with dignity. But fare enforcement has largely been abandoned except at turnstiles. While I share the concerns about disproportionate citing of Black people I am confident that Metro security are enforcing in a race neutral manner and following race neutral policies of checking all people passing a point or all people on a rail car or platform. While saying that Black people are more likely to commit crimes like fare evasion or non criminal offenses like code of conduct violations is perceived as racist, Metro needs the time to drill down further into why this disproportionality persists despite race neutral enforcement.

I do agree with ACT-LA that Metro should absolutely not be starting their own police department. Compliance with state peace officer standards and training (POST) requirements is challenging. No new POST certified agency has started up since UC Merced started its police force in 2005. A one contract model with the Sheriff, the only countywide law enforcement agency, combined with strict oversight would be my preferred option. Second would be the current multi jurisdiction model. The worst option would be a new police department, with all the costs and issues it entails.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:28 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:40 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:03 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Operations & Safety 3/16 meeting public comment, Item No. 23 (2022-0868)

Dear operations committee.

My name is Jeremy Fuster. I am a Palms resident that commutes to work via the Expo Line and has used the Red Line regularly since I started high school in 2007. While I have seen countless unhoused residents struggle on Metro Rail rides, many with drug addictions, I do not believe that adding more police funds on top of the \$1 billion Metro has spent since 2017 will be a solution.

Metro can be a part of a system that provides care throughout Los Angeles to the unhoused and the addicted through improved infrastructure and a team of unarmed transit ambassadors supported by social workers and crisis care specialists that can provide support to those who need it and protect riders on Metro without policing. Throwing more police at the problem is only fighting the symptoms, not the disease. Please turn away from this cycle of law enforcement funding with minimal results and build towards a more sustainable solution with services, not sirens.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:22 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

It is absolutely possible to not rely on police. To not rely on those who target Black people and people of color. To not rely on those who target lower income folks. To not rely on those who target and dehumanize people who are homeless. To not rely on those who rely on their weapons first and questions later. To not rely on those who escalate situations to the death rather than de-escalating. To not rely on those who act as judge, jury, and executioner. We can have a public transit service that doesn't rely on police.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:56 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:02 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I **oppose** a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety. It has not resulted in a real plan for safety on transit—or data on how police make transit safe.
- Metro should absolutely not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness and failures of policing, and undermines every effort to establish a culture of care on Metro.
- Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.
- Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.

- By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.
- The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:39 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:01 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Investing in station upkeep and train cleanliness would go a long way to provide a more welcoming and safe environment for passengers.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:17 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:24 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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= **From:** [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:46 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:37 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:48 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

I support the hiring and expansion of social workers and EMT crisis teams who can respond to situations throughout the city without escalating. Additional policing will ultimately make public transit less safe and lead to wrongful deaths and the brutalization of individuals experiencing mental health crises. It is my hope that our city will invest in solving these problems at the source rather than violent band-aid "solutions" that perpetuate a cycle of poverty and suffering.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:29 AM

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

I ride the metro daily. I live in East Hollywood without a car, and rely entirely on the bus and metro systems to get around. My local transit ambassadors have been nothing but helpful, while the police presence on the metro has only led to more violence and fear that I've witnessed. Honestly, it makes Los Angeles feel like a police state.

To feel safe riding the metro, I need the trains to run on time and more often. I need to spend less time standing on the platform wondering if they're going to show up. I need friendly, gun-free ambassadors that don't make me fear for my life. I need platforms that don't make me stand in the dark at night.

I would love to live in a city where I can walk to a metro stop in any neighborhood. Angelenos would love to take the metro. Help us feel safe, by removing police presence and creating a kinder metro.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:33 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

I am a frequent transit rider for my commute and for personal life, and what makes me feel safe is more frequent service, NOT law enforcement. I would love to see the Metro budget spent on more trains and buses, more shelters from sun and rain at bus stops, fareless service, and high-quality training for unarmed transit ambassadors. The LA Metro has an opportunity to be a leader in the country when it comes to reimagining transit - please don't waste it!

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:30 AM

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I don't own a car and I rely on metro for transportation. I do not feel safer when I see police on the trains or in stations! Instead, I would like to see real care from trained support professionals for people who need it.

Sincerely,

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

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Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you.

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[Redacted contact information]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:42 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:49 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 12:26 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 12:58 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:12 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; Karen.Bass@lacity.org; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; dperry@lacbos.org; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; mperez@gatewaycog.org; sahad.yedalian@lacity.org; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; vgomez@bos.lacounty.gov; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

My name is Michael Lopez. As a transit commuter, I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23. I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care. Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro. Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.

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preventative approach to safety. By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

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Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:09 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Devote the money that would go to cops towards expanding the metro and giving it better infrastructure! Really! cops are so expensive! put that money back into a public service instead!!!

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Please invest more into transit ambassadors and other unarmed safety officers on public transit. Public safety is much more than throwing guns at a problem.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

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Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you.

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23, because I have been a regular Metro rider—buses, trains, and now Micro—for more than a decade. This experience allows me to say with great confidence that item 23 is wrong for Metro—wrong for ridership growth, wrong for safety, and wrong for financial solvency. I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro. The data and information included below speaks for itself.

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Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:49 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 3:12 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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My name is Jason Bautista. I have been a resident of Los Angeles all my life and used Metro services till this day. I don't drive and have been taking the bus/rail/etc. since my high school days in 2011 to get to where I need.

For me, it has been more than a decade riding Metro. I know it has been a complicated space where I rely to get to places and carry on with my life. Yet the downsides with the dirtiness, occasional incidences of hostility, and misuse of the stations/transit is and continues to be apparent.

I do not have an immediate answer to solve these huge issues. But I can say that I witnessed the implementation of police forces at the Metro stations and rails. And I can firmly say it they are useless and unnecessary. Any issue I have seen has not resulted in a proper response from the police. I only see them check the fare from riders and not wear a mask. Additionally, it makes the riding experience more hostile seeing them fully-armed. I do not have trust in them to do properly their job and protect the general public, but instead I feel uneasy and unsafe.

I rely on Metro and will continue to do so. I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 3:17 PM

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

Hello, my name is Gina Dance, and I am the Policy Administrative Coordinator at Community Health Councils (CHC). For over 30 years, CHC has been at the forefront of systems change work to eliminate disparities in health and wellbeing. We seek to create a community eco-system that authentically engages residents and provides a holistic set of supports for residents. We work with and for South Los Angeles residents, many of who utilize the Metro to go to school, work, and leisure. We know how vital Metro is to residents and the role policing plays in South LA neighborhoods. Today we uplift their experiences, and we support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

CHC opposes a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.
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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

My name is Mallory Sherer, I live in the Fairfax District and I ride the 217 bus line to work.

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23. I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro. Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care. Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro. Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies. Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

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On behalf of Los Angeles Walks, we support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

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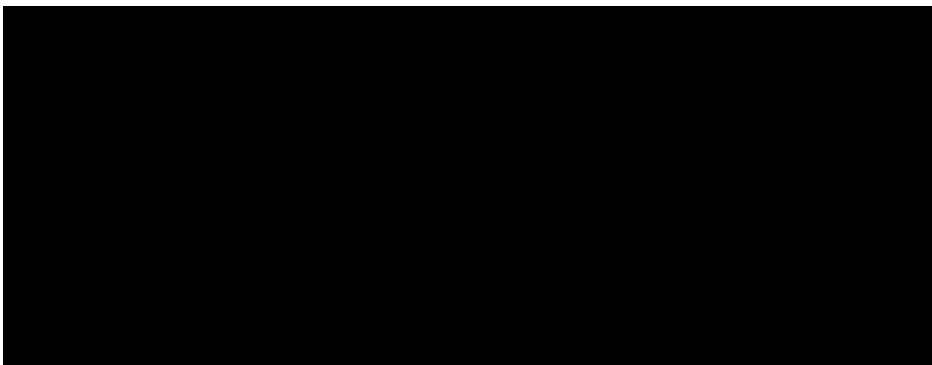
Metro should **divert funding away from this police-heavy approach** and instead to **alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.**

- By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.
- The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

In community,
Los Angeles Walks team



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 5:05 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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To Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors:

I'm a screenwriter and LA Metro evangelist, and I know from experience of riding public transit regularly for more than a decade that more police on Metro does not make me or anyone else safer, and it certainly won't increase ridership or save money. I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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From: [REDACTED]

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Police do little to nothing while on transit, and when they do something, it usually makes people feel less safe or intimidated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 3:40 PM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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As somebody who used to regularly take the Metro from the Pershing Square station, I've witnessed some inhumane treatment from the police towards innocent civilians over trivial matters. Policing the Metro creates more opportunities of unjust abuse--it enables these agents to target anyone and everyone. How are we supposed to feel safe by those who purportedly serve to maintain safety? It is absolutely hypocritical and is a severe waste of funds. Please prevent the unnecessary abuse, trauma, and feelings of discomfort that Angelenos frequently experience in the public transportation space.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

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I notice a heightened police presence on the Metro Red Line over the past couple of months. The loudspeaker announcements imply that there is ramped up drug enforcement and maybe that is why I see more police and far more often. The problem is that increased police presence does not make me feel more safe, but the opposite and that is probably true for many others. I don't see police doing drug enforcement--I see them rousting unhoused people from the rest that we all need. How does that make anyone more safe? More police presence=more sense of general intimidation and threat=less safety. Much better to spend the money on better service, and services for people who need help, which anyone deserves who needs it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

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We should also remove police from Metro all together and get rid of fares so there are no fares to enforce.

Sincerely,

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You have the power to implore real safety by making the Metro more accessible and putting unarmed helpers in our system. Safety is one that invites our communities in to take the metro not one that scares them away with harm, abuse, and limited access.

Thank you for your consideration and work - I hope you'll do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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Police don't make us safer, cleaner, better infrastructure and ambassadors do.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:30 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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We don't need more police who put civilians at risk of gun violence. 10% of gun violence in America is from police - traffic ambassadors are a far safer alternative.

Sincerely,

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We are seeing community safety initiatives coming to the fore across the country. Please continue to support and expand this approach in Los Angeles County.

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Police don't prevent crime. Community resources and services do. Transit ambassadors should be prioritized, not more police who discriminate, criminalize, and kill.

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Sincerely,

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To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:41 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahay.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I'm [REDACTED], local parent leader, and Public Education advocate.

I'm writing to support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.
- Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro.
- Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.
- Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

Nationally, we are in the midst of an opioid and homelessness crisis:

- Last year the US saw over 70,000 fentanyl deaths, including 1,600 in LA County. The issues we see on Metro are not specific to transit, or even Los Angeles, they exist in a broader ecosystem that requires prevention and care.
- We know that when we send police to deal with public and mental health issues, they cannot and do not produce results.
- In 2019, PATH teams on Metro were able to secure housing for 27% of their contacts. Meanwhile, LAPD secured housing for just 1% of their contacts.
- Similarly, PATH teams referred nearly 50% of their contacts to services, while LAPD could only do this for roughly a fourth of their contacts.

- Metro is allocating a tiny fraction of budget to services that we know work to assist people experiencing housing insecurity, mental and substance abuse crises, and throwing hundreds of millions annually at the institution of policing, which we know cannot solve these problems.

Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.

- By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.
- The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Please vote in the best interests of our families and communities and oppose Item 23.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:51 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:59 PM

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Not only will metro be safer, but you'll save money. Cancel the contract with the police. No good comes from the LAPD.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:01 PM

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Alexis Rheinwald-Jones

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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We need more community care and restorative justice.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 12:08 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 12:09 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 2:28 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:01 AM

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As a user of Metro, (residential area includes the buses passing through MacArthur Park-Westlake, Koreatown and Metro Rail Stations (Westlake/MacArthur Park and Wilshire/Vermont) and making extensive use of all metro rail lines: B (Red Line), D (Purple Line), A (Blue Line), L (Gold Line), E (Expo Line), K Line (Leimert Park, Inglewood, Westchester), C (Green Line) - LAX in -- in order of which I use most...

For your demographic info I am a senior disabled (68 yr old) white female ensconced in HACLA housing.

...the prioritizing of Care-First approaches is of utmost importance to me.

Most recently, I served as a facilitator in the 10 March 2023 ArtNight Fete in Pasadena.

To accomplish this I had to walk to a Metro Rail Station, (I had to pick Koreatown over the Westlake/MacArthur Park station to feel both physiologically and emotionally safe -- because of the clear and present dangers at my 'home' station of Westlake/MacArthur Park. My starting time was at noon on Friday, March 10, 2023.

That trip was relatively uneventful in terms of feeling terror on my part.

However, the return rides home (on the Gold Line and the Red Line) beginning at 11:15pm on the night of 10 March 2023 presented a much more frightening picture involving me.

The first leg of the return trip on Gold Line was partially filled with "sleepers" (those experiencing apparent homelessness due to ingested substances -- probably fatty); destitute (those experiencing homelessness due to economic and systemic barriers); and one or two people like me (those who are using the metro rail because we choose not to use cars).

The final leg of the trip on Red Line to get from Union Station to MacArthur Park -- I live 3 blocks from a border of the Park ... was absolutely terrifying and I feared for my life.

+Each+ car of the RedLine headed for Hollywood leaving Union Station at somewhere between 11:50 pm and midnight was peopled by 10-15 or more males (with one or two females in comparison -- one of whom was sexually preening and soliciting, the other who appeared to be 'out-of-it' mentally).

The car I finally chose, had less sleepers and apparent destitute people experiencing homelessness than the other four or five cars.

The train sat in the station for 10-15 minutes before taking off. More people filled all cars and mine was filled with males that were acting erratically, dangerously, and openly smoking what appeared to be fetty (Fentanyl) and in other cases weed (marijuana) and possibly other substances.

I was the only female in the car, the only non-BIPOC person in the car, and the only person dressed in more than rags.

The reason that is important is to illustrate who the "policing" affects -- exceedingly high rates of male, BIPOC, substance using people.

Twice the rail was held up at a station or two away from Union station on it's way to Hollywood. We literally sat for 17+ minutes at one station while the train waited for an oncoming Union station bound train to clear the one rail that was open at that time of night because of Metro maintenance.

I do not have the words at the moment to describe how terrified I was. My fears went to rape, being attacked possibly murdered, or otherwise hostilely accosted. There would have been nothing I could have done. I was physically smaller than EVERYONE in that car, and by the time we were sitting in a second station stop waiting for clearance to move on, another 10 males fitting earlier descriptions had boarded.

I couldn't even call for help, because even though my iphone is an old iphone 6S it is distinctive and probably wouldn't have gotten reception in the train because I have to use a low-economic carrier. I add this, because in all rail cars there ought to be wifi. Wifi is a normal part of everyday life and it provides a safety factor for all.

I couldn't even stand to ring the driver for help if I'd had to because that would have drawn the attention of every person on that car.

I only had to travel from Union Station to Westlake/MacArthur Park station and then walk home.

I couldn't get off at Westlake/MacArthur Park station -- 20 people from my car got off, and Westlake/MacArthur Park station is a hotbed of gang-, drug-, hostility- (from physical attacks to rape to murder) activity especially at that time of night.

I had to get off at Wilshire/Vermont (Koreatown) and walk back.

I am immensely grateful for the Metro Ambassador that was "working" the Wilshire Vermont station at that time of night. I was able to walk up to him and talk for a moment and give the others who were exiting or on the platform that I was getting or sharing information before braving walking up the flights of steps (the escalator wasn't working, and I will not enclose myself in an elevator where there's no chance of escape if something goes awry with another 'customer' in the elevator.

FYI -- elevators are known stops (because they do just that, they stop] for fatty users to light up.

Had I the financial flow to facilitate my calling an Uber or Lyft from Union Station to my destination in MacArthur Park, I would have. There ought to be no need to have to make that kind of call.

I share this story with you because policing has failed transit riders and not led to safety. I know this personally daily, I've used the Metro exclusively since 2015 (before that I used to use motor vehicles I owned, borrowed or rented).

Independent audits and surveys on Metro's policing contracts with the LAPD, LASD, and LBPD have highlighted:

Routine overspending that is unchecked and often not in compliance with contracts;

No plan for safety and no data that has proven that policing on transit has led to safety;

No improvement in emergency response times; and

Continued harassment of and violence against transit riders, which leads to Black and brown transit riders feeling unsafe.

I expect my Metro to do better for its transit riders. Of which I am one.

Make a difference -- doing the same thing over and over does not stop the insanity.

As a deeply affected rider of Metro, I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:43 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:44 AM

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

As a user of Metro, (residential area includes the buses passing through MacArthur Park-Westlake, Koreatown and Metro Rail Stations: Westlake/MacArthur Park and Wilshire/Vermont and making extensive use of all metro rail lines: B (Red Line), D (Purple Line), A (Blue Line), L (Gold Line), E (Expo Line), K Line (Leimert Park, Inglewood, Westchester), C (Green Line) - LAX in -- listed in order of which I use most...

For your demographic info I am a senior disabled (68 yr old) white female ensconced in HACLA housing.

...the prioritizing of Care-First approaches is of utmost importance to me.

Most recently, I served as a facilitator in the 10 March 2023 ArtNight Fete in Pasadena.

To accomplish this I had to walk to a Metro Rail Station, (I had to pick Koreatown over the Westlake/MacArthur Park station to feel both physiologically and emotionally safe -- because of the clear and present dangers at my 'home' station of Westlake/MacArthur Park). My starting time was at noon on Friday, March 10, 2023.

That trip was relatively uneventful in terms of feeling terror on my part.

However, the return rides home (on the Gold Line and the Red Line) beginning at 11:15pm on the night of 10 March 2023 presented a much more frightening picture involving me.

The first leg of the return trip on Gold Line was partially filled with "sleepers" (those experiencing apparent homelessness due to ingested substances); destitute (those experiencing homelessness due to economic and systemic barriers); and one or two people like me (those who are using the metro rail because we choose not to use cars).

The final leg of the trip on Red Line to get from Union Station to MacArthur Park -- I live 3 blocks from a border of the Park ... was absolutely terrifying and I feared for my life.

+Each+ car of the RedLine headed for Hollywood leaving Union Station at somewhere between 11:50 pm and midnight was peopled by 10-15 or more males (with one or two apparent female bodies in comparison) -- one of whom was sexually preening and soliciting, the other who appeared to be 'out-of-it' mentally.

The car I finally chose, had less sleepers and apparent destitute people experiencing homelessness than the other four or five cars.

The train sat in the station for 10-15 minutes before taking off. More people filled all cars and mine was filled with males that were acting erratically, dangerously, and openly smoking what appeared to be fentanyl (Fentanyl) and in other cases weed (marijuana) and possibly other substances.

I was the only apparent female body in the car, the only non-BIPOC person in the car, and the only person dressed in more than rags.

The reason that is important is to illustrate who the "policing" affects -- exceedingly high rates of male, BIPOC, substance using people.

Twice the rail was held up at a station or two away from Union station on it's way to Hollywood. We literally sat for 17+ minutes at one station while the train waited for an oncoming Union station bound train to clear the one rail that was open at that time of night because of Metro maintenance.

I do not have the words at the moment to describe how terrified I was. My fears went to theft, rape, being attacked possibly murdered, or otherwise hostilely accosted. There would have been nothing I could have done. I was physically smaller than EVERYONE in that car, and by the time we were sitting in a second station stop waiting for clearance to move on, another 10 males fitting earlier descriptions had boarded.

I couldn't even call for help, because even though my iphone is an old iphone 6S it is distinctive and probably wouldn't have gotten reception in the train because I have to use a low-economic carrier. I add this, because in all rail cars there ought to be wifi. Wifi is a normal part of everyday life and it provides a safety factor for all.

I couldn't even stand to ring the driver from the stations provided in the rail-car for help if I'd had to because that would have drawn the attention of every person on that car.

I only had to travel from Union Station to Westlake/MacArthur Park station and then walk home.

I couldn't get off at Westlake/MacArthur Park station -- 20 people from my car got off, and Westlake/MacArthur Park station is a hotbed of gang-, drug-, hostility- (from physical attacks to rape to murder) activity especially at that time of night.

I had to get off at Wilshire/Vermont (Koreatown) and walk back.

I am immensely grateful for the Metro Ambassador that was "working" the Wilshire Vermont station at that time of night. I was able to walk up to him and talk for a moment and give the others who were exiting or on the platform that I was getting or sharing information -- before braving walking up the flights of steps (the escalator wasn't working), and I will not enclose myself in an elevator where there's no chance of escape if something goes awry with another 'customer' in the elevator.

FYI -- elevators are known stops (because they do just that, they stop) for fatty users to light up.

Had I the financial flow to facilitate my calling an Uber or Lyft from Union Station to my destination in MacArthur Park, I would have. There ought to be no need to have to make that kind of call.

I share this story with you because policing has failed transit riders and not led to safety. I know this personally daily, I've used the Metro exclusively since 2015 (before that I used to use motor vehicles I owned, borrowed or rented).

Independent audits and surveys on Metro's policing contracts with the LAPD, LASD, and LBPD have highlighted:

Routine overspending that is unchecked and often not in compliance with contracts;

No plan for safety and no data that has proven that policing on transit has led to safety;

No improvement in emergency response times; and

Continued harassment of and violence against transit riders, which leads to Black and brown transit riders feeling unsafe.

I expect my Metro to do better for its transit riders. Of which I am one.

Make a difference -- doing the same thing over and over does not stop the insanity.

As a deeply affected rider of Metro, I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]

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As someone who is switching careers and won't be able to afford a car, I will RELY on Metro. DAT has a responsibility to make data driven decisions, and there is not data supporting more policing. Money is better spent on infrastructure!!

Sincerely,

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The transit ambassador program is key in making sure there are no unnecessary deaths on our trains. These people are incredible and have been trained to deal with mental health crises without force. No one should have to die if they are experiencing a mental break. They need help, not harm.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I **oppose** a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

- Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.
- Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro.
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- Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

Nationally, we are in the midst of an opioid and homelessness crisis:

- Last year the US saw over 70,000 fentanyl deaths, including 1,600 in LA County. The issues we see on Metro are not specific to transit, or even Los Angeles, they exist in a broader ecosystem that requires prevention and care.

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- In 2019, PATH teams on Metro were able to secure housing for 27% of their contacts. Meanwhile, LAPD secured housing for just 1% of their contacts.
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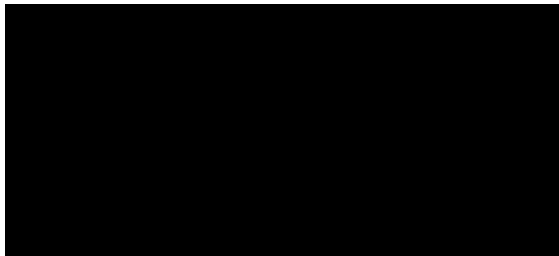
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:38 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

As a public transportation user without a car, this issue is especially important to me. I shouldn't have to sacrifice safety for the fact that I don't have a car, and armed cops do not make us safe.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:39 AM

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Police do not keep us safe. They don't make us feel safe. They respond to and do not prevent crime. Metro needs sooo many other things. This is not a priority and it's also actually causing harm.

Sincerely,

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As a frequent metro rider, it's important to me that public transit is a safe and welcoming environment for all.

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I ride the Metro nearly daily from central LA to Long Beach, to the westside, or beyond. I can assure you the squads of cops do nothing to change the reality of Metro riders who face all kinds of other challenges, including our neighbors who find shelter there (to no fault of their own or Metro). It is merely bleeding the budget. Time to reimagine safety, address the real causes of the transit challenges with improved service and make Metro work for all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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Brian Kaneda

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[REDACTED]

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The city and LA Metro has already invested several millions of dollars into policing which has failed to keep our city and metro stations safe. We should instead put money into services and solutions that are more effective in keeping *everyone* safe, including the unhorsed, rather than an institution that has a track record of harming, brutalizing, and even murdering members of our most vulnerable communities. Let's be humane and smart about this and reimagine public safety.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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In my experience on public transit police's presence only leads to more violence/trouble. They simply lack the soft skills it takes to keep a full spectrum of people safe. I've definitely seen the ambassador program work well as I ride the gold line frequently. They are friendly, informative and I've seen numerous instances of their ability to deescalate tense/violent scenarios. Let's see more of those types of solutions and less cops. It's better for everyone involved!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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I ride the Metro often, and feel much safer with trained crisis response teams onsite, rather than armed officers. I love this program!

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Cops never result in more protection , they have already killed multiple people.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 12:02 PM

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Police on the Metro are not effective and just increase the opportunity for violence. Let's help our neighbors!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 12:45 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahay.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov
Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.

Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro.

Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.

Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

Nationally, we are in the midst of an opioid and homelessness crisis:

Last year the US saw over 70,000 fentanyl deaths, including 1,600 in LA County. The issues we see on Metro are not specific to transit, or even Los Angeles, they exist in a broader ecosystem that requires prevention and care.

We know that when we send police to deal with public and mental health issues, they cannot and do not produce results.

In 2019, PATH teams on Metro were able to secure housing for 27% of their contacts. Meanwhile, LAPD secured housing for just 1% of their contacts.

Similarly, PATH teams referred nearly 50% of their contacts to services, while LAPD could only do this for roughly a fourth of their contacts.

Metro is allocating a tiny fraction of budget to services that we know work to assist people experiencing housing insecurity, mental and substance abuse crises, and throwing hundreds of millions annually at the institution of policing, which we know cannot solve these problems.

Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.

By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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I am a regular user of the LA Metro, and I'd love for the experience to be a safe one for all. We need compassion, not policing.

Sincerely,

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Marjorie Pier

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 2:43 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

We know that when we send police to deal with public and mental health issues, they cannot and do not produce results.

Why continue to do what has never worked and in fact only made things worse while the public transit agency is starved for funds?

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

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Thank you,

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Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.

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Nationally, we are in the midst of an opioid and homelessness crisis:

Last year the US saw over 70,000 fentanyl deaths, including 1,600 in LA County. The issues we see on Metro are not specific to transit, or even Los Angeles, they exist in a broader ecosystem that requires prevention and care.

We know that when we send police to deal with public and mental health issues, they cannot and do not produce results.

In 2019, PATH teams on Metro were able to secure housing for 27% of their contacts. Meanwhile, LAPD secured housing for just 1% of their contacts.

Similarly, PATH teams referred nearly 50% of their contacts to services, while LAPD could only do this for roughly a fourth of their contacts.

Metro is allocating a tiny fraction of budget to services that we know work to assist people experiencing housing insecurity, mental and substance abuse crises, and throwing hundreds of millions annually at the institution of policing, which we know cannot solve these problems.

Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.

By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:13 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Angelenos deserve reliable public transportation without police surveillance. In a world-class city such as ours, we should be prioritizing infrastructure that supports the livelihood of working people, instead of criminalizing and our city's residents.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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I am concerned about the safety of all passengers and police response does not address the problem of low ridership or violence. We must care for each other and spend our money on science-based solutions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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I further add that recent data shows that despite spending ~\$923M in policing LA Metro, crime has only increased and considerably so. Furthermore, a 2021 released study from LA Metro showed that 4 out of 5 riders had safety concerns relating to discrimination or profiling by police on LA Metro. These riders also expressed a preference for unarmed security staff over other armed law enforcement entities by 8 points or more, depending on the agency.

Support for further funding of armed police on Metro goes against the data and preference of Metro riders. To continue funding policing of LA Metro would be strictly ideological in nature, and unbecoming of the obligations the LA metro board has to its riders

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

JOHN NOLTE
Councilmember, District Number One

March 22, 2023

VIA EMAIL: BoardClerk@metro.net
Metro Board of Directors



Re: Support for Motion 19.1

Legislative Advocacy and Funding Plans for Next Grant Cycle for Transit and
Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant Application

Dear Chair Najarian and Members of the Metro Board of Directors:

I am a City Councilperson in Pomona, District 1, and a member of the Metro Gold Line Phase II Joint Powers Authority. I write in strong support of Motion 19.1 by Directors Sandoval, Barger, Hahn, Solis, Najarian, and Dutra. I want to especially thank Pomona's Mayor, Tim Sandoval, for his longstanding leadership on the Metro Board, which has been key to the progress the project has made so far, including its exciting and transformational extension to Pomona.

As thrilled as we are for the Pomona connection, the Gold Line will simply not be complete until it reaches Montclair. I fully endorse the reasons laid out in the Motion for urgent, concerted action to obtain the remaining funding. The connections in Claremont and at the Montclair Transit Center are undoubtedly critical for current and future residents (especially low-income and other disadvantaged residents) of those two cities and all parts east.

I want to add that, in addition to the 10,000 units of transit-oriented housing, mentioned in the Motion, that are planned near the Claremont and Montclair stops, another 10,500 housing units are currently contemplated as part of the early-stage Specific Plan being developed by Fairplex (located in my Council District) and the City of Pomona. Over the next few decades, those neighborhoods, the continuation of the L.A. Fair, and potentially 1.1 million square feet of commercial retail space and 200 acres of open space, will transform the area into a year-round destination. The possibilities for Pomona and the region are exciting, but current residents are understandably concerned about the potential for traffic and congestion. When visitors from the Inland Empire can arrive via public transportation—through the transportation hub in Montclair and then the Gold Line—a lot of those concerns will likely be greatly alleviated. Not

only will Pomona residents be less inconvenienced, but the experience of our visitors will also be greatly enhanced, increasing the vibrancy and viability of the Fairplex development.

Thank you for your service, and your unwavering support for the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Nolte', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JOHN NOLTE

Pomona City Council Member, District 1



February 24, 2023

The Honorable Isaac Bryan
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 364 – Street furniture data: statewide integrated data platform - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to share our support for Assembly Bill 364 (Street furniture data: statewide integrated data platform) because it will prioritize shade as an essential need for low-income transit riders, seniors, and people of color who are on the frontlines of climate change. The bill would require local transit agencies to submit data on street furniture, including bus shelters, public toilets, and benches, so that transit users can make an informed decision on their transit trip based on available infrastructure.

Street furniture is a public asset—similar to libraries and parks—used by seniors as a rest stop, bus riders to protect themselves from the elements while waiting for the bus, and families seeking a cool spot during heat waves. Just like transit routes, this data should be easily accessible to the public via mapping programs and apps. AB 364 would ensure that this data is available to everyone whilst also identifying opportunities, through the Caltrans Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee, to address inequitable access to climate-resilient street furniture.

Lack of shade is an issue of equity and climate justice in disadvantaged communities. Communities of color and low-income riders are disproportionately exposed to rain, sun, and excessive heat caused by rising temperatures. These conditions are exacerbated by the heat-island effect of pavement and borne out by the scarcity of shade in cities and counties throughout California. A study published in [Wilderness and Environmental Medicine](#) found that the rates for emergency department visits for heat-related causes increased by 67 percent for African Americans, 63 percent for Hispanics, 53 percent for Asian Americans, and 27 percent for White people from 2005 to 2015.

Currently, extreme heat is the largest killer of Americans, more so than any other climate-fueled hazard. According to the LA Times, 3,900 people died due to heat-related causes in the last decade. In 2020, emergency room visits increased by 10 times the normal number during record-breaking heat as high as 121 degrees in the County of Los Angeles. More than 80% of the estimated 12,000 people in the United States who die of heat-related causes annually are over the age of 60, according to [Climate Central](#). Without adequate planning and resources, these fatalities and associated health risks will be compounded by the increase in older Californians by the end of this decade. By 2030, a quarter of the state's population will be over the age of 60, according to the state's own [Master Plan for Aging](#). With many older Californians relying on public transportation to navigate their communities, addressing the effects of extreme heat at bus stops becomes a critical matter of public health.

For low-income workers, seniors, and people with disabilities who rely on bus transit as their primary mode of transportation, not having shade is potentially fatal. Shade structures can lower the temperature of surfaces by 25 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. This is why a [study conducted by the Los Angeles Urban Cooling Collaborative](#) found that 1 in 4 lives lost during heat waves could be saved with better shade and climate-resilient infrastructure like streets furniture, and most of the lives saved would be in low-income communities and communities of color.

Bus shelters can also provide for the safety, convenience, accessibility, and comfort of bus riders. Emergency call buttons, lighting, and real-time bus schedules are some examples of critical safety features. The lack of shelter deters people from using buses which makes it harder for California to achieve its greenhouse gas emissions goals.

Assembly Bill 364 stands to increase the use of public transit, improve conditions and accessibility for pedestrians, improve air quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by making street furniture data available to everyone. We thank you for authoring this bill.

Yours,

Eli Lipmen
Executive Director
Move LA

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Executive Director
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Amy Thomson
Transportation Policy and Programs
Manager
Transform



March 22, 2023

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012-2952
Via email to BoardClerk@metro.net

Re: Oppose Item 23, Extension of current multi-agency transit law enforcement contracts

Dear Metro Board of Directors:

No matter who you are or where you're going, riding the Metro should be a safe, reliable, and accessible experience for all Angelenos.

But each year, the Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors — a public body made up of various city and county officials — wastes \$222-million on policing our Metro — a bloated and ineffective approach to commuter safety.

Contracting Metro police causes more harm than good. Officers stop and cite more Black transit riders than any other community, despite Black riders making up only 18 percent of Metro ridership. Officers also target poor and unhoused people accessing public services. We know there are more effective responses to commuter safety that respect people regardless of their race or income.

Last year, the Metro Board of Directors established a program of unarmed transit ambassadors who can address emergencies with professionalism and care. Right now, as it considers renewing contracts, the board should continue to invest in transit ambassadors and Metro infrastructure like better lighting, more reliable timetables and service, and fareless transit.

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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275. Jose Sanchez, Hacienda Heights
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327. Deborah Ebersold, West Hollywood
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332. Terence Pearce, Los Angeles
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338. Michelle Hochstein, Los Angeles
339. Adam Palermo, Los Angeles
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342. Brian Kuhn, Santa Monica
343. David Kurz, Los Angeles
344. Msr Sverio, Long Beach
345. Jesse Calderon, Baldwin Park
346. Titiphan Vutiprichar, Venice
347. John Palafoutas, Los Angeles
348. A Davis, Long Beach
349. Loretta Nathan, Los Angeles
350. Lauren Gardiner, Los Angeles
351. Latia Suttle, San Pedro
352. Carol Ng, Los Angeles
353. Twyla Meyer, Pomona

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371. Mary Mcauliffe, Hollywood
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376. Michael Wiles, Los Angeles
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379. Mario Uribe, Sun Valley
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390. Simone Heckerman, Santa Monica
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392. Leslie Gordon, Burbank
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397. Kathleen Goldman, Manhattan Beach

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413. Michael Szeto, San Marino
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429. Jessica Cuthbert, Lakewood
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433. Heather Mclarty, Los Angeles
434. Oscar Narro, South Pasadena
435. Wesley Rowe, Los Angeles
436. Ashley Genz-Sandoval, Los Angeles
437. Kavisha Prajapati, Cerritos
438. Chase Badgett, Long Beach
439. Annie Hinh, El Monte
440. Elizabeth Seaford, Glendale
441. Fionna Davis, Eureka

442. June Voros, Los Angeles
443. Thomas Zachary, La Crescenta
444. Mark Fuller, Carson
445. Faye Espiritu, Castaic
446. Carlos Navarrette, Los Angeles
447. Klara Firestone, Beverly Hills
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449. Ameena George, Pasadena
450. Robert Carpenter, North Hollywood
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455. Zully Juárez, Huntington Park
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457. Danielle Zucchini, Venice
458. Griffin Rowell, Los Angeles
459. Natalie Lara, Los Angeles
460. Matthew Henson, Los Angeles
461. Yellowbird Taylor, Altadena
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463. Mariana Huerta, Los Angeles
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492. Kelsie Anderson, Irvine
493. Liliana Trejo, Inglewood
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495. Ryan Wentz, Los Angeles
496. Ava Marinelli, Los Angeles
497. Anna Czosnyna, Los Angeles
498. Marian Shelley, Los Angeles
499. Roberta Klug, Monterey Park
500. Cori Alegria, Los Angeles
501. Lyndsey Nolan, Los Angeles
502. Alejandra Chavez, Los Angeles
503. Cindy Reyes, Los Angeles
504. Berklee Donovan, Los Angeles
505. Vlad Vladimir Santos, Los Angeles
506. Nikita Hamilton, Culver City
507. Jon Katz, Santa Monica
508. Lee James, Los Angeles
509. Kari Wenger, Monrovia
510. Ana Cruz, Los Angeles
511. Nzinga Diahann Greenidge, Cerritos
512. Kristen Brown, Los Angeles
513. Keenan Do, Los Angeles
514. Sharon Ng, West Covina
515. Kimberlee Holmes, Los Angeles
516. Lester Powell, Los Angeles
517. Kathryn Summers, Santa Monica
518. Kim Zamarripa, South Pasadena
519. Sofia Lopez Singleton, South Pasadena
520. Oscar Lopez, Los Angeles
521. Samuel Shapiro-Kline, Los Angeles
522. Jason Sleisenger, Los Angeles
523. Harmony Diaz, Whittier
524. Jennifer Arenas, Long Beach
525. Caitlin Krier, Los Angeles
526. Allon Percus, Santa Monica
527. Julie Alley, Santa Monica
528. Xochitl Cordova, Los Angeles
529. Robyn Burke, Los Angeles

530. Mary Veral, Los Angeles
531. Clint Tauscher, Los Angeles
532. Verneen Mincey, North Hills
533. Jessica Moseley, Los Angeles
534. Kaitlin Scott, Los Angeles
535. Maya Gomez, Los Angeles
536. Greg C., Santa Ana
537. Ryan Marohn, Los Angeles
538. Diana Vargas, San Diego
539. Laurel Tucker, Claremont
540. Dax Goldstein, Los Angeles
541. Alexander Simon, Los Angeles
542. Laura Pacheco, South Gate
543. Dorothea Rodgers, Los Angeles
544. Stephen Jones, Los Angeles
545. Zoe Nissen, Los Angeles
546. Clarissa Woo Hermsillo, Monterey Park
547. Xally Salgado, Anaheim
548. Emily Caesar, Los Angeles
549. Josh Cretella, Los Angeles
550. Allie Hirsch, Valley Village
551. Rebecca Green, Los Angeles
552. Virginia Lopez, Los Angeles
553. Sullyari Bautista, Los Angeles
554. Sandra Romero, Huntington Park
555. Francisco Espinosa, Los Angeles
556. John Rios, Los Angeles
557. Julio Jose Figueroa, Los Angeles
558. Allie Romano, Los Angeles
559. Molly Ostertag, Los Angeles
560. Journie Ma-Johnson, Los Angeles
561. Josh Creter, North Hollywood
562. April Wolfe, Los Angeles
563. Di Barbadillo, Los Angeles
564. Laura Salazar, Alhambra
565. Hermes Padilla, Los Angeles
566. Preston Melbourneweaver, Los Angeles
567. Jason Bautista, Los Angeles
568. Carlos Arceo, Downey
569. Jannet Rodriguez, Los Angeles
570. Linda Sibkhe, Los Angeles
571. Tara Assi, Hawthorne
572. David Moore, Burbank
573. Jorge Canez, Los Angeles

574. Daisy Villafuerte, Los Angeles
575. M'chel Angela Martinez, Los Angeles
576. Nell Bennett, Los Angeles
577. Darcy Laparra, North Hollywood
578. Ivana Munguia, Los Angeles
579. Paul Lichterman, Los Angeles
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582. Ashley Brim, Los Angeles
583. Lani Engstrom, Los Angeles
584. Kristen Beck, Valencia
585. Kevin Carter, Los Angeles
586. Richard Gagliano, Los Angeles
587. Rachel Rosenbloom, Los Angeles
588. Brad Kaiserman, Los Angeles
589. Aaron Van Pelt, Venice
590. Rebecca Himmelstein, Los Angeles
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592. Jenna Maranga, North Hollywood
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594. Kelty Walker, Santa Monica
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608. Ruby Condon, Los Angeles
609. Jennifer Stithem, Valley Village
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611. Akio Katano, Los Angeles
612. Marianne Drummond, Long Beach
613. Annie Devoe, Claremont
614. Tobin Demarco, Long Beach
615. Allen Martsch, North Hollywood
616. Theo Zucker, North Hollywood
617. Emily Skehan, Van Nuys

618. Patty Sparks, Sherman Oaks
619. Lizabeth Belli, Los Angeles
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622. Geoffrey Golden, Los Angeles
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641. Maureen Shannon-Chapple, Los Angeles
642. Hannah Gibson, Los Angeles
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645. Julie Alley, Santa Monica
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648. Sierra Marcelius, Los Angeles
649. Lucas O'Connor, West Hollywood
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652. Teresa Price, North Hollywood
653. Melissa Butts, Los Angeles
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655. Maryann Gallo, Los Angeles
656. Ashley Locke, Long Beach
657. Colin Doty, Burbank
658. Kelsey Stefanson, Los Angeles
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660. Melissa Manousos, Los Angeles
661. Selina Ho, San Gabriel

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663. Chris Cohen, Altadena
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665. Maria Ahverdyan, Los Angeles
666. Darren Hall, Los Angeles
667. Deborah Markus, Santa Monica
668. Allison Riley, Los Angeles
669. Eli Noble, Port Townsend
670. Alexis Rheinwald-Jones, Los Angeles
671. Jennifer Collins, Pasadena
672. Alejandra Miron, Palmdale
673. Victoria Friesen, South Pasadena
674. Jacqueline Wu, Los Angeles
675. Calvin Han, Los Angeles
676. Marlene Paradee, Los Angeles
677. Tara Gardner, Los Angeles
678. Elijah Teller, Glendale
679. Carol Feucht, Los Angeles
680. Lena Williams, Los Angeles
681. Yolanda Navarrete, Lincoln
682. Catherine Safley, Panorama City
683. Amanda Baber, Los Angeles
684. Tzarina Sophia Ramos Zapata, Bell
685. Rd Plasschaert, Los Angeles
686. Sherry Varon, Los Angeles
687. Logan Nielsen, Fullerton
688. Jayme Kusyk, Los Angeles
689. Jessica Shitara, Long Beach
690. Melanie Havelin, Los Angeles
691. Page Marsella, Venice
692. Emilia Richeson, Monrovia
693. Chris Riddle, Los Angeles
694. Sarah Cayer, Los Angeles
695. Anne Madariaga, Los Angeles
696. Trevor Byrne, Los Angeles
697. Delaney Ivey, Los Angeles
698. Alika Valdez, Los Angeles
699. Caroline Lacy, Los Angeles
700. Sydney Otoole, Los Angeles
701. Alan Saunders, Los Angeles
702. Justine Jasuale, New Milford
703. Henry Todd, Tarzana
704. Jaime Reed, Santa Monica
705. Diana Arterian, Los Angeles

706. Jack MacCarthy, Los Angeles
707. Amy Vreeman, Burbank
708. Urzulo Glaviano, Los Angeles
709. Max Kennedy, Los Angeles
710. Grace Doyle, Los Angeles
711. Kathy Yamamoto, Los Angeles
712. Lindsay Johnston, Glendale
713. Robert Chlala, Los Angeles
714. Brian Kaneda, Los Angeles
715. Hannah Utt, Los Angeles
716. Eugene Pesikov, Los Angeles
717. Gabe Diani, Los Angeles
718. Marjorie Schuetz, Los Angeles
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720. Giancarlo Seixas, Studio City
721. Reid Uhrich, Pasadena
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724. Brenna Zedan, Monrovia
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727. Karmen Pang, Chino Hills
728. Jane Chu, Los Angeles
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731. Kimberly Berry, Altadena
732. Lily Ontiveros, North Hollywood
733. Marjorie Pier, Sonoma
734. Amir Talai, West Hollywood
735. April Imme-Sakaluk, Beverly Hills
736. Anthony Arenas, Los Angeles
737. Kay Rose, Los Angeles
738. Vanessa Lopez, Morro Bay
739. Emma Windsor, Los Angeles
740. Maddie Gavin, Los Angeles
741. Dawy Rkasnuam, Signal Hill
742. Andrew Reich, Los Angeles
743. Samantha Lappin, Sherman Oaks
744. Sarah Dooley, Los Angeles
745. Sophia Rome, Los Angeles
746. Mara Woods-Robinson, Los Angeles
747. Sam Royall, Los Angeles
748. Camille Devoney, Los Angeles
749. Jane Affonso, Redondo Beach

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752. Clare Eberle, Los Angeles
753. Peggy Lee Kennedy, Venice
754. Patrick Dillon, Van Nuys
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756. Shifra Teitelbaum, Culver City
757. Elizabeth Hamilton, Los Angeles
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761. Charlotte Soestini, Culver City
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763. Tessa Garbely, Somerville
764. Michelle Lovett, Henderson
765. Alfa Ulep, Honolulu
766. Ejame Medal, Lynwood
767. Kristin Cuzick, Reseda
768. Rich C., Chula Vista
769. Andres Gallegos, Los Angeles
770. Christina Hang, Los Angeles
771. Gwendolyn Snyder, Venice
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782. Thomas Kim, Los Angeles
783. Carene Mekertichyan, Los Angeles
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785. Mia Livas Porter, Los Angeles
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793. Kathryn Ryan, Los Angeles

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797. Nicole Knudsen, Valley Village
798. Valeria Alcaraz, Duarte
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801. Hava Bazz, Downey
802. Jessica Craven, Los Angeles
803. Christopher Michel, Marina Del Rey
804. Alex Voelmle, Burbank
805. Sofia Salazar, Los Angeles
806. Leah Harrison-Lurie, Claremont
807. Erin McGee, Los Angeles
808. Sandra Madera, Los Angeles
809. Emiliana Dore, Los Angeles
810. Wallis Edwards, Upland
811. Selene Li, Claremont
812. Jadon Piha, Mercer Island
813. Rebecca Rufer, Los Angeles
814. Aviana K, Buena Park
815. Journey Lipscomb, Claremont
816. Kate Grodd, Los Angeles
817. Krissy Borowiak, Washington
818. Joshua Becerra, Claremont
819. Marc Weiss, Pasadena
820. Bradley Valdez, Los Angeles
821. Olivia Rosenberg-Chavez, Claremont
822. Corinne Dotts, Claremont
823. Isabel Detre, Claremont
824. Yosie Perez, Canoga Park
825. Austin Boldt, Los Angeles
826. Yolanda Davis-Overstreet, Los Angeles
827. Danika Claiborne, San Francisco
828. Abiu Izquierdo, Los Angeles
829. David Mekertichyan, West Hollywood
830. Xochitl Cordova, Los Angeles
831. Marina Watanabe, Los Angeles
832. Zachary Elgart, Los Angeles
833. Alison Vu, Long Beach
834. Joseph Chang, San Gabriel

March 22, 2023

Chair Ara Najarian
LA County Metro Board of Directors
Board Administration
One Gateway Plaza, MS: 99-3-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: General Comment - Support for increased public safety

Dear Chair Najarian,

I am [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am deeply concerned about the safety and cleanliness of the 7th street Metro Station for our employees, vendors and tenants who work in our buildings. I write to strongly support a multi-layered public safety approach on the Metro system and at stations that allows riders to take trains and buses safely while protecting people's civil rights.

Metro staff have recommended updates to the code of conduct, a focus on policing without bias, an increase in the number of Transit Security Officers employed by the agency and the continuation of contracts with law enforcement agencies. **I am in support of these efforts and appreciate Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins' leadership as she, her team, and the Board work to address the major societal challenges playing out on our public transit network.**

As we strive to increase the occupancy in our buildings, we have had every tenant and potential tenant voice concerns about safety in and around the 7th & Fig Metro platform. To accomplish our leasing goals, it is imperative that the platform be safe, clean, and free from loiterers & vagrants. I have personally witnessed drug use and drinking on the platform. There are many stories that tenants have shared with me including witnessing fights and in some instances where police did nothing as the vagrants and loiterers did drugs, sat on the ground and sometimes slept on platform. Tenants from our building and an employee at our company have been physically assaulted. Most recently there was a death of a 13-year-old boy in front of a neighboring building on 7th street as result of a fight that originated on the Metro platform at the base of the 660 S. Figueroa building. For the downtown area to become vibrant and active again, a police presence is urgently needed and necessary.

I appreciate your consideration and respectfully request that you support comprehensive initiatives to improve public safety for Metro riders and around Metro's transit stations.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 2:32 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 7:43 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I, as someone well into middle age, feel ill at ease and intimidated by the presence of so many uniformed and armed police in the stations and on platforms. I am thrilled with the presence of the Metro Ambassadors and would like to see this project continued. More armed officers, on the other hand, will make me rethink my commute by rail and bus.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:05 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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I urge you to prioritize care and people first and discontinue contracts with law enforcement.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:19 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 9:21 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 9:40 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 10:31 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 12:20 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

This is not only the morally right thing to do, but will also work toward making Metro safe and more usable for all—which will likely ALSO increase ridership. LA needs a good transit system, and so does the planet. The more people ride the metro, the better it will be for our local community and also the environment at large.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 11:20 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 8:29 PM

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Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Metro Ambassadors have just gotten started and they are already doing such amazing work. The difference riding the system when the Ambassadors are present has been night and day. I strongly encourage greater investments into this transformative program,

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Subject: Item 23: Fund police

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Thanks

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The approach of perpetually increasing armed police budgets is neither effective nor sustainable.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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I'm a regular Metro user, and I'm writing in to say that the over 1 billion dollars Metro has spent on police over the last few years has not made our system safer. We need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work to meet the needs of Metro's core riders, who are working class people that very often happen to also be disproportionately targeted by LAPD and LASD. It's what they've been asking for. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

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Let's aim for progress and results.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:01 PM
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Subject: Item 23: Fund safety, not armed police

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Having dozens of armed cops on every train platform does not make me, as a Metro rider, feel any safer. At the same time, I want to know that there are staff watching out for the experience of every Metro rider, and ready to help people in distress or crisis. As ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels, Metro needs to re-think its massive spending on police contracts, and divert as much as possible to care-based programs like Metro Ambassadors.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that work and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership increases and returns to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:06 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety and cleanliness programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

I'm a regular Metro rider who has chosen to live in Los Angeles for 10 years without owning a car - one of Metro's stated operational goals. However, Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. **What Metro needs are more janitors and customer service providers at its stations.**

We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors. And spend more funds on maintaining cleanliness, smooth, reliable operations, and customer service!

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors. Please make our lines more safe with safety ambassadors

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:13 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:22 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Cc: Karin Costello <karininthecanyon@gmail.com>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

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Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:24 PM
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Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:40 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Police has proven every year they are a waste of money and do not improve our safety on metro.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:52 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:53 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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It is imperative that you lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:03 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

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[REDACTED]

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Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To Metro Board:

I'm very concerned about the poor service we experienced Saturday on the Metro E-Line, while traveling with guests from San Francisco. Everyone on the eastbound train was told by a metro employee to disembark with no advance notice there (at Orthopedic Hospital stop), and that the train would be returning to Santa Monica. No Public Announcement was made, no explanation nor directions for alternative travel routes were provided. A whole train full of people were dropped onto the platform with no forewarning and no plan.

We must do better!! Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, while customer service has been neglected.

We need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that assist Metro riders and protect Metro riders from police interference and possible violence.

Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors, and on providing consistent levels of good customer service.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:28 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Best,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:58 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

The myth that more police leads to more safety fails on two points: 1) statistics simply do not support that hypothesis and 2) the question of "safety for whom"? More policing does not take into account the inherent racism in policing. And guns merely exacerbate the problem.

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:18 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

I use the Metro weekly to commute to work and understand the importance of safety on the Metro. However, more police is proven to not be an effective measure to protect Metro users. I urge you to support care-first safety measures.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: keep funding for police!

To whom it may concern,

I have not stepped foot in Metro since before the pandemic and will likely not do so again until I feel it's much, much safer WITHOUT homeless and drug addicts using the system as their main choice for shelter.

I do feel safer with MORE police on the system, but we absolutely need more interventions. Using the trains as makeshift shelter is unacceptable and must be stopped.

This cannot be ignored any longer. Angelenos demand safe and clean streets and it behooves Metro to clean up the system if they ever want our transit system to be used by the general public again.

Ridership will remain suppressed until the general public perceives the system to be safe and clean.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:08 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahad.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgoomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro. Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.

Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro.

Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.

Police historically and continually harass riders, especially Black transit riders who are stopped and cited at alarmingly high rates.

Nationally, we are in the midst of an opioid and homelessness crisis:

Last year the US saw over 70,000 fentanyl deaths, including 1,600 in LA County. The issues we see on Metro are not specific to transit, or even Los Angeles, they exist in a broader ecosystem that requires prevention and care.

We know that when we send police to deal with public and mental health issues, they cannot and do not produce results.

In 2019, PATH teams on Metro were able to secure housing for 27% of their contacts. Meanwhile, LAPD secured housing for just 1% of their contacts.

Similarly, PATH teams referred nearly 50% of their contacts to services, while LAPD could only do this for roughly a fourth of their contacts.

Metro is allocating a tiny fraction of budget to services that we know work to assist people experiencing housing insecurity, mental and substance abuse crises, and throwing hundreds of millions annually at the institution of policing, which we know cannot solve these problems.

Metro should divert funding away from this police-heavy approach and instead to alternatives that provide a proactive and preventative approach to safety.

By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

We must completely end our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:21 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:23 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahad.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgonzalez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

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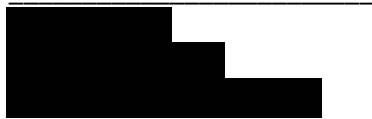
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Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:00 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:04 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:38 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Bringing back Metro riders

To whom it may concern,

Fund maintenance (cleaning up) and safety. Not just policing, but staff to assist those who need help---people with 'troubles' and provide ambassadors for passengers afraid to get on a train. Consider setting up 'help' services before people pass through the turnstile---offer help and deter people who might use drugs, become violent, or just behave in inappropriate ways. Don't criminalize---provide help.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Make public transit on Metro safe, clean, and desirable again

To the Board of Metro,

I strongly urge you, I plea with you, to make public transit on Metro safe, clean, and desirable again.

The article in the LA Times about drug use and other horrible conditions on Metro trains sounds like a science fiction dystopia. If you do not already do so, I urge you to ride Metro to determine for yourselves whether the LA Times article is accurate. When there is a follow-up article in the LA Times, or other credible news, about how much conditions have improved, I will consider riding again.

I do not know what actions will make Metro safe and desirable again, but one measure that would probably help would be to make sure that nobody can be in the stations or on trains or buses without paying fare, with firm, humane enforcement of that rule.

Our public transit system was built to transport people to their desired destinations, to decrease automobile use and greenhouse gas emissions, and help make great urban areas.

Our public transit system was never intended to be a homeless shelter or a place for illegal drug use. If need be, safe places away from Metro stations should be provided for people who are homeless and/or use illegal drugs.

Another thing, admittedly less important, would be enforcement of No Smoking rules. Whether somebody is smoking tobacco, marijuana, or illegal drugs, it is unhealthy and unpleasant for other people.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:01 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Item 23: Transit Law Enforcement - Double Real Policing - NOT Unarmed DoGooders

I strongly oppose the automated board comments from the "Streets for All" organization that generate anti-police ("defund the police") supposed answers to the transit safety crisis. Unarmed do-gooders are not the answer to drug abusers, aggressive panhandlers, and worse.

The anti-police, "unarmed interventions" are the exact prescription that has turned San Francisco into a cesspool and has resulted in the possibility of that city losing half of its police force through exits and retirements.

Metro is in a public safety crisis that has the possibility of destroying the entire transit system. Political performance to appease the anti-police activists is NOT the responsible answer. Forming a special Metro Police Force (Item B report-back) could be the answer if it were a REAL armed police force, as opposed to a soft non-police alternative to appease the idealists.

The surge in violent crime across American cities and the brazen public disregard of any penalties from crime are the direct result of the anti-police movement that surged among ideological liberals after the George Floyd murder. More of the same (the anti-police movement of the last three years) will result in more of the same (the explosion in violent crime over the past three years).

Transit riders are highly vulnerable people who must use the system for their livelihood. Efforts of well educated suburban liberals to lessen their safety in order to satisfy a misguided ideology are cruel. The real victims of the anti-police movement are the poor, who the suburban liberals claim they are helping.

Please save our transit system from local politics. Civic action demands some common sense.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:20 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

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Cops do not keep anyone safe—they are the danger to the people of Los Angeles. Fund public transit and community care systems.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:25 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Increasing ridership and frequency of service would do more to prevent crime on Metro than any police contract ever could.

Keep the Metro Transit Ambassador program, keep the expanded Metro line plans on track, and keep the armed pigs out of our stations.

Common sense to spend money where it gets results; police don't serve the people.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:34 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

Dear Metro,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors and increasing headways on rail.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:47 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:56 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

We are Los Angeles residents, taxpayers and voters and we want Metro to succeed and grow its ridership but we strongly feel major changes need to happen!

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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I've lived in Los Angeles for almost my entire life and have been taking buses for many years. Imagine my happiness and surprise when I met two transit ambassadors at the intersection of Western & Wilshire who helped me out. Programs like this one is exactly what we should be funding--not police on public transit. We need to build new and different types of social infrastructure instead of thinking of the police as a "catch-all" to our shared concerns.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

I ride the Metro frequently and have seen the deterioration of public safety over the years because of the decrease in ridership. Contrary to popular belief, cops on the platform do not make me feel safer. I see cops intimidate and harass riders and fear that it will escalate into a situation that can't be taken back.

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made me feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

I demand lower spending on the current police contracts and increased spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:01 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:06 PM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:07 PM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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I own a car, but I often prefer to take transit, so I am a regular Metro rider. This issue is extremely important to me, because I want to feel safe on public transportation, and an increased police presence terrifies me. The LAPD has proven themselves to be dangerous, racist, and prone to violence.

Please take a care-first approach that prioritizes the safety of ALL riders without involving armed law enforcement officers.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:28 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

Dear Metro board members,

As you know Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, with questionable results.

Please diversify your spending further to invest in care-oriented programs like the Ambassadors that have already been warmly received by metro riders.

We will not police our way out of larger social and public health crises. Please reconsider your approach to public safety before spending another billion dollars on a model that is not designed to address the problems of our time.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Thank you for your service and leadership,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:30 PM
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I have ridden the metro over 4,000 times and any time I see police they looking extremely unengaged and are just running through the motions.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:41 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 6:31 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs (\$1B in 5yrs is crazy)

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. I've ridden both Metro buses and trains ever since I moved to LA in 2018, and am a huge supporter of public transportation, but even as a larger than average male who can protect myself from most people, I have felt uneasy and unsafe on multiple occasions.

To whomever is in charge of the safety & security on the train, I hope you agree that this is unacceptable. With \$1B over 5yrs and the situation only getting worse, we become the laughing stock. I can't even comprehend how \$1B gets spent and the situation is still as bad as it is. I've provided some estimates below

LA Metro has 7 lines and 15 segments.
Let's assume each segment has 4 trains that run 24hrs.
Assume an officer costs \$175k/yr all in, works 8hrs/day and 2 officers are needed per train.
So, 6 officers are needed per day per train.
So you have 360 officers each day that cost Metro \$175k/yr = \$63M/yr
Up it to 500 officers and it's \$87.5M/yr....still half the amount spent per year since 2017!!!

I am not against having armed officers, but I rarely see them on the trains. Why not hire private security whose only job is securing the trains? Additionally, why not invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 6:33 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 6:41 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 6:48 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Please spend less money on armed police and more on frequency!

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 7:37 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:14 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

As a college student at the Claremont Colleges, I value access to a public transit system where safety is seen as community care.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:25 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:27 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:33 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer.

I personally was extremely frustrated during Covid when we still had mask mandates and police consistently rode the train and stood on the platform with no masks, making me feel unsafe. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers.

Most importantly, we need to increase service at least back to pre-Covid levels, or better. Red line still only runs 15 minute headways at rush hour. I'm on the train right now and at 8pm we only run 20 minute headways. Please restore and improve service so that there will naturally be safety in numbers and more individuals who want to ride the train.

We also need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and provide people experiencing homelessness the services that they need. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Transit Ambassadors are already making a positive difference! I see them frequently; they greet me, create a welcoming environment, and can help with many different needs.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors and restored service.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:56 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. Instead, we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 9:17 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 9:19 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:14 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:49 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:14 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 6:33 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

I appreciate the new protocol of and clearing all passengers from the B-line train in N. Hollywood and cleaning it. The ride feels slightly more comfortable. However, there are still many disturbed people, unobserved by police, who wander onto the train from platforms along the way. For example, one man who had just taken a dump on the platform and came onto the train with his pants still at his knees. Yesterday a man who stood in the doorway for a long time while the conductor was trying to close the doors.

The platforms, where people camp for hours, drug deals are obvious, fights break out, still feel unsafe. Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer, especially since they often congregate in groups and don't seem to notice much of what's going on around them.

We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:17 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

I do not support and increase in police activity on Metro. Perhaps instead of spending all that money on police we could instead increase frequency across the entire system. We can transition to a Fareless system and create a metro system that benefits everyone, not just the LAPD or LASD.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:28 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

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Best,

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:02 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

From: b [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:00 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:22 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

The decision by the Board of Directors to contract out law enforcement to the LA County Sheriff, LAPD, and LBPD has resulted in not only a reduced sense of safety on board Metro trains and buses, but has actively discouraged many community members from using public transit. This has downstream consequences for many communities in the form of congestion, pollution, and traffic violence. Additionally, not only have violent incidents on Metro not decreased with the presence of police, they seem to have increased in recent years.

To restore order and encourage more people to feel safe using public transportation, Metro and the Board of Directors needs to focus on creating unarmed Ambassadors who have information about accessing services around the county, building more affordable housing quickly to help transition more of the houseless community, and reducing the cost to access Metro's services. These are strategies take time, but will do more to address the truly core problems, rather than just the symptoms.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:58 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 10:57 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:09 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Everywhere we look we see law enforcement officers wreaking havoc. They are dangerous and they don't make us feel safe.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:31 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

We need better frequencies new bus and rail lines and not more police.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:32 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

To Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:34 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:36 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:42 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:48 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:52 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:55 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:13 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:15 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:48 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:02 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:04 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Cc: Karen.Bass@lacity.org; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; MayorButts@cityofinglewood.org; kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov; jdupontw@aol.com; tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; dutra4whittier@gmail.com; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org; anajarian@glendaleca.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; gloria.roberts@dot.ca.gov; Wiggins, Stephanie <WIGGINSS@metro.net>; Englund, Nicole <EnglundN@metro.net>; Gerhardt, Judy <GerhardtJu@metro.net>; doug.mensman@lacity.org; jorenstein@bos.lacounty.gov; mbohlke@sbcglobal.net; dperry@lacbos.org; ygharabedian@sgvcog.org; mperez@gatewaycog.org; LKlipp@bos.lacounty.gov; sahay.yedalian@lacity.org; Micheline, Maureen <MichelineM@metro.net>; Lobrien@bos.lacounty.gov; kmacias@bos.lacounty.gov; Daniel Rodman <daniel.rodman@lacity.org>; mmoore@bos.lacounty.gov; lantzsh10@gmail.com; sdelong@cityofwhittier.org; vgomez@bos.lacounty.gov; KShamdasani@bos.lacounty.gov; LBrisco@bos.lacounty.gov
Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.

Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro.

Deferring policing spending decisions into Metro's budget process is not transparent. Policing spending will be spread throughout the budget and make it impossible to track what is the actual amount awarded to the police agencies.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:07 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 10:12 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Cc: PSAC <PSAC@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs

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As a Transit rider, I have seen some, if not, all police officers on their smartphones walking around not doing much. There are some cases in which I have witnessed problematic people on trains and buses. I support the Metro Safety Ambassadors but I also believe that they need the tools and support from Metro to effectively do their jobs to make us feel safe and secure from problematic people. I have urged the Public Safety Advisory Committee to do more in addressing the concerns of the people. I am optimistic about the Metro Ambassadors and I hope that Metro will give them a chance to do their jobs with support and the tools to handle problems.

I would like to see more increase in spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors and hope that they will do their jobs, if not, then we can discuss other options.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 10:38 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

I use transit frequently. When I don't use transit, I bike or walk. What I want to see from Metro is valuable tax dollars go to increasing service and reliability of the transit I use, not to more billions of dollars spent on policing contracts.

Having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. I worry that an armed officer might turn their gun on me if a crisis were to occur or that armed response may turn deadly for someone experiencing mental distress.

The new Transit Ambassadors are already hard at work, and protect riders like myself from the fear of police brutality. Today while taking the red line to Union Station, I witnessed three Metro Ambassadors console a homeless man who was crying and agitated. He was clearly experiencing distress and I felt safe knowing that Metro Transit Ambassadors were able to de-escalate the situation and help him while also ensuring that other transit riders were getting to their destinations. Their work is not easy and crucial for our transit ridership.

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[REDACTED]
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Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:31 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:10 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 12:06 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Police have continuously failed to make the vast majority of citizens safe, and consistently show examples of being apathetic or even completely incompetent when it comes to protecting riders. They have made it abundantly clear that they serve those that side with providing them with more egregious funding and NOT those that actually take part in using metro services.

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 12:43 AM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Please stop handing so much of the Metro budget to cops, who do nothing in return. I have never once seen a cop do anything useful. They just stand around and chat or sit in their SUVs and chat. They're never around when there's a dangerous situation and if they were, they would just make it worse.

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The best way to get homeless people and drug users off the trains would be to create more public places where people can find shelter in this car-infested city, as well as safe drug consumption sites (which Newsom vetoed of course). Giving even more money to our out of control police agencies only makes everything worse.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:32 AM
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:33 AM

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

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Thank you.

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Subject: Oppose Item 23

Dear Metro Directors,

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23 OPPOSE ITEM 23 OPPOSE ITEM 23

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Best,

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March 21, 2023

Re: Creating a "Transit Safe" Metro System

Dear Board of Directors:

We write to share our support for Items #33-35 and #23B on the March Metro Board meeting including the Bias-Free Policing and Public Safety Analytics policies, a revision of the Customer Code of Conduct, creating improved security on the bus system, and exploring the creation of a Metro transit safety force.

We read with great dismay and sadness the recent stories in the Los Angeles Times regarding use of illegal drugs, as well as deaths and assaults that have occurred on the Metro rail system. We have received dozens of calls, emails, and message from our supporters as well about feeling unsafe on Metro transit and we have witnessed it ourselves.

We believe it obviously essential that the Metro system and facilities should be a safe space for customers and operators alike as it does not benefit our community or our collective goals to run a system that people do not feel safe enough to ride. We must also recognize that the bus system remains the backbone of our transit system and, while crime has increased somewhat on the bus, it continues to be a safe and clean space to travel. Metro needs to expand the frequency and reliability of this system.

This is an issue of both perception and policy – the perception of Metro's riders and the broader public about safety on the system as well as Metro policy for addressing those concerns.

This is not a policing but a social challenge. Metro is experiencing a challenge that is largely not of its own making, but substantially a product of the broader challenge of homelessness and affordable housing in our community. We believe that Metro should see the challenge of the homeless population on the trains and buses as similar to encampments on our streets and sidewalks and work with the City and County to implement humane responses similar to the Mayor Bass' Inside Safe program that you might call "Transit Safe". The initial challenge is not to move the homeless to another location in our public spaces but to find safe alternative places for them to be, preferably places where they can reside permanently.

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The Board of Supervisors, whose resources include Measure H, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Social Services, and LAHSA, could also direct their staff to coordinate with the city and Metro's outreach teams so that people "living" on the Metro System as well as those living in encampments can be brought into the "Inside Safe" system of motel/hotel/supportive housing.

Both homeless outreach and ambassadors should be trained in non-confrontation to address clear risks to public safety. This should allow connecting up and coordinating financial, housing, and land resources from Metro, the County's Measure H, the City, the State, and eventually ULA for permanent housing.

Efforts on the Metro system must be of similar scale and scope as the Mayor's "Inside Safe" program. We suggest a "Transit Safe" effort that immediately and measurably reduces the number of homeless individuals living in stations, trains, and buses, enforces existing ordinances around the use of drugs, and regularly cleans and disinfects the system over an accelerated and defined period of time. This will make it clear to transit riders that Metro has their back, has listened to their concerns, and is making a measurable impact.

Finally, we support the [Statement of values and Public Safety Mission](#) developed by the Public Safety Advisory Committee and approved by Metro. We urge LA Metro to study and report back on creating an in-house Metro transit safety force that would better utilize the resources of LA Metro to provide safety, security, and support to transit riders. We have long been advocates for the Metro Ambassadors program which we believe makes the system more human-centered, safer, cleaner, friendlier, and more customer-oriented. We support the vision of our partners at the Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles for a care-centered system with public spaces designed for gathering that creates jobs, supports local small businesses, vendors, musicians, and, artists that create a much more welcoming station experience with elevator and bathroom attendees and better lighting, shade, shelter, and seating for riders. Other systems have successfully done this and we believe LA Metro would benefit from this approach.

Yours in Transit,

Eli Lipmen
Executive Director
Move LA

Dr. Daniel Tabor
President
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From: [REDACTED]

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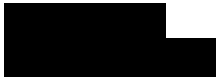
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Dear Metro Directors,

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro and oppose item 23.

I oppose a continuation of the current multi-agency policing contracts, oppose the concept of starting a Metro police department, and instead support the call for care-first safety approaches on Metro.

Current spending on officers to police our Metro system, at the price tag of roughly \$200 million per year, does not contribute to rider safety, and cannot proactively help people in need of mental health or substance abuse intervention and care.

Metro should not be starting their own police department. This doubles down on the wastefulness of policing, and undermines efforts to establish a culture of care on Metro.

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By Metro's own reports, their unarmed transit ambassadors have reported more successful interactions with transit riders than police have.

The approx. \$200 million spent each year could instead get us fast service, more lighting and seating, ambassadors, homeless services outreach, bathrooms, and clean buses and trains, an amazing investment in our transit system and in our transit riders.

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Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe.

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:02 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

To whom it may concern,

Metro has spent more than a billion dollars on policing over the last few years, yet having dozens of armed cops on every train platform has not made riders feel any safer. We can't keep spending more and more money on armed officers; we need to invest in programs like the Transit Ambassadors that actually work, and protect Metro's riders from police brutality. Care-oriented programs can actually divert people from unsafe behaviors -- we will not police our way out of this crisis, especially not by creating a new police department. Metro needs to re-think its entire approach to public safety as ridership continues to increase and return to pre-pandemic levels.

I am a carless, full-time Metro Rider based in East Hollywood. I feel safer when the stations are well lit and the trains run frequently on time.

Please lower spending on the current police contracts and increase spending on care-first programs like the Metro Ambassadors.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:04 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:49 PM

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Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>
Subject: OPPOSE ITEM 23

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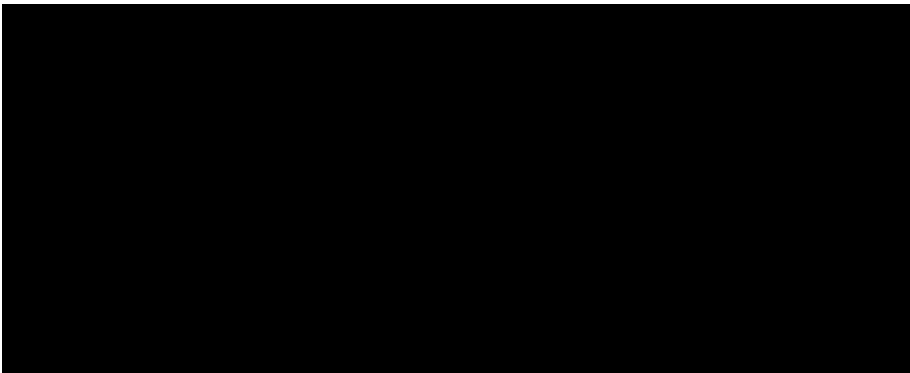
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Thank you.



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:13 AM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:41 AM

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Subject: Item 23: Fund Real Safety Programs, Not Armed Police

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Metro must discontinue contracts with law enforcement to reduce waste on redundant and harmful police patrol and fund approaches that actually keep commuters safe. Please use present spending on the current police contracts instead on care-first programs like ambassadors.



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Subject: Item 23: Fund real safety programs, not armed police

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 2:12 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:39 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

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Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:01 PM

To: Board Clerk <BoardClerk@metro.net>

Subject: Keep L.A. Metro Safe: Prioritize Care-First Approaches

Dear L.A. Metro Board of Directors:

I support ACT-LA's call for care-first safety approaches on the Metro: End our unnecessary and harmful reliance on police in public transit and continue to fund more effective and proven safety initiatives such as our transit ambassador program and better infrastructure like improved lighting and more reliable and timely service.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



March 21, 2023

Re: Creating a “Transit Safe” Metro System

Dear Board of Directors:

We write to share our support for Items #33-35 and #23B on the March Metro Board meeting including the Bias-Free Policing and Public Safety Analytics policies, a revision of the Customer Code of Conduct, creating improved security on the bus system, and exploring the creation of a Metro transit safety force.

We read with great dismay and sadness the recent stories in the Los Angeles Times regarding use of illegal drugs, as well as deaths and assaults that have occurred on the Metro rail system. We have received dozens of calls, emails, and message from our supporters as well about feeling unsafe on Metro transit and we have witnessed it ourselves.

We believe it obviously essential that the Metro system and facilities should be a safe space for customers and operators alike as it does not benefit our community or our collective goals to run a system that people do not feel safe enough to ride. We must also recognize that the bus system remains the backbone of our transit system and, while crime has increased somewhat on the bus, it continues to be a safe and clean space to travel. Metro needs to expand the frequency and reliability of this system.

This is an issue of both perception and policy – the perception of Metro’s riders and the broader public about safety on the system as well as Metro policy for addressing those concerns.

This is not a policing but a social challenge. Metro is experiencing a challenge that is largely not of its own making, but substantially a product of the broader challenge of homelessness and affordable housing in our community. We believe that Metro should see the challenge of the homeless population on the trains and buses as similar to encampments on our streets and sidewalks and work with the City and County to implement humane responses similar to the Mayor Bass’ Inside Safe program that you might call “Transit Safe”. The initial challenge is not to move the homeless to another location in our public spaces but to find safe alternative places for them to be, preferably places where they can reside permanently.

We request that the Metro consider whether participants in its ambassador program can be trained to work with staff from social service agencies working now on the city's "Inside Safe" program to facilitate placement of homeless persons from the Metro system into transitional or permanent housing just as they are now doing for persons in encampments. In addition, Metro should consider whether the financial resources at its disposal can appropriately be partnered with city resources toward a mutual objective.

The Board of Supervisors, whose resources include Measure H, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Social Services, and LAHSA, could also direct their staff to coordinate with the city and Metro's outreach teams so that people "living" on the Metro System as well as those living in encampments can be brought into the "Inside Safe" system of motel/hotel/supportive housing.

Both homeless outreach and ambassadors should be trained in non-confrontation to address clear risks to public safety. This should allow connecting up and coordinating financial, housing, and land resources from Metro, the County's Measure H, the City, the State, and eventually ULA for permanent housing.

Efforts on the Metro system must be of similar scale and scope as the Mayor's "Inside Safe" program. We suggest a "Transit Safe" effort that immediately and measurably reduces the number of homeless individuals living in stations, trains, and buses, enforces existing ordinances around the use of drugs, and regularly cleans and disinfects the system over an accelerated and defined period of time. This will make it clear to transit riders that Metro has their back, has listened to their concerns, and is making a measurable impact.

Finally, we support the [Statement of values and Public Safety Mission](#) developed by the Public Safety Advisory Committee and approved by Metro. We urge LA Metro to study and report back on creating an in-house Metro transit safety force that would better utilize the resources of LA Metro to provide safety, security, and support to transit riders. We have long been advocates for the Metro Ambassadors program which we believe makes the system more human-centered, safer, cleaner, friendlier, and more customer-oriented. We support the vision of our partners at the Alliance for Community Transit-Los Angeles for a care-centered system with public spaces designed for gathering that creates jobs, supports local small businesses, vendors, musicians, and, artists that create a much more welcoming station experience with elevator and bathroom attendees and better lighting, shade, shelter, and seating for riders. Other systems have successfully done this and we believe LA Metro would benefit from this approach.

Yours in Transit,

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Executive Director
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Dear Metro CEO Wiggins and Board of Directors,

We are reaching out as rider and frontline employee advocates and representatives concerned about public safety on Metro. We are committed to working with you to find real, lasting solutions.

We urge LA Metro to study and report back on creating a new Department of Community Safety that would focus on innovative ideas that reimagine approaches to safety on the system. Any new Department focused on safety should include:

- Plans to expand and support the Transit Ambassadors program. A Department of Community Safety should oversee and ensure ongoing training for Ambassadors, and ensure they are equipped with the tools necessary to be effective at the tasks requested of them. Ambassadors should be allowed to organize for improved workplace safety, salary and benefits;
- Subcontracted Ambassador employers should voluntarily recognize a Union that collects a majority of union authorization cards from workers as the sole representative of Ambassador employees.
- Employers should communicate to Ambassadors their willingness to remain neutral during a Union organizing drive
- Evaluation, identification and planning for public health responses to public health issues on Metro, especially with regard to substance abuse issues, in coordination with the LA County Public Health Department;
- Improved homeless outreach services and other care-first rider support services that have the potential to connect riders to Metro, City and County resources;
- Elevator and Bathroom Attendant Programs;
- Study and evaluation, with potential for implementation of PSAC recommendations for bus safety strategies, including any state, federal and industry lobbying necessary for bus operator cabins instead of driver barriers.
- Coordination of environmental and infrastructure care-based interventions such as lighting, shade, seating; and
- Coordination of in-language public education that includes bystander intervention campaigns and de-escalation tactics.

Any new Department at Metro should lead with care-first strategies and programming that improve safety and the rider experience. To this end, collaboration with other departments would be necessary, including but not limited to the Office of Equity & Race, Arts, and Customer Experience.

The range of safety issues on Metro requires a multi-layered approach. We look forward to working with your offices on improving safety, increasing ridership, and creating a world-class transit system.

Sincerely,

Lorence Bradford | ATU 1756 President

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RE: Sustainability Council Letter - Metro Highway Expansion Program

**VICE PRESIDENT
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Jim Blois
Blois Construction, Inc.

Dear Members of the Metro Board of Directors:

**VICE PRESIDENT
SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS**
Greg Timmerman
ISEC, Inc.

The members of AGC of California built California's infrastructure. They are the contractors who maintain our existing infrastructure and build the next generation of infrastructure for the state. This includes our air and sea ports, roadways, passenger rail systems, and more. AGC seeks to safely maintain and advance the entirety of California's transportation system including building vitally needed capacity across all modes. In doing so, we are also supporting California's economy and creating necessary jobs for its residents.

TREASURER
Pat Kelly
Granite Construction
Company

AGC appreciates the efforts of the Metro Sustainability Council and the Metro Board of Directors' dedication to creating a more sustainable transportation system in Los Angeles County. We support the careful planning and collaborative approach taken by the Board in partnership with various stakeholders to develop multimodal transportation options for the county.

**IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT**
Mike Blach
Blach Construction Company

However, we would like to express our concern regarding the letter recently submitted to the board by the Sustainability Council which appears to recommend the potential deprogramming of shovel-ready or near-shovel-ready highway projects in favor of transit projects that may take years or even decades to come to fruition. These highway projects represent a commitment made to the citizens of Los Angeles County. Should these projects not be delivered as planned, it may be difficult, if not impossible, to convince Metro LA County residents to support self-help measures, like the very beneficial Measure M, in the future.

CEO
Peter Tateishi
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Further, the construction industry relies on a steady pipeline of projects to maintain employment and contribute to the region's economic growth. We believe it is essential to strike a balance between advancing sustainable transportation goals and ensuring the continuity of well-planned infrastructure projects that are ready to be implemented.

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The studies cited in the letter from the Metro Sustainability Council, focusing on job impact, may not accurately reflect the consequences of delaying or canceling near-shovel-ready highway projects. We are not convinced that investments in public transit infrastructure definitively create more jobs per dollar spent, but even if true, these benefits may not materialize in the near term if alternative projects take years or decades to become shovel-ready. In the meantime, the loss of jobs resulting from canceled highway projects would have a negative impact on the construction industry and the broader economy.



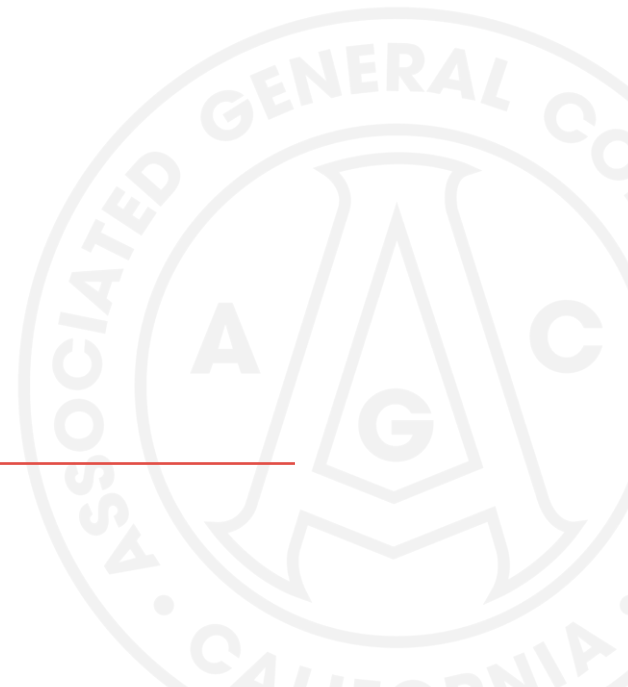
As a seat-holder on the Sustainability Council, AGC suggests the board avoid disparaging any of the modes of transportation, as they were all developed with the intent of serving the transportation needs of various communities throughout the region. Instead we encourage the Metro Board of Directors to continue prioritizing sustainable, multimodal transportation options while also ensuring the timely implementation of well-planned, shovel-ready infrastructure projects that provide employment opportunities and contribute to regional economic growth.

AGC supports the growth of new and diverse modes of transportation. Whether that is bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail, intelligent transportation systems (ITS), safer complete streets or other improvements, AGC contractors recognize the need for California to build the next generation of infrastructure and supports Metro's current Capital Improvement Plans.

Sincerely,

Brian Mello

Brian Mello
Associate Vice President of Engagement & Regulatory Affairs
Associated General Contractors of California





March 23, 2023

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Submitted via: BoardClerk@metro.net

Re: Metro’s Highway Expansion Program - Encouragement to Revisit Planned Projects

To the Metro Board of Directors:

We submit this letter in the spirit of collaboration to applaud recent Metro reorganizations¹, staff analysis, and Metro Board actions² that have started to rethink Metro’s orientation towards highway expansion projects and their impacts. We further acknowledge Metro’s forward thinking to reduce disparities caused by the existing highway system and efforts to develop a holistic approach to improve the quality of life of those communities impacted by highway improvements.

We further encourage Metro’s continued leadership to take the next step and proactively revisit all planned highway expansion projects. Doing so would go a long way toward meeting climate and health goals, open new opportunities for mobility-enhancing multi-modal investments, and offer promising potential for workforce development and local job growth. We recognize that such bold leadership would be no trivial matter and we offer our partnership and support to Metro in this effort.

¹ This refers to the CEO’s direction (September 2021) to move the highway program from Program Management to a new Multimodal Integrated Planning Unit of Countywide Planning & Development.
² Including: (1) Adopting the [‘Modernizing Metro Highway Program’](#) motion (June 2021) that expanded Measure R & M highway project eligibility to include active transportation and complete streets; (2) Selecting the [‘No Build’](#) option (May 2022) for the I-710 South Corridor Project; and (3) Adopting the [‘Metro Objectives for Multimodal Highway Investment’](#) motion (June 2022) to shift the highway program towards more integrated, multimodal investments, utilizing meaningful public engagement processes and optimizing existing highway facilities.

The Metro Sustainability Council's mission, since its inception in 2017, has been to provide support and advice. Our sustainability efforts develop targets, metrics and strategies that assist Metro in achieving Metro stated sustainability program goals. It is in that spirit that we would like to begin a dialogue, discussing a balanced approach that will assist in helping the agency move toward sustainability goals while satisfying a broader spectrum of impacted communities and stakeholders interested in solving transportation challenges.

In August 2022, the Metro Executive Management Committee received and filed a report entitled '[Climate Emissions Analysis - Metro's Indirect Impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)', which was prepared by Metro's own Office of Sustainability. This unprecedented and important analysis shines light on the potential impact of Metro's planned highway expansion program to increase greenhouse gas emissions in a way that seriously undermines the positive benefit of all planned bus, rail, and active transportation projects.

We agree with Metro, that creating a set of objectives to create a more holistic, multimodal and equitable process, will result in a better approach to moving people and goods. And, if not revisited, the planned highway expansion projects would significantly hamper Metro's ability to bring about net VMT and GHG reductions and could potentially result in net increases in both VMT and GHGs. This outcome would run contrary to Metro's multimodal mobility and climate goals, such as those expressed in Metro's Vision 2028 Strategic Plan and Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan.

The analysis is based on the concept of induced driving. Recent Caltrans-funded studies³ and California Office of Planning and Research technical guidance⁴ have concluded that in large metropolitan areas with high levels of congestion, such as Los Angeles, highway widening does not deliver any lasting congestion relief. This is because when new lane miles are added to the highway system, expanded capacity spurs new driving on the system.

Rethinking highway investments

We applaud the emphasis towards integration of multimodal elements in projects while addressing subregional priorities and prior funding commitments. Part of our discussion would be to look at the results of our research, which reveals that Metro has plans to construct 363 new lane miles of highway on the projects listed below, which have not yet begun construction:

1. Widening the 57/60 interchange
2. Widening the 605, the 5, the 10, the 60, and the 105 as the 605 Corridor Improvement Project- Widening the 5 from the 605 to the 710
3. Widening the 605 from the 91 to South Street
4. Widening the 405 between Wilmington Ave and Main St

³ See for example the background documentation for the National Center for Sustainable Transportation's [California Induced Travel Calculator](#).

⁴ See OPR's [Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA](#).

5. Widening the 405 between Artesia Bl and the 105
6. Widening the 405 between El Segundo Bl and Imperial Hwy
7. Widening the 405 between Main St and Western Ave
8. Widening the 110 at the PCH offramp
9. Widening the 91 from Shoemaker to the 605
10. Widening the 91 from Atlantic to Cherry
11. Widening the 91 from Central to Acacia
12. Widening the 71 Northern Segment from Mission to the 10
13. Widening the 14 in North County
14. Widening the 138, including as a High Desert Corridor alternative
15. Express Lanes on the 405 between Orange County to the 10 Fwy

Equitable processes help lead to equitable outcomes. And so as to not upset geographic distribution considerations, we recommend that these allocated funds be used to address mobility needs within the general corridor project areas listed. We would recommend alternatives to highway widening be pursued instead of adding new lane miles, which would agree with Metro's desire to invest in a highway system that is more community-focused to reduce disparities and not generate greater burdens and inequities. A proactive approach in revisiting the above projects could save Metro millions of dollars in environmental pre-construction analysis, such as the I-710 South Corridor Project.

[Measure M guidelines](#) allow for transfers of funds between capital projects and program sub-funds. We would submit, that there is no legal requirement preventing Metro from revisiting the above highway widening projects and we would appreciate the opportunity to provide and discuss some alternatives.

Shifting Investments from Highway Expansion to Multimodal Projects Would Result in More Jobs and Less Direct Displacement

To bolster Metro's confidence in pursuing the proposed revisiting of planned highway expansion projects, we want to reassure you that the impact to local jobs and communities would be positive. Studies have shown that per dollar invested, capital projects that incorporate active transportation features generate nearly twice as many jobs as car-only-serving road investments.⁵ Similarly, investments in public transit infrastructure produce 70 percent more job hours than funds spent on highway infrastructure, per dollar expended.⁶

Furthermore, land acquisition bears a harm on highway-adjacent communities when eminent domain and other takings are used to directly displace people to expand freeways. These

⁵ See '[Mining Recovery Act Data for Opportunities to Improve the State of Practice for Overall Economic Impact Analysis of Transportation Investments](#)' prepared by Cambridge Systematics, Inc. for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in 2012.

⁶ See '[Learning From the 2009 Recovery Act: Lessons and Recommendations for Future Infrastructure Stimulus](#)' by Transportation for America, released in April 2020.

mostly communities of color suffer from a loss of homeownership equity and community ties when they are forced to relocate to make room for highway widening.

Reconnect Communities to Develop Holistic, Positive approaches

Besides ensuring that Metro's highway program does not continue to create harms from future expansion projects, there is also an opportunity before us to address past adverse impacts of existing highway infrastructure. Recognizing that highways, while serving their purpose, have divided communities, restricted mobility options, and resulted in poor air quality in highway-adjacent communities, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, passed in 2021, created a new Reconnecting Communities grant program.

This new grant program is intended to support the restoration of community connectivity through the removal or retrofit of existing highways that currently create barriers in communities. We encourage Metro to think progressively about potential projects that our region could put forth towards these purposes.

We submit this letter in the spirit of collaboration. We are committed stakeholders who have and will continue to dedicate our time and expertise towards aiding Metro in realizing important sustainability goals. We thank you in advance for your consideration of the purpose of and proposal suggested in this letter, and we welcome further discussion and partnership on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bryn Lindblad, Chair of Metro's Sustainability Council

Thomas Small, Vice Chair of Metro's Sustainability Council

Ghina Yamout, Second Vice Chair of Metro's Sustainability Council

On behalf of the Metro Sustainability Council, which voted to submit this letter via a vote of 13 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstained at their meeting on March 10, 2023.