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### Introduction

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The budget that LA County creates over the next two weeks will determine who lives and who dies. Protecting our residents in this moment requires us to address the three-pronged crisis of COVID-19, economic and racial inequality, and incarceration.

However, LA County's 2020-2021 proposed budget allocates 42% of taxpayer dollars to an unjust policing system, which includes The Sheriff's Department, The Probation Department, and The District Attorney's Office. The lion's share of that budget – \$3.4 BILLION – is going to the LA Sheriff's Department, a department notorious for the murder of our community members inside and outside of the jails. By contrast, services that promote community health and well-being receive \$1.3 billion – only 15% of net county costs. The proposed budget does not align with the needs of LA residents or [the county's "care first" mission](#).

JusticeLA, a coalition led by Black, brown and indigenous people impacted by policing and incarceration, is demanding that LA County defund law enforcement agencies and invest in community care. We have until June 29th to make sure the LA County Board of Supervisors adopts a [Care First Budget](#).

[Your voice matters! Help change LA County's budget priorities by taking 2 actions today:](#)

- ❖ Take the [CARE FIRST SURVEY](#)
- ❖ Promote the survey through your social media channels (sample messaging & images below).

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### Hashtags & Tagging

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Follow JusticeLA's official social media profiles [@JusticeLANow](#)

To join your voice with the thousands of LA County residents demanding a Care First Budget, always include the hashtags [#CareFirstBudget](#) & [#JusticeLA](#)

Additional hashtags: [#DefundTheSheriff](#) [#DefundProbation](#) [#DefundTheDA](#) [#CareNotCages](#) [#CareNotCops](#)

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### Sample Twitter Messages

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Follow JusticeLA on Twitter: [@JusticeLANow](#) // Download images to share on Twitter [HERE](#)

- ❖ Your voice matters! Help shape the @CountyofLA budget by taking the #CareFirstSurvey today: <https://bit.ly/CareFirstSurvey> #JusticeLA #DefundTheSheriff
- ❖ I support a #CareFirstBudget for @CountyofLA that prioritizes care instead of law enforcement & jails! Join me in taking the #CareFirstSurvey: <https://bit.ly/CareFirstSurvey> #JusticeLA #DefundTheSheriff

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## Sample Instagram Posts

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- ❖ Support a #CareFirstBudget for #LACounty that prioritizes care instead of law enforcement & jails by taking @JusticeLA's #CareFirstSurvey here: <https://bit.ly/CareFirstSurvey> #DefundTheSheriff #DefundProbation #DefundTheDA #CareNotCages #CareNotCops #JusticeLA
- ❖ LA County's 2020-2021 proposed budget gives 42% of taxpayer dollars to an unjust policing system, which includes The Sheriff's Department, The Probation Department, and The District Attorney's Office. By contrast, services that promote community health and well-being receive \$1.3 billion – only 15% of net county costs. DEMAND CHANGE! Take @JusticeLANow 's #CareFirstSurvey today: <https://bit.ly/CareFirstSurvey> #DefundTheSheriff #DefundProbation #DefundTheDA #CareNotCages #CareNotCops #JusticeLA

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## Graphics

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