

Travel Expenses for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's LAPD Security Detail

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In the midst of a deadly virus pandemic as well as weeks and weeks of protests, riots, murders, arsons and assaults in several cities including Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland (Oregon), Chicago, New York, and others, it appears the far-left mayor of Los Angeles regularly goes on taxpayer-funded trips to foreign countries.

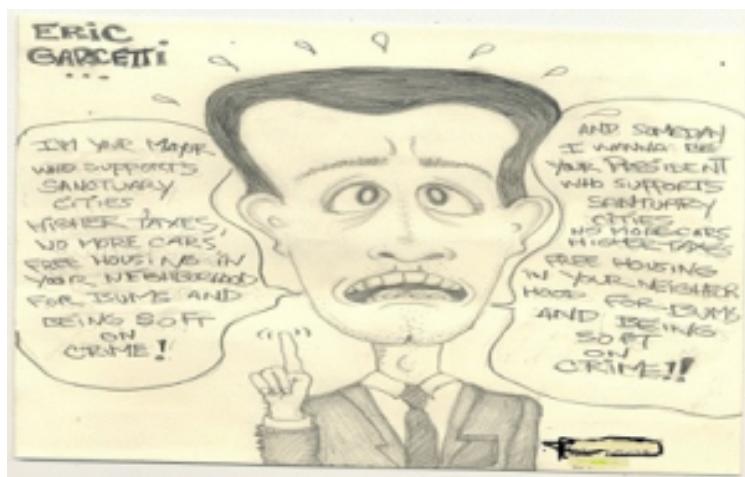
The Democrat leader, who is a local officeholder with no authority to represent the United States overseas, is yet another Democratic Party member who treasures his relationship with the Chinese communist regime in Beijing. As with other anti-American Democrats, the Los Angeles tax-and-spend mayor is quick to portray his travels as part of his leadership in one of the nation's largest, most populated cities.

In a press statement obtained by the National Association of Chiefs of Police, Judicial Watch announced last week that it obtained [the details](#) of the travel expenses of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) security detail.



This is the same Mayor Garcetti who forced his city's businesses to close their doors, pushed civilians to remain in a massive "lockdown," and demanded Christian, Jewish and other church goers to forego religious services. However, Garcetti is allowing marijuana stores to remain open and arguing on behalf of rioters, looters and thugs by claiming the alleged well-paid protesters are mostly peaceful.

Over a four-year period, \$438,195.06 of taxpayer money was spent on police officers' air transportation, hotel/motel lodging, meals and incidentals.



These costs do not account for salaries and potential overtime, according to Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

This information was requested by the attorneys for Judicial Watch:

- Any and all record concerning, regarding, or relating to monetary expenses of the Mayor's security detail;
- Every fiscal year budget of the Mayor's security detail;
- Any records and communications concerning, regarding, or relating to the Mayor's security between the LAPD and the following entities:
 - The Office of the Mayor;
 - The California Fraternal Order of Police.

The timeframe of the records was July 1, 2013, to present.

The security detail travel expenses from FY 2015-2018 break down as follows:

Total Cost: \$438,195.06

Airfare: \$154,077.27

Lodging and Car Rentals: \$132,516.87

Meals and Incidentals: \$54,063.66

Specific International trip costs:

\$6,996.48 to Beijing

\$16,408.81 to Paris

\$5,525.47 to Aukland, New Zealand

\$22,270.16 to Rio de Janeiro

\$4,842.52 to Doha, Qatar

\$2,895.61 to Mexico City

\$9,163.79 to Aarhus, Denmark

\$10,712.44 to Berlin

\$8,145.91 to Lausanne, Switzerland

\$2,185.20 to Lima, Peru

\$9,437.12 to Paris

On June 3, 2020, Fox News [reported](#) that Mayor Garcetti said, “that he tasked the city to ‘identify \$250 million in cuts’” from the police department budget. Adding that, “Garcetti said it is incumbent on the city to ‘step up and say, “What can we sacrifice?”’



On June 3, 2020, The *Los Angeles Times* [reported](#) that in response to Mayor Garcetti’s request, Los Angeles officials stated that, “they will look to cut \$100 million to \$150 million from the city’s police budget as part of a broader effort to reinvest more dollars into the black community.”

On November 2, 2018, The *Los Angeles Times* also uncovered

and reported that, “Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti’s security detail has racked up nearly \$450,000 in travel costs since 2015 as Garcetti visited other parts of the United States and foreign countries ...”

According to the Times, Garcetti’s travel was intended, “to bolster his national profile ahead of a possible presidential run ...”

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