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My name is Neftali Del Rio and I am requesting the planning commission reject adding the two proposed projects with a cost of \$5.2 million for the capital improvement program for fiscal year 2022-2026. First the PPD is already using General Fund monies in wasteful ways and to the harm of our communities. In a report released this week by researchers of the UCLA's School of Law's Criminal Justice Program found that PPD in 2019 alone spent nearly \$9 Million in overtime pay to police officers, with 70% of that pay being for non-Rosebowl related activities. The report further states that "If PPD reduced its overtime budget to equal the average of overtime of LAPD, they would save \$4.6 million per fiscal year."

Additionally, it is ridiculous to try and use the Land Use Element Policy for PPD investment as the two proposals do not meet any of the 8 guiding principles. Furthermore, it is impossible to justify investing in a mobile command center, surveillance technology, and hangar based on the Land Use Element policies cited as they have no connection to the spirit or intent of the policies.

Finally, the PPD engages in racialized violence that not only harms families but has also cost the city millions of dollars in lawsuits that could have gone to essential services. In 2016 the city paid out over \$1 Million to the family of Kendrec Mcdade. In 2018 the city paid \$1.5 Million to settlement to the family of Reginald Thomas. The people should not be forced to invest in an institution that continues to harm its community. Less than a year ago Anthony McClain was shot in the back by a PPD officer and died less than a mile from my home. The way our city prioritizes public funds demonstrates its moral compass. By adding \$5.2 million "capital investment" to the PPD during this moment shows our city to be on the wrong side of history. You must reject these 2 last-minute additions and stand on the side of justice.