

Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-0692

October 27, 2020

Honorable Leaders,

On June 3, 2020 The LA City Council approved a motion to defund LAPD. Whereas the motion states that the City of Los Angeles needs to realize that Black and Latin communities suffer disproportionately. In the effort to re-envision our society, Angelenos should be given the opportunity to work with a purpose that is people focused. Therefore, the City Council voted to have the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor cut the Los Angeles Police Department's budget by \$150 million dollars.

Therefore, the LA City Council further moved to instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor to provide recommendations on re-investing these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color. Change is needed to move forward and direct our future generations. We therefore ask that the funds be reinvested into Wilmington. Please see that our Latin communities suffer disproportionately from the impact that of all this. Wilmington fits these criteria and is largely populated by people of color -89.4 % Hispanic disadvantaged low income. Mostly immigrant families who only have one person who works. Most are entry level jobs that pay minimum wages. Wilmington offers little to no work. Not all of our youth are college bound and we are in need of a Trade & Skilled center where one can obtain a skill.

Crime stats are at a National high and are comparatively high to the rest of Los Angeles. We have gang violence, homicides 4-6 in some months. Crime stats are increasing and assaults with deadly weapons, arson, grand thief auto and nightly attempts of burglary. We could use funding to help get stop the violence. Aggravated assaults and rape are up. Burglary, motor vehicle thief, shootings and violent crimes are our reality. This is not exactly conducive to a safe environment where youth can thrive and be educated for college. Crime is up 100-400 percent in our area.

Crime stats here are at record high and leave our youth with little to no hope for a future. Our quality of life has diminished immensely.

Just two weeks ago we had a double homicide. Read below. Another teen killed. Raemond Santos 18 years old was shot down while sitting in his car. Multiple rounds were shot and he died at the scene. We need intervention!!

Our Harbor area experienced 4 shooting in September.

Since our children & families suffer without explanation, we ask that three million dollars (\$3 million) be allocated to Wilmington for:

- To add an educational interactive Exploratorium **with the help of parks and Recs.** By adding an Exploratorium with hands on learning in the boundaries of Wilmington we can educate our youth through prevention programs that will get them off the streets and away from gang activity. We need to get them ready to enter the workforce as well as educate all Angelenos of equality.
- **Non-profit run.** We ask the city to establish this and to allow the WNC to assist with recommendation for non-profits to run the facility such as but not limited to The United Wilmington Youth Foundation.
- We further request that the City of Los Angeles use some of these funds **to invest in the Wilmington Skills Center** located at 217 Island Avenue with an emphasis on trade for this current climate since not all are college bound. Include welding, electrical, HVAC, auto mechanics, auto body, plumbing. We need to STOP the violence and work **with a purpose that is people focused.**

This could be the start to re-envision our local society as it can be used to educate society and bring the needed change into our disadvantaged community.

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# Two people killed, two wounded in Wilmington shooting

An approximate location of Wednesday's shooting near the 800 block of Bay View Avenue.

(Los Angeles Times)

By [JACLYN COSGROVE](#) STAFF WRITER

SEP. 18, 2019

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Two people were killed and two others were wounded in a shooting Wednesday afternoon in Wilmington. About 3:15 p.m., a gunman approached a group of people gathered near the 800 block of Bay View Avenue and started shooting. One woman died at the scene, and a man died after he was taken to a hospital, said Officer Mike Lopez of the Los Angeles Police Department. Two other women were grazed by bullets, and one of them was taken to a hospital, where she's in stable condition, Lopez said. No ages were available, Lopez said. He said preliminary information shows the shooting was possibly gang-related. Over the last year, five other people have been shot and killed in Wilmington, including two attacked near where Wednesday's shooting occurred, [according to The Times' Homicide Report](#).

[Jose Guadalupe Vera](#), 18, was shot and killed June 16 about three blocks from the scene of Wednesday's shooting. Vera was standing outside about 4:15 a.m. near West Anaheim Street and Island Avenue, according to Los Angeles County medical examiner-coroner's records. He was talking on a cellphone when a car, believed to be a silver compact sedan, passed him, parked nearby, and a passenger got out and started shooting, authorities said.

[Othon Arciniega](#), 21, was fatally shot March 8 about a third of a mile from Wednesday's shooting location.

Arciniega was walking near the 600 block of North Lagoon Avenue when multiple people approached him and began shooting.

Authorities say the assailants fled in a white sedan.

Anyone with information about Wednesday's shooting is asked to contact the LAPD Harbor Community Police Station at (310) 726-7700.

*Times staff writer Nicole Santa Cruz contributed to this report.*

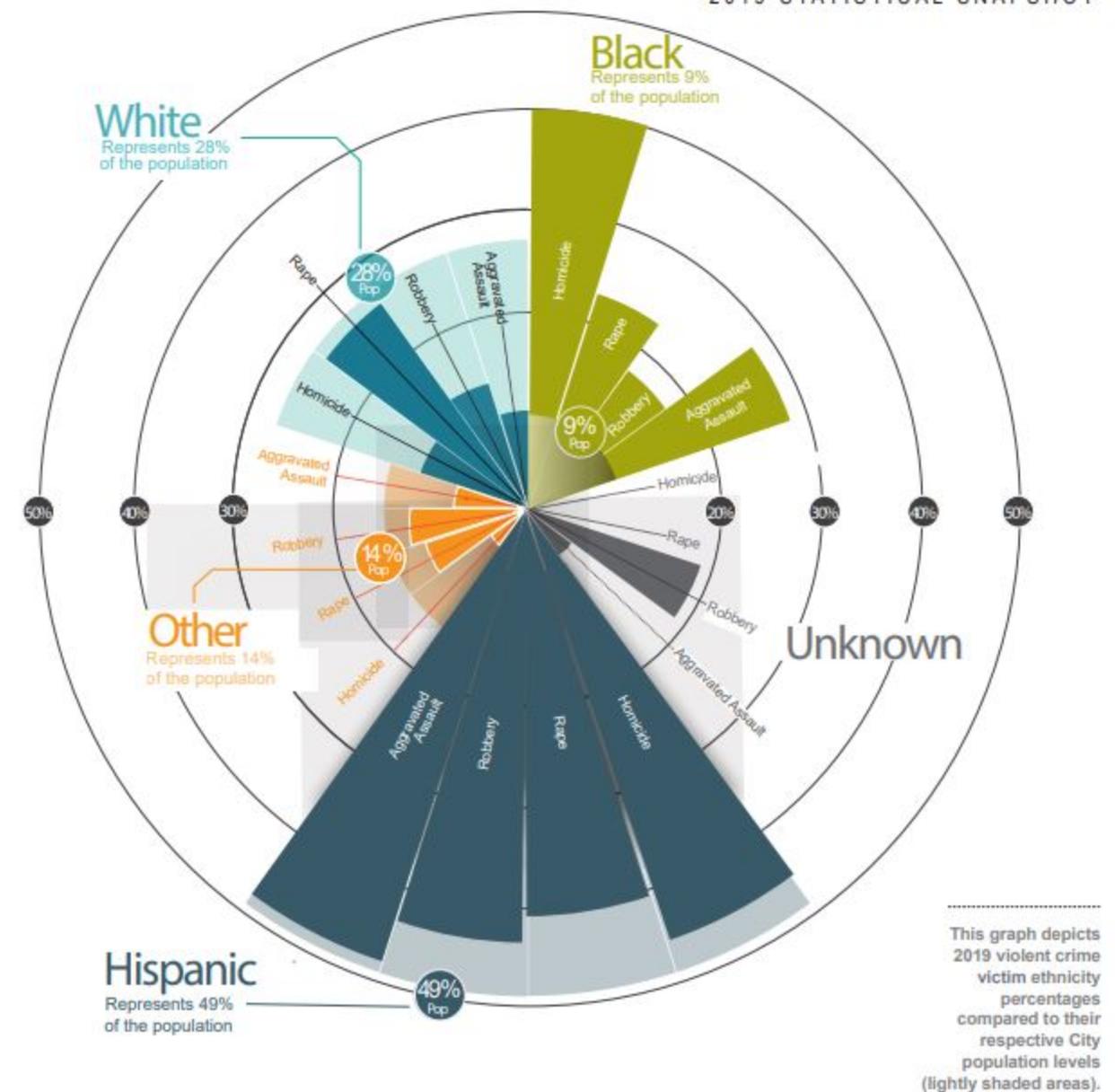
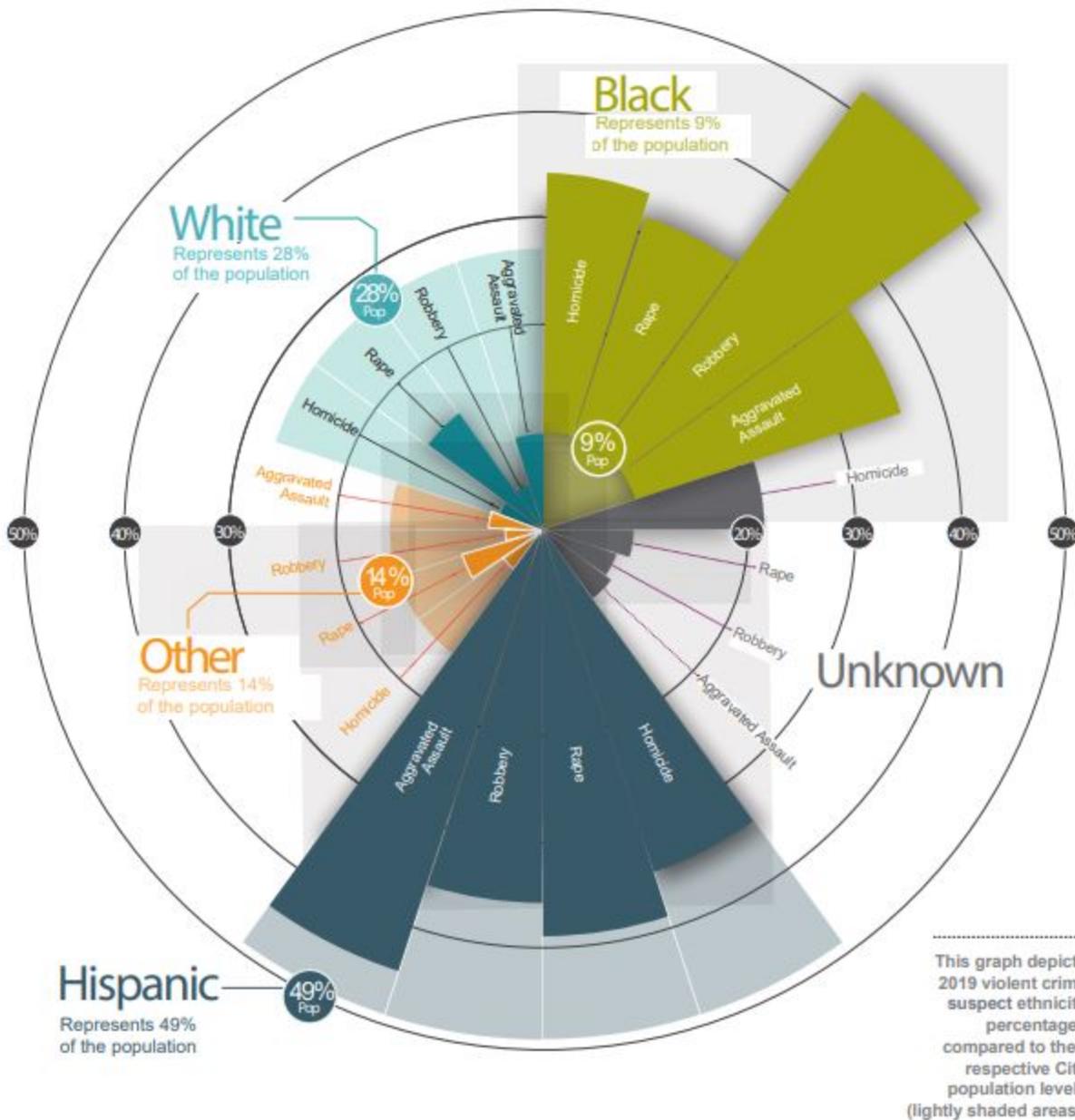
## Race in Los Angeles (zip 90744)

- 5.1% are white
- 1.9% are black
- 2.5% are Asian
- 0.2% are native American
- 0.0% claim Other
- 89.4% claim Hispanic Ethnicity
- 0.7% Two or More Races
- 0.1% Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

PEOPLE	Los Angeles, California	United States
<u>Population</u>	56,779	321,004,407
<u>Female Population</u>	49.9%	50.8%
<u>Male Population</u>	50.1%	49.2%
<u>Median Age</u>	30.2	37.8
<u>Population - 2010</u>	53,815	308,745,538
<u>Population - 2000</u>	53,308	285,036,114

<u>Population - 1990</u>	50,161	251,960,433
<u>Pop. 2000 to Now</u>	6.5%	12.6%
<u>Pop. 1990 to Now</u>	13.2%	27.4%
<u>Population Density</u>	6,809.7	90.9
<u>Land Area</u>	8.3	3,531,905.4
<u>Water Area</u>	1.1	264,836.8
<b>RACE</b>		
<u>White</u>	5.1%	61.5%
<u>Black</u>	1.9%	12.3%
<u>Asian</u>	2.5%	5.3%
<u>Native American</u>	0.2%	0.7%
<u>Hawaiian, Pacific Islander</u>	0.1%	0.2%
<u>Other Race</u>	0.0%	0.2%
<u>Two or More Races</u>	0.7%	2.3%
<u>Hispanic</u>	89.4%	17.6%
<b>MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY</b>		
<u>Married Population</u>	43.5%	50.2%
<u>Currently Married</u>	40.3%	48.2%

STATS MAP



### — LOS ANGELES SUSPECT VIOLENT CRIME BY REPORTED RACE —

Black suspects accounted for 13,485 of the four cumulative violent crime categories, which represented 44 percent of the 30,975 total violent crime suspects in 2019. Hispanic suspects accounted for the second highest group with 12,110 suspects, or 39 percent, of the total. Whites had the third highest count with 2,324 suspects, or eight percent, of the total. Unknown ethnic classification accounted for 2,323 suspects, or seven percent, of the total. Other ethnic classifications (includes Asian/Pacific Islander) accounted for 753 suspects, or two percent, of the total.

	Blk	Hisp	Wht	Other	Unk
<b>Population</b>	9%	49%	28%	14%	N/A
<b>Violent Crime</b>	44%	39%	8%	2%	7%
Homicide	34%	34%	6%	1%	26%
Rape	32%	38%	15%	7%	7%
Robbery	52%	35%	5%	2%	6%
Agg Assault	36%	44%	9%	3%	8%

### — LOS ANGELES VICTIM VIOLENT CRIME BY REPORTED RACE —

Hispanic victims accounted for 13,683 of the four cumulative violent crime categories, which represented 46 percent of the 29,794 total violent crime victims in 2019. Black victims accounted for the second highest group with 7,088 victims, or 24 percent, of the total. White victims had the third highest count with 4,296 victims, or 14 percent, of the total. Victim of Other ethnic victims (includes Asian/Pacific Islander) accounted for 2,446 victims, or eight percent, of the total. Victims of Unknown ethnic victims accounted for 2,281 victims, or eight percent, of the total.

	Blk	Hisp	Wht	Other	Unk
<b>Population</b>	9%	49%	28%	14%	N/A
<b>Victim Violent Crime</b>	24%	46%	14%	6%	8%
Homicide	40%	47%	10%	3%	0%
Rape	24%	41%	26%	9%	0%
Robbery	15%	44%	13%	11%	17%
Agg Assault	29%	48%	14%	6%	3%

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## Raemond Jarrod De Leon Santos, 19

OCT. 5, 2020

Raemond Jarrod De Leon Santos, a 19-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the 1200 block of Drumm Avenue in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County coroner's records.

Shortly before 2 a.m., Santos was sitting in the driver's side of his gray Honda Accord with a cousin when another vehicle stopped nearby, said Los Angeles police Det. Dave Cortez. A person got out of the car and began shooting at Santos and the other man through the driver's side window.

Santos was pronounced dead at the scene at 3:06 a.m. His cousin, Jesse Meza, 18, died at a hospital.

Santos had been visiting Meza, who lived in the area.

Cortez said he believes Santos and Meza were "misidentified" as gang members.

"We're trying to figure out what this is all about," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Cortez at (310) 726-7889. Those who wish

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Do you have information to share about the life of Raemond Jarrod De Leon Santos? The Homicide Report needs your help. Please fill out this form.

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## Jesse Adrian Meza, 18

OCT. 14, 2020

Jesse Meza, an 18-year-old Latino, was fatally wounded Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the 1200 block of Drumm Avenue in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County coroner's records.

Shortly before 2 a.m., Meza was sitting in a gray Honda Accord with a cousin when another vehicle stopped nearby, said Los Angeles police Det. Dave Cortez. A person got out of the car and began shooting at Meza and the other man, who was sitting in the driver's seat.

Meza was pronounced dead at a hospital at 3:05 p.m., according to coroner's records.

Meza lived in the area but was not a gang member and neither was cousin, Raemond Santos, 19.

Cortez said he believes Meza and Santos were "misidentified" as gang members.

"We're trying to figure out what this is all about," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Cortez at (310) 726-7889. Those who wish to remain ...

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## Kevin Renard Yarbrough Jr., 31

AUG. 29, 2020

Kevin Renard Yarbrough Jr., a 31-year-old white male, died Saturday, July 18, after being shot near 1025 McFarland Ave. in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

Do you have information to share about the life of Kevin Renard Yarbrough Jr.? The Homicide Report needs your help. Please fill out this form.

# Daniel Felipe Delgado, 19

JULY 16, 2020



Daniel Felipe Delgado, a 19-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Sunday, July 5, near East Pacific Coast Highway and Drumm Avenue in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

About 1:45 a.m., Delgado was driving a burgundy Honda Accord on East Pacific Coast Highway and made a left onto Drumm Avenue, said Los Angeles Police Officer Jeffrey Tiffin. Delgado, who was with two others, was driving a friend home.

Another vehicle, possibly a dark-colored sedan, followed behind him and a person inside shot at Delgado's car from behind, Tiffin said.

Delgado was struck and taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Delgado was driving his friend home from a Fourth of July gathering, police said. It's unclear what prompted the shooting.

Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at (310) 726-7884 or (310) 726-7887. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at ...

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# Freddie Gomez Zavala, 45

JUNE 2, 2020

Freddie Gomez Zavala, a 45-year-old Latino male, died Tuesday, May 12, after being shot near 1523 Island Ave. in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

Do you have information to share about the life of Freddie Gomez Zavala? The Homicide Report needs your help. Please fill out this form.

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# Gus Bolanos Jr., 30

FEB. 27, 2020

Gus Bolanos Jr., a 30-year-old Latino, was shot and killed Friday, Jan. 31, in the 200 block of West Anaheim Street in Wilmington, according to Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's records.

About 11:52 a.m., Bolanos was in the passenger seat of a parked car when a man approached him and shot him multiple times, said Los Angeles Police Det. Julie Scruggs.

Bolanos was pronounced dead at 12:05 p.m. at the scene, according to coroner's records.

The suspect was identified by detectives as Jose Gonzalez Ruiz, a 29-year-old Latino, Scruggs said. He is the ex-husband of Bolanos' girlfriend, Scruggs said.

Gonzalez Ruiz was charged Feb. 6 with one count of murder with gun allegations, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office and court records.

Gonzalez Ruiz has pleaded not guilty and is due back in court March 12.

Anyone with information is asked to call Harbor Division homicide at ...

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