

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

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Corridor of Care

WHEN THE LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE IS TOPPLED, WHAT SHOULD RISE IN ITS PLACE?

Since March 2021, Black Lives Matter has rallied every Wednesday afternoon in front of the LAPPL headquarters to issue their visionary demands to: Defund the Police, End Police Associations, and Fund Services, Not Police. Their powerful coalition includes families who have lost loved ones to state violence, organizers, and activists fighting for racial justice and an end to police harassment, violence, and surveillance. During these actions, this block of Westlake in Los Angeles on occupied and unceded Tovaangar is transformed into a radical abolitionist community space.

This survey is an invitation to collectively picture a future in which BLM's call for the LAPPL headquarters to be toppled is realized, and a living monument to community care and wellness rises in its place. Your responses will inform the design of a virtual rendering of the future site that will be experienced via augmented reality (AR) technology on the 4th Wall app beginning in September 2021.

Audrey Chan, currently an artist-in-residence with OxyArts' Encoding Futures summer residency, has been invited to design a virtual monument that responds to present and historical injustices. She previously collaborated with ACLU SoCal, BLM-LA, People's City Council, TransLatin@ Coalition, and KTown For All to design "The Care We Create" mural (aclusocal.org/care-we-create) at the Los Angeles offices of ACLU SoCal in 2020.

(Survey link: tinyurl.com/CorridorOfCare)

Question #1:

What do police associations represent to you and your community?

Responses:

"greed, folks who are looking to line their pockets at any cost to the community, adults who refuse to take accountability for decades of corruption and abuses of power."

—*monique*

"Violence & perpetual surveillance against our lives, they represent money that can be better used towards resources for our unhoused neighbors, monies for affordable housing, more school counselors. They represent the hypocrites of this city. They represent white supremacy & fascism"

—*Magaly Ordonez, westlake/pico union community member & grad student*

"Police associations create the perception that law enforcement is a political constituency and labor force when they are actually civil servants who are publicly funded. When teachers take this position we are treated as disloyal and selfish. Police act like it's their right to dictate policy, not their job to enforce it."

—*Anuradha Vikram, UCLA/USC*

"Organized crime and terror"

—*Jordan David*

"Gangs..good ol boys club. An actual threat to society. When you are a person of color living in a white neighborhood you are constantly harassed"

—*Peter Aziz, assembly delegate for the 66th*

"Byproduct of racist ideology that perpetuates as a systematic error"

—*Awet Moges*

"Organized crime and corruption to defend criminals and murderers."

—*Amir Whitaker, ACLU SoCal*

"Death, violence and disinformation"

—*Theodore Henderson*

"Immunity from responsibility."

—*Pro Bono ASL*

“White supremacy and oppressive forces”

—*Pro Bono ASL*

“Resistance to change.”

—*Dr. Daniel Lee, Culver City Vice Mayor*

“Police associations don't represent me or the community.”

—*Sesshu Foster, East Los Angeles Dirigible Air Transport Lines*

“LAPPL represents state-sanctioned violence, fraternal brotherhood of criminals, oppression”

—*Leda Ramos, Professor, Cal State LA*

“nothing but representing killer cops and stealing taxpayer dollars”

—*ricci sergienko, organizer, people's city council*

“Institutionalizing harm”

—*Evonne Gallardo, resident, City of Los Angeles District 14*

“organized crime - they are parasites of our tax dollars and only serve to further enrich themselves at the cost of resources that would actually help our communities”

—*Phillip Kim*

“Fear and harassment. Power hungry bullies.”

—*Sal*

“Danger, fear of death, gang of state sanctioned kill squads for White supremacists and narcissistic psychopath to freely roam the streets terrorizing the people and murdering them with the protection of a badge and taxpayer payer dollars. No one's having a good day if they see the cops behind them.

The evolution of slave catchers, no bringing in people of color indoctrinating them into the white supremacy mindset and sending all people in uniform out to put down the people. I don't know who's rights are serving and protecting other than the same kind of people that were happy with the Ku Klux Klan coupe.

As a person of color I'm scared anytime I see anyone in uniform now. I've been kidnapped by the state before. It was the Islamic Republic in 2007 and 2009. During the last administration I started seeing how our police system can be used to put down the people just like it's used in other countries where people have no rights. Policing scares the living daylights out of me.”

—*Marjan Vayghan*

“fearful of them generally but I've met some very professional and kind police officers through my long life”

—*Kim Abeles*

“Terror and intimidation.”

—*V*

“Right now in my hometown police associations do not represent safety. What do they represent? A system that harbors extremists.”

—*Elana Mann, artist*

“Police associations are a microcosm of everything wrong with this country: they represent the absurd wealth (and thus power) of those who oppress us, they represent the constant backroom deals and corruption that plagues this country, they represent the immense funding that is poured into criminalization and policing while communities suffer.

They do not represent me nor my community.”

—*Steven Chun (organizer/activist KTownForAll, JTOWN ACTION AND SOLIDARITY)*

“a barrier to accountability for violence”

—*mario correa*

“Violence”

—*zen sekizawa*

“Police associations represent how cops are in fact, above the law. They act with no regard to human life and do so because they have these associations to protect them. Police associations represent the blockade between the legal system and the families who are seeking justice for the murders of their loved ones at the hands of law enforcement.”

—*Stephanie Luna (Aunt of Anthony D. Vargas, assassinated 08/12/18 by East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)*

Question #2:

Why should the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) and Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) be abolished?

Responses:

“they do not seem to have any interest in addressing corruption or holding officers accountable for their misuses of power.”

–*monique*

“Because we don’t jails prisons & slave patrols to live a healthy life in community, we can learn to hold each other accountable without guns & misogyny. We don’t need these leagues & associations that cover up when kkkops/sheriffs kill, harass, & racially profiled our community members.”

–*Magaly Ordonez, westlake/pico union community member & grad student*

“These orgs have failed to address corruption and violence and racism within their memberships, instead acting as a smokescreen to protect bad actors”

–*Anuradha Vikram, UCLA/USC*

“They are enemies of the working class”

–*Jordan David*

“Easy....they are an abomination to progress of society. The reason these groups exist is purely out of historic racism.”

–*Peter Aziz, assembly delegate for the 66th*

“They serve less the community and more as a security blanket for a racist systematic error”

–*Awet Moges*

“I don’t understand who police actually need protection from. They are the ones with the power that are abusing it.”

–*Amir Whitaker, ACLU SoCal*

“They are the enemy of poor people”

–*Theodore Henderson*

“because they protect slave catchers”

–*Pro Bono ASL*

“Continued support for murderous cops”

—*Pro Bono ASL*

“Because they shield police from consequences of police abuse and promote impunity.”

—*Sesshu Foster, East Los Angeles Dirigible Air Transport Lines*

“because LAPPL is a white supremacist gang that protects murder, corruption, domestic terrorism and misogyny and does not protect Los Angelinos.”

—*Leda Ramos, Professor, Cal State LA*

“the cops kill people and don't prevent crime”

—*ricci sergienko, organizer, people's city council*

“Because they are proactively encouraging and increasing the oppressive influence and inhumane actions and culture of law enforcement in LA, with unbridled power and money, and play a big part in supporting the further criminalization of poverty, and being Black or brown.”

—*David Kim*

“It is organized to prevent accountability and to support a network of human rights violators that are rarely held accountable.”

—*Evonne Gallardo, resident, City of Los Angeles District 14*

“because they embezzle our tax dollars by defrauding our communities with fear and violence, keep violent and incompetent police from ever facing accountability, reinforce the deeply corrupt and racist system of policing, reward themselves with more tax dollars and have undue influence in their bankrolled city officials (with our tax dollars) to get an ever bigger piece of our city's tax base, all while bolstering a system of abuse and racism”

—*Phillip Kim*

“This money could all be funneled into education and violence prevention programs instead of the police who prey on the community.”

—*Sal*

“Because all they do is protect psychopaths and sociopaths who enjoy killing people while hiding behind the sheriff's badge. Because the community has zero trust in the sheriff's office. They are so dirty. And they shouldn't have an entire association dedicated to protecting them from the consequences of their crimes, actions, and inactions.

Anyone who gets paid by taxpayers to serve and protect them, should be judged by a jury of taxpayers when they murder someone, or violate their rights. Instead of being able to hide behind an organization that doesn't help them get away with literal murder on our streets for decades if not centuries. They should be abolished for good and taught in history books. So the

next generation doesn't have to deal with criminal organizations whose entire purpose is to protect narcissistic psychopaths and sociopaths who enjoy murdering people with their power trip in a uniform the taxpayers pay for. It's crazy that the state charges people money and funnels it to organizations to kill the people. Who have associations that help them get away with murder."

—*Marjan Vayghan*

"I don't know enough about them; so these are the organizations representing the police? I do know that policing shouldn't be a power trip."

—*Kim Abeles*

"Time and time again they have not proved any use for the communities they police besides abuse and murder civilians. Only the wealthy have use for them to protect property. Abolition of these futile mercenaries would mean more funding for things that do matter such as our deflated school funds, mental health dept, and affordable housing."

—*V*

"They are organizations that are broken. We need to reimagine what safety and community care looks like."

—*Elana Mann, artist*

"the police should be abolished, so naturally"

—*mario correa*

"Because they are all part of a fascist system that needs to be ended immediately"

—*zen sekizawa*

"Police unions (LAPPL/ALADS), enable and conceal abuses of power created by law enforcement. These associations pour a vast majority of funding into legal teams created to represent the officers who commit crimes on members of our communities. They allocate this funding to protect their employees from facing any type of legal consequences. The county has divested funding from our communities and poured that money into retraining the officers to no avail. You cannot reform a policing system that evolved from slave patrols. It never was, never will be neutral and for the people. Abolition is the only way to keep our communities safe. We must redirect the billions that now go into police departments towards providing health care for all, affordable housing, education, and good jobs. We envision a different version of safety, one that is free of law enforcement. One that our kids can grow up and thrive in, go to the parks and play basketball, walk to shoe stores, ride bikes, rollerblade, and just live their lives without having to worry about not coming home and being murdered by those who took an oath to protect them."

—*Stephanie Luna (Aunt of Anthony D. Vargas, assassinated 08/12/18 by East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)*

Question #3:

What should replace the LAPPL headquarters? What should be incorporated into the site?

Responses:

"A community center with recreational activities like a basketball court"

—*monique*

"A community center w educational resources, immigration lawyers for the community, free food & clothing services, after school programs for the youth that includes art, camping trips, technology, sports, and definitely a garden. Also a harm reduction focus would be good."

—*Magaly Ordonez, westlake/pico union community member & grad student*

"Publicly accessible, equitable and free space for people to use as they wish. Indoor and outdoor spaces for creation and fulfillment"

—*Anuradha Vikram, UCLA/USC*

"Luxury public housing, free cafeteria and community fridge, UBI, reparations, community response teams with experts in multiple fields"

—*Jordan David*

"A community resources center or a library or a clinic."

—*Peter Aziz assembly delegate for the 66th*

"A new organization that sends aid to those that need, rather than brutalize the already marginalized and oppressed"

—*Awet Moges*

"Nature, Art, and drop-in services for the local community"

—*Amir Whitaker, ACLU SoCal*

"A place for trauma informed care and harm reduction centers and communities education hub."

—*Theodore Henderson*

"unity, circle, freedom"

—*Pro Bono ASL*

"Black lead student and community outreach"

—*Pro Bono ASL*

“A Community Health Center that specializes in providing free or low cost mental health services.”

–*Dr. Daniel Lee, Culver City Vice Mayor*

“A homeless shelter with outreach services for the unhoused.”

–*Sesshu Foster, East Los Angeles Dirigible Air Transport Lines*

“Another mural speaking to the ACLU mural—a reminder of our ancestors and commitment to a healthier reimagined world and the use of diverse language e.g. Spanish, Korean, Mandarin”

–*Leda Ramos, Professor, Cal State LA*

“eco-friendly public housing”

–*ricci sergienko, organizer, people's city council*

“A HQ/center for groups that provide resources and services to our communities”

–*David Kim*

“Mental health resources for Black, Latinx, Indigenous, API, and all related intersectionalities therein of families and individuals suffering from long standing and/or immediate trauma and violence from police brutality and targeting.”

–*Evonne Gallardo, resident, City of Los Angeles District 14*

“public housing, schools, childcare facilities, community centers”

–*Phillip Kim*

“A community center like homeboy industries. Job counseling, tutoring. School counselors, trade classes. Library. Computer labs.”

–*Sal*

“After years of genocide, slavery, and state sending out people in uniform to hunt down every day people and murder them, jail them, separate them from their children, deport them, and open all sorts of cans of hell on their lives.

We should replace these abusive systems, with healing sites, comprised of therapists, doctors, educators, community leaders and helpers, and people who take on the Job to help people not to break them down and demolish their will. The job shouldn't be about suppression, control, and policing the people into submission. Their headquarters should be a place that people go to when they're in need of therapy, help, community leadership, where we can take classes in de-escalation, and peace practices. We should have sites in every community that help bring the community together, instead of breaking us apart, dividing and conquering us in the name of our corporate overlords and for the benefit of politicians who don't even live amongst people anymore. It should be replaced by a kinder foster care situation, run by therapists, doctors,

nurses, teachers, and community leaders. Most of all artists, who can come into the space see the abusive scars left on the community, and bring everyone together for participatory art in creating healing spaces for all. Specially those who have been targeted by these sociopathic murderers and abusers of their powers in the uniforms they wear.”

–*Marjan Vayghan*

“Wellness center: counseling, classes, childcare”

–*Kim Abeles*

“Inclusive clinics that offer resources”

–*V*

“There could be a museum to American policing, from Colonialism to 2021. People could learn the history of the US through this Museum and walk away with their minds transformed.”

–*Elana Mann, artist*

“A space for community should replace LAPPL headquarters, whether that be a community resource center, a beautiful public park, or even housing that provides for the marginalized communities who’ve been deprived because of the LAPPL and LAPD.”

–*Steven Chun (organizer/activist KTownForAll, JTOWN ACTION AND SOLIDARITY)*

“something that serves the community and meets people's needs”

–*mario correa*

“A community center that actually provide services that help people”

–*zen sekizawa*

“The LAPPL headquarters should be turned into a community resource center. One that offers a multitude of services, for both impacted and non impacted families.”

–*Stephanie Luna (Aunt of Anthony D. Vargas, assassinated 08/12/18 by East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)*

Question #4:

How can we support care, wellness, and safety in our communities, today and in the future?

Responses:

“by fighting for them as a collective. there is strength in numbers.”

—*monique*

“We need to redistribute money wasted in lappl & all state sanctioned violence to create spaces where community feels welcomed. We need people from the community to be involved in the efforts, not just outsiders from other neighborhoods. We gotta be part of the planning & implementation of a sustainable future where not only survive the everyday but thrive w each other.”

—*Magaly Ordonez, westlake/pico union community member & grad student*

“create places where people can hang out, not being economically productive but disincentivized to be counterproductive because there are interpersonal connections to be made and support to be had”

—*Anuradha Vikram, UCLA/USC*

“House everyone, feed everyone, build a system of mutual aid and care”

—*Jordan David*

“Host massive bbq and picnic... Let's get to know our neighbors again. The only way to be safe is to know who you're living near.”

—*Peter Aziz, assembly delegate for the 66th*

“Increase funding for mental health institutions and get vulnerable people off the streets”

—*Awet Moges*

“The government has to fund services instead of criminalization. People have to take responsibility to support each other as a community.”

—*Amir Whitaker, ACLU SoCal*

“Subscribe to We The Unhoused”

—*Theodore Henderson*

“Finance our community, give people what they need to survive”

—*Pro Bono ASL*

“Take away Funding from cops and give it to the community”

–*Pro Bono ASL*

“Make mental health and physical health services free for all.”

–*Dr. Daniel Lee, Culver City Vice Mayor*

“Organize to promote civic participation and occupations in groups and organizations that support the public sector and public welfare, such as jobs for youth in education, parks and recreation, arts programming, home health care and public health, union organizing and voter registration, occupational training, mutual aid and rehabilitation. Build youth programming that employ youth in paid summer and after-school programs in these fields.”

–*Sesshu Foster, East Los Angeles Dirigible Air Transport Lines*

“Support activism e.g. BLMLA to dismantle the current EPA and Check the Sheriff Coalition.”

–*Leda Ramos, Professor, Cal State LA*

“stay in the streets!”

–*ricci sergienko, organizer, people's city council*

“Fund services not cops”

–*David Kim*

“Support community voices, leadership and ongoing education on police violence and targeting of oppressed communities.”

–*Evonne Gallardo, resident, City of Los Angeles District 14*

“white folks really need to contend with their own privilege, guilt, classism, racism, and false narrative of individualism. non-bipoc poc need to contend with their history with imperialism, their alignment with white supremacy, their silenced culture and severed history. and work to be in solidarity and if asked, uplift the oppressed. give up space to voices of those most affected by the issues. educate oneself about larger systems of oppression.”

–*Phillip Kim*

“Teach critical thinking, teach history. Ethnic studies.”

–*Sal*

“By creating peace practices not policing abusive. I am moving towards a maternal, nurturing, and caring system, instead of a paternal abusive, punishing, incarcerating, and putting people down and murdering them system. We need better educational systems, we need better foster care, we need better children’s care, we need better therapeutic systems, where all of our hurt people can receive free therapy, we need more doctors, nurses, Artists, and those who will dedicate their lives for the betterment of society. Not hurt little boys and girls who’ve been beaten and broken into becoming sociopath, or having been born psychopaths, who enjoy

hunting people. So they take on the job where they get a fancy little uniform so they can play dress up, and cosplay as a hunters in society, where they hunt people down and murder them for fun and to get off. Their entire job is comprised of snotty children playing dress up, with state issued guns, and badges, and a times horses and dogs. Just on Fourth of July weekend as an artist I walked up to some officers in uniform that were riding horses. And one of them bragged about how this is fun standing around, but it's funner when they accidentally bump into people at protests. I asked him if by that he meant trampling them to death by his horses and he started laughing maniacally. There shouldn't be a job like that. I'm not saying we need to round up all of the psychopaths and sociopaths in society, And put them in prison instead of allowing them to go down and hunt down other people that they wish they could delete out of society. I'm just saying they shouldn't get state funded uniforms, badges and state issued guns to go out there and kill with impunity. We need the opposite of whatever the fuck has been going on and normalized in the name of policing. State sanctioned murders should not take place. We need more educators, artists, doctors, therapists, nurses and a big team of people bringing health back to our society not murder. Kamala Harris while running California, normalize sending LAPD to countries all around the world to teach dictators and terrible governments how to police and put down their people. We in America should be sending out peaceful groups to show governments how to hear their people, care for their people, and create loving and peaceful practices of de-escalation"

—Marjan Vayghan

"Quality education for all, and everyone needs food, housing, and complete health care"

—Kim Abeles

"Always aiming towards police abolition"

—V

"To me supporting care, wellness and safety means an attention to listening, especially to the voices of the most vulnerable populations in a community. There needs to be a space for these voices and they have to feel safe and welcome. And then, from these moments of listening, actions can take place to make sure care, wellness and safety apply to everyone equally."

—Elana Mann, artist

"Defunding the police and using the funds towards actual services"

—mario correa

"Defunding the police and using those services and funds elsewhere"

—zen sekizawa

"I appreciate all the hard work and support you've given the community. It does not go unnoticed!"

—Stephanie Luna (Aunt of Anthony D. Vargas, assassinated 08/12/18 by East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department)

Question #5:

Are there any other thoughts you'd like to share?

Responses:

"I wish more people had the time and energy to sincerely think about these things that are critical to continue on this planet."

—*Magaly Ordonez, westlake/pico union community member & grad student*

"Let artists lead!"

—*Anuradha Vikram, UCLA/USC*

"1312"

—*Jordan David*

"Yes get rid of the police."

—*Peter Aziz, assembly delegate for the 66th*

"More art and empathy, less marginalization and violence is the solution"

—*Awet Moges*

"Help with my wtu power up mutual aid"

—*Theodore Henderson*

"As a high school teacher I taught for over 30 years in secondary schools, as well as in colleges and universities at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The US education system does a disservice to the majority of students by focusing entirely on university preparatory desk-and-textbook activities (with a smattering of sports and the arts to keep students from going entirely out of their minds). Civic participation and youth programming could go a long way to exposing students to "full body" hands-on interests in broader fields of industry, the arts and agriculture. Youth could be exposed to possible futures, instead of enervated sitting behind a desk year after year. Youth leadership, in place of docility, could be supported financially."

—*Sesshu Foster, East Los Angeles Dirigible Air Transport Lines*

"I love how BLMLA has occupied the space for the weekly End Police Association rallies and invited other groups/individuals to join the weekly occupation/transformation of space including: Impacted families, students, artists, Black/Brown Unity (the flags); vendors, water/snack donors, WP4BL, Third World Power and more."

—*Leda Ramos, Professor, Cal State LA*

“the head of the LAPPL, Jamie McBride, daughter is killer cop Toni McBride. The LAPPL will never be on the side of justice”

—ricci sergienko, organizer, people's city council

“Together we can build a better world. Los Angeles is responsible for LAPD, we are responsible for exporting this abusive practice, of hiring societies psycho pathic killers, putting them in uniforms, issuing them state funded weapons, and sending them into the streets to kill people for protesting to matter. We’re not even saying that human lives are precious. We’re just saying that human lives matter. On Fourth of July I have video and audio of a horse cop bragging about trampling protesters with his horse. These people should not be out in the streets. There shouldn’t be a job that someone can get paid for if they enjoy putting people down for a living. I’m sorry for however they grew up in which they need that power trip. But every day people should not suffer for peoples psychopathy and sociopathy. I’m a war zone baby, I was born in the middle of an eight year war were a bunch of psychopaths and sociopaths took over a 15,000 year old culture. No any wrong they have formed the moral police by which I was kidnapped in 2007, and in 2009 when people started protesting they started murdering and disappearing people, when I was kidnapped again that summer. I’m seeing a lot of the terrible occurrences that broke down Iran society take place in America. The nightmares it took 40 years to manifest themselves in Iran after it was hijacked by it’s psychopaths and sociopaths move much faster in America during the past four years.

Some people even got away with the Ku Klux Klan coupe, many of those treasonous insurrectionists, we’re off-duty police officers that flashed her badge in order to get into the capital. Our society should not be funding a group of white supremacist murderers, who get off on putting people of color down.

There are stories about how when people graduate from the police academy, they say OK now I’m gonna go to south-central to put down some darkies. We shouldn’t have a playground for white supremacists who want to cause play in state funded uniforms with state issues guns and hide Behind a badge for murderers who enjoy getting away with killing people. We should do a better job in our educational system teaching kids about the genocide, slavery and the evolution of slave catchers into modern day policing. We shouldn’t let the wives of the Ku Klux Klan members have a say over every textbook taught in America. We have deeper issues in our society, but policing is definitely one of the main ones that we need to tackle today and not leave for next generations. Because they are getting warfare weapons handed down to them. They are already out of control. Many of the politicians I put them in power are afraid of them. The corporate overlords don’t even have oversight over them. We have collected our society psychopaths and sociopaths and narcissists and told them it’s OK to do whatever they want. And gifted them with associations who the job it is to let them get away with murder. This problem unchecked could be the end of our society. Next generation shouldn’t be afraid of the cops. The other day we were walking on the beach and it was a four year old in front of me, a bunch of cops were driving on the street running parallel to the beach, and the kids started crying and hiding behind his mom. A four year old child of color, shouldn’t be terrified of grown men and women cars playing their power trip on society. Artists, healers, doctors, therapists, nurses, and educators should be given the opportunity to stand up and re-imagine a better society. I maternal one that is there to nurture, care for, and create peace

practices of de-escalation, not a paternal scary system that's built on genocide, slavery, and putting down descent. The next generation should be allowed to protest, and envision better world without fear of getting trampled to death by a narcissistic psychopath a cop on a horse. By the way I have all of the horse cop's admission of joy over trampling people during protests on video and audio. As well as him demanding that I stop filming so his wife wouldn't see the videos, as he was hitting on my young friend of color, using his position of power in every way shape or form, including getting her to text him before we could get away. He proceeded to text her for days after but she simply blocked him. These are terrible people who feel entitled to get whatever they want out of society and put down whoever doesn't go along with their self-serving agenda. They think of themselves as the law. And everyone else as pray there for disposal for their egos to hunt down. This type of shit needs to stop. I dream of a world where the future next generation sees people in a uniform and is able to run up to them with all of their questions, concerns, problems and actually find a helping and healing face and hand peeking out of that uniform. Not a frightening grin maniacally laughing about the joy they feel when they're getting off on feeling their horse trampling people to death (even knowing what he had to call it on paperwork "accidentally bumped into" lol as he put it with a laugh). Also sidenote on Fourth of July he was the only white officer on a horse, there was an Asian cop on a horse, a Hispanic cop and a black cop. But they were all much more serious than the white cop and they didn't say a single word other than stand there looking intimidating and telling people that their horses would bite them if they touch them. The white psychopath was like the one that felt most comfortable to speak his privilege, and the one that felt like he ran that white supremacy event. That shouldn't be normal in our society!?!? Some people think the problem is that cops are white supremacists, and we need more cops of color in our neighborhoods of color. But it's the system that makes them, and a lot of times those same officers of color or much worse than the scary white supremacists, because they're trying to prove to the system that they're more vicious than the white supremacists were missing the melanin in their skin. The system shouldn't be about one ups and ship of who can be the cruelest. It should be about who is the most nurturing, and who is creating the most amount of love light and peace in our societies. We need the funding for policing to go towards childcare, education, and therapy from the systematic abuse of people have gone through for centuries."

—Marjan Vayghan

"Sorry I have no profound answers. I guess it's because we already have the answers, but we lack the grunt work it takes to implement solutions."

—Kim Abeles

"Thank you for doing this project!"

—Elana Mann, artist

"fuck the police"

—zen sekizawa