

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Sam W <szwoo2500@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City Expense Budget Reform

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Dear Marguerite Currin

My name is Sam and I am a Baltimore resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels more inappropriate than ever to propose increases to the BPD budget from \$530 Million to \$545 million.

I urge you to ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and investing instead in social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive.

Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice.

I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, longterm change.

Thank you,  
Sam

June 5, 2020

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Katiana Noel <katiana.noel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Katiana Noel. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best Regards,

Katiana Noel  
748 Reservoir Street  
Baltimore, MD 21217

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Tania Lizarazo <tanielizarazo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY 2021 Budget

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Good morning,

I'm writing regarding the unethical increase of BPD budget for the next fiscal year. The assassination of Freddy Gray five years ago should be enough to know that police does not "protect and serve." The current protests all over the world against anti-Black violence denounce the police as victimizers and have been met by violence. During a global pandemic people (even children and pregnant women) have been attacked with rubber bullets and tear gas. Aren't we all trying to wear masks and be safe to avoid crowding hospitals? Police wearing protective gear that healthcare workers are still asking for are terrorizing protestors, which is what they've been trained to do.

Angela Davis, Michelle Alexander, Mariame Kaba and other scholars have taught us about the importance of imagining other forms of justice not built on violence. I trust everyone in charge of Baltimore City budgets can understand the choice of investing in policing at this moment instead of health services and education. I didn't grow up in this country, but I have lived here for a decade and moved to Baltimore after the 2015 uprising. If I can educate myself about police violence and alternatives to policing so can everyone making decisions in a Black city. This is a historical moment. Feel it and act accordingly.

Best,

Dr. Tania Lizarazo

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Nicole Brady <nicole.c.brady1119@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** baltimore city FY21 budget hearing

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Hi there,

I am writing to you as a member of the Baltimore community and a student in Baltimore city. I plead with you and the rest of the board to not go through with the plan to increase police funds and to cut out essential social services. Cutting funds from the budget that specifically aid the youth and the homeless will only hurt Baltimore in the long run. Policing is something that is also necessary but it is not necessary to increase their funds to give them more power to abuse the people in the city. I would hope Baltimore cares more about its most vulnerable people than about their authority.

Thank you!

Nicole Brady  
Loyola University Maryland  
Class 2022

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Collin Clark <crclark96@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Proposal

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Ms. Currin and the members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

I would like to submit some major concerns with the proposed budget for this upcoming fiscal year. The Baltimore Police Department has historically surpassed its budget and eclipsed all civic funding combined.

We spend more money per capita on our police force than the city of Los Angeles, and have more police officers per capita than many other cities of our size, yet still somehow consistently rank highest in crime. If the protests over the past week have shown you anything, it's that the community in Baltimore is capable of coming together to create positive change without the intervention of the BPD.

I implore you, invest in long-term societal improvements over further spending on the police department. Increasing the budget for our severely underfunded school system will do more to reduce crime than the same amount of money given to the BPD. Invest in Youth and Trauma services. Invest in Homeless Outreach and Affordable Housing. Invest in our communities, not a police force that is not a part of the community it polices.

This is OUR money that makes up the city's budget, and WE want to spend it on the community, not an ineffective and outdated policing system that has come under fire time and time again, including EVERY NIGHT in massive protests for the past week.

Sincerely,  
Collin Clark

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Lily Rubinstein <lilyrubinstein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore Police Department Budget

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Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilman Ryan Dorsey,

My name is Lily Rubinstein and I am a resident of the Baltimore City 3rd District. I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819)

Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023) Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270) Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541) Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000) Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749) Board of Elections (-\$190,470) Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243) Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906) Park programs and events (-\$122,912) Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806) Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,

Lily Rubinstein  
Resident of Baltimore City 3rd Council District

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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Beth Kurtz <e7kurtz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Elizabeth Kurtz, Baltimore resident and district 7 voter. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Elizabeth Kurtz

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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Joyce Bartlett <jbartlett1217@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Joyce Bartlett. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is unacceptable to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Joyce

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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Jana Hunter <jana.hunter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Jana Hunter. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Please make this change for the betterment of our community!!

Sincerely,  
Jana Hunter  
resident of 3rd district

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Phillip Kerrigan <phillip.kerrigan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Phillip Kerrigan. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget.

I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,

Phillip Kerrigan

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**From:** rclark.miles@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:46 AM  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Miles Clark and I am a resident of Baltimore City. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Angie Elliott <angiemelliott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Angela Elliott. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Angela Elliott

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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Cailin Barker <cailinbarker2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Cc:** City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY 21 Budget Reallocation request

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Hello,

My name is Cailin Yasunaga and I am a Baltimore City resident of Charles Village. I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. I'm calling on the Mayor now to ask that the additional funding that was slated to be directed to BPD in FY 2021 be re-allocated to the departments listed below that were slated to be cut in the FY 2021 budget.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819)

Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023) Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270) Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541) Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000) Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749) Board of Elections (-\$190,470) Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243) Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906) Park programs and events (-\$122,912) Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806) Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and call on the Mayor to re-allocate that funding to the above departments.

Sincerely,

Cailin Yasunaga  
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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Molly Fields <mollyfields0@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:02 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Budget

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My name is Molly Fields and I am a resident of Baltimore City. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels more inappropriate than ever to propose increases to the BPD budget. I urge you to ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the police department and investing in social services and education programs effective at the beginning of FY21. Investment in programs such as the **Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health** shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive.

Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into programs that benefit the community and are maintained and created by the community. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice.

I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,

Molly Fields

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Jonathan Rochkind <jonathan@dnil.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD budget

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As a white professional who has lived in Baltimore for 14 years but did not grow up here, I expect that Baltimore will be REDUCING the BPD budget, and redirect those funds to something that benefits the community.

ENOUGH of continuing to increase the portion of our city budget that goes to BPD without any meaningful police reforms.

This is how you get what we got. Don't wait for the fire next time. Baltimore needs some things it's not getting because we're spending it all on the police instead. Baltimore needs less police, the police do not make us safer, they endanger us.

Jonathan Rochkind  
755 Melville, Waverly

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Dave K. <kiefda03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:56 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD budget hearing testimony

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Hello,

I've been informed that the budget hearing for the BPD is scheduled for next week, and that the city council is currently collecting testimony. In that spirit, here is my testimony as a Baltimore city resident.

I'm led to understand that the proposed Baltimore City FY21 budget increases police funding by \$13,583,042 compared to FY20, and pushes the BPD operating budget to over half a billion dollars at the expense of things like youth and trauma services, chronic disease prevention, affordable housing, homelessness prevention/support/outreach, and the arts. I am taking this time to disagree on the strongest possible terms with this or any proposed BPD budget increase.

Even without citing the epidemic of police violence in our nation and the protests in response to it, what has the BPD done to warrant such a huge funding increase? It's just as corrupt, brutal, and negligent as it was when police killed Freddie Gray, if not worse; things like the Gun Trace Task Force aren't easily forgotten. Those funds would be better off going to the arts, parks and recreation, youth outreach, public health/housing/transportation, and other services that actually benefit the community. The BPD doesn't need it, and frankly doesn't deserve it. A city that starves every public sector but its (again, corrupt and negligent) police force is a city that doesn't really care about its residents.

Thank you for your time.

Dave K.



## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Laurel Ady <hellolaurelady@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD funding

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Hello!

I wrote the below email to my representatives but failed to include you.

Thanks and take care,  
Laurel Ady

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laurel Ady <hellolaurelady@gmail.com>  
**Date:** June 5, 2020 at 10:18:10 EDT  
**To:** CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov, MaryPat Clarke <marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Subject:** BPD funding

Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

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- Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)
- Park programs and events (-\$122,912)
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I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to

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**From:** Casey Ivanauskas <caseyivanauskas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Budget - Police \$

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Hi,

My name is Casey Ivanauskas - born and raised in Baltimore.

It's come to my attention that the proposed Baltimore City FY21 budget includes an increase to police funding that would push the BPD operating budget to over half a billion dollars.

Half a billion dollars. For police. At the expense of Youth and trauma services (incredibly important), environmental inspection services, chronic disease prevention, housing and community development administration (...at the expense of... the police?), affordable housing, homeless prevention and support services for the homeless (WAY more important than the police), outreach to the homeless, funding for art culture and films, etc.

Why? Why would we pour funding into the police instead of the community? Why are we allocating THIS MUCH MONEY into an inherently racist organization when we could spend government money on actual people? Their lives, their health, their basic needs?

I strongly urge you to reconsider what is best for Baltimore. It's not increasing funding for the police. It's increasing funding for people. They're not the same.

Casey Ivanauskas

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Casey Ivanauskas  
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**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Julia Gumminger <gumminger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Fwd: Budget !!!

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**From:** Julia Gumminger <gumminger@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 5, 2020, 10:42 AM  
**Subject:** Budget !!!  
**To:** <[MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov)>  
**Cc:** ME <gumminger@gmail.com>

Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget.

These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819)  
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Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270)  
Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541)  
Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000)  
Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749)  
Board of Elections (-\$190,470)  
Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243)  
Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)  
Park programs and events (-\$122,912)  
Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806)  
Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,  
Julia Gumminger  
3417 Keswick Rd, Baltimore, MD 21211

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Lola B. Pierson <lola.pierson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Lola B. Pierson. I'm a resident of the 12th district. I'm writing regarding the proposed budget for which you begin hearings on Monday.

In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety, and will ultimately reduce crime and make a better Baltimore.

Cordially,  
Lola B. Pierson

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Chelsea Gray <[chelseagraysw@gmail.com](mailto:chelseagraysw@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Marguerite Currin,

My name is Chelsea Gray and I am a social worker and Baltimore City resident in District 7. In the midst of this pandemic & public outcry against police brutality, it feels more inappropriate than every to propose increases to the BPD budget from \$530 million to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and investing social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive.

Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital services for residents of Baltimore.

It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice.

I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's residents. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention, and effort towards finding sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Gray  
June 5, 2020

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**Chelsea Gray, MSW**  
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**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** amber eve <ambereveanderson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:51 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Bernard C Jack Young; Stokes, Robert (City Council); City Council President  
**Subject:** Baltimore City Budget Reform

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Amber Anderson and I have lived in Baltimore City for the past five years. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Amber Anderson  
Resident of Greenmount West

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Brett Isaacoff <brett.isaacoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Brett Isaacoff. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Brett Isaacoff

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Sarah <sarahszoka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore Budget

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Hi Marguerite Currin, My name is Sarah Szoka and I am a Baltimore resident. I am a homeowner in Hampden. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels more inappropriate than ever to propose increases to the BPD budget from \$530 Million to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and investing social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive. Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, longterm change.

Thank you,  
Sarah Szoka  
June 5, 2020

Sent from my iPhone



**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Lanoree Blake <lanoree.blake@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:06 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore Budget

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Good evening,

I am a concerned citizen emailing you in response to the proposed Baltimore budget, specifically the proposed increase to the Baltimore Police Department.

The Baltimore Police Department is not in need of more funding, but other areas are.

For example:

Affordable Housing

Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless

Parks

Events Art Culture

I urge you to reconsider where the money is going, and why you feel the need to send it to the already fully funded police department, when so many other departments are struggling financially.

Best,  
Lanoree Blake

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Alex Wang <[alex10aug@gmail.com](mailto:alex10aug@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Ms. Currin,

My name is Alex Wang, and I'm a resident of Baltimore City. Given the public outcry and outrage against police brutality, it feels very inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department's budget. Please reallocate Baltimore City's Expense Budget ethically by divesting from the police and instead investing in social services and education programs effective at the beginning of FY21. By investing in the Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, the Office of Employment and Development, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and Safe Streets Baltimore, we can show commitment to our communities and the vision that ALL residents deserve in order to thrive.

Baltimore City's government historically has spent a disproportionate amount of money on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. This expansion of the BPD must be reallocated to programs that actually benefit, are maintained by, and created by the community. We must protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice.

As such, I insist that the upcoming budget hearings for FY21 truly reflect the voices, opinions, and needs of Baltimore's citizens. Our officials must actively promote and implement intense care, attention and effort in order to bring about sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you for your time,  
Alex Wang

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Alex Wang  
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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Carmen Cain <carmencain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:56 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City budget proposal

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I writing to oppose the increase in funding for the Baltimore PD for fiscal year 2021. The increase come at the expense of agencies and programs more qualified to handle many of the problems that are currently under the inexpert purview of the police department (e.g., youth and trauma services, affordable housing, and homeless prevention). Contemporary policing in general essentially criminalizes poverty, and the militarization of the police in the last 25 years has allowed the police the means to commit incredible violence in the communities they claim to serve. Rather than give Baltimore PD more tools to terrorize Baltimore, I suggest using that money to actually fix Baltimore's problems, and predict we might find the police department as it currently exists unnecessary.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Cain

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Anna Bickers <annabickers1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City Budget Reallocation

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I have called on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. I'm contacting the Mayor now to ask that the additional funding that was slated to be directed to BPD in FY 2021 be re-allocated to the departments listed below that were slated to be cut in the FY 2021 budget.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819)  
Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023)  
Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270)  
Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541)  
Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000)  
Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749)  
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Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243)  
Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)  
Park programs and events (-\$122,912)  
Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806)  
Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and call on the Mayor to re-allocate that funding to the above departments.

Sincerely,

Anna Bickers

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Amanda Agricola <agricola.aea@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

I hope you're staying well through these trying times.

My name is Amanda Agricola. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Amanda

Sent from my iPhone

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Benny Rubin <bennycrubin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** City Budget Testimony

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Hi, My name is Benny Rubin and I'm emailing you to submit testimony to the city council about the proposed city budget. I absolutely oppose increasing the police department budget at all, especially at the expense of community programs. Youth services, affordable housing, and homelessness prevention are all preventative forms of crime fighting that uplift communities socially as well as economically. Rather than investing in the police department, which already uses half a billion dollars and 25% of the budget, put this money towards programs that enrich the lives of citizens.

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Julia Celtnieks <julia.celtnieks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:33 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** City Budget testimony

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Dear Ms. Currin and members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

As a Medfield resident, I would like to submit my testimony on the proposed city budget for FY21:

In light of recent events, it is dismaying that the council proposes a police budget increase of over \$13 million, especially considering the funds being cut from youth services, housing, parks, public health, and other essential components of a functioning, livable city. We have seen firsthand that more cops have not reduced the city's crime rate, and the mayor listing "[budgeting] for increased Police overtime savings" as one of the "tough choices" that must be made in light of the losses from COVID-19 rings especially tone-deaf. Despite the relatively peaceful nature of this week's protests, I and many of my fellow Baltimoreans do not feel safer with an overpaid, militarized police force on the streets, and I know that our city would be in a better position to address its problems if those funds (read: our tax dollars) were appropriated elsewhere. I strongly urge the mayor and the council to reconsider the police budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and to divert the proposed increase to the areas that need it the most.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Julia Celtnieks

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Alexandra Mantilla <alexandramant8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** City Budget Testimony

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Hi,

My name is Alexandra Mantilla and I'm emailing you to submit testimony to the city council about the proposed city budget. I absolutely oppose increasing the police department budget at all, especially at the expense of community programs. Youth services, affordable housing, and homelessness prevention are all preventative forms of crime fighting that uplift communities socially as well as economically. Rather than investing in the police department, which already uses half a billion dollars and 25% of the budget, put this money towards programs that enrich the lives of citizens, rather than terrorizing them.



## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Kalin Elliott <ke2346@columbia.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:49 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

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Hello,

I am a current sophomore student at Columbia University, but I have grown up in Baltimore for the entirety of my life. Resources, money, and efforts need to be redirected to social services and supporting communities, not terrorizing them. Talking to family, neighbors, and friends, we do not feel safe anymore. We are afraid- and if it were up to me, I would ABOLISH the police completely.

They are not serving the communities that they pledged to protect, and their main purpose has become obsolete. But seeing that is not an option not being considered (if the police were doing their job correctly they would be decreasing the need for police- how ironic!), I am asking to DEFUND the police. The trust is broken, and Baltimore city is watching your next move.

**Kalin Elliott**  
Columbia University '22  
B.A. Candidate in Political Science and African American Studies  
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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Grace Smith <graceoneillsmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund the Police, Fix Our Elections,

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Grace Smith and I am a Baltimore City resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is more inappropriate than ever to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget from \$530 Million to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and investing social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive. Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong.

Also, our recent primaries show that our Board of Elections may need more resources, not less, as we figure out how to vote during a pandemic.

It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, long term change.

Thank you,

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Grace Smith  
410.330.9054  
[graceoneillsmith@gmail.com](mailto:graceoneillsmith@gmail.com)

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Weston Foster <jameswestonfoster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Discontent with proposed Baltimore City FY2021 budget

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Hello!

My name is James Weston Foster, and I am a resident of Baltimore City at 18 E Madison St, Apt 4, Baltimore, MD 21202. I am writing to express my extreme discontent that there is a proposed increase to the Baltimore City police budget to the tune of \$13,583,042 which pushed the Baltimore City Police Department operating budget to just over half a billion dollars.

I am instead writing that I, a concerned citizen, would prefer my tax dollars to go to Youth and Trauma Services, Environmental Inspection Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Housing and Community Development Administration, Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless, Outreach to the Homeless, Parks, Events Art Culture and Films, and similar departments/organizations.

Thank you, and please do not disinvest in vital services our city needs in order to provide more funding to an already bloated police department's budget.

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Allyson Little <allysonjlittle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

I am writing to you to please listen to the voices of this city. This is an important step you can take as you prepare to leave office. I s born here and chose to come back to the city over 10 years ago. I believe in The possibility of change that releases our black community from decades of oppression and neglect.

My name is Allyson Little. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,

Allyson Little  
Sent from my iPad

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Clare Donofrio <claredonofrio@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Healing for Our City: The Budget is a Moral Document

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Dear Mayor Young and Councilman Costello,

My name is Clare Donofrio, and I live and work in the 11<sup>th</sup> district of Baltimore City. Every day while supporting Baltimore City families both before and during this pandemic as a social worker in the neighborhoods of Upton/Druid Heights, I witness the devastation and suffering that decades of disinvestment and over-policing has caused. The Baltimore City Police Department, like many others in our nation, routinely uses tactics of intimidation and brute force at disproportionate rates against our city's Black residents. I live in Federal Hill, where I routinely see young White adults drinking open containers and using drugs openly without fear of arrest. In my days spent in both neighborhoods, I do not observe a large difference between law-abiding behavior in Federal Hill vs. Upton/Druid Heights. Why, then, is the latter where the police are concentrated? Crime comparisons cannot be explained by arrest data, because this is only a result of the strategy of overpolicing Black neighborhoods.

Another difference is that I witness the families I work with, in McCulloh Homes for example, resist the hopelessness that often accompanies subpar housing quality, food insecurity, community violence and its ensuing grief and loss, and lack of opportunity. Despite these challenges that I cannot begin to imagine, most of these families live their lives joyfully and peacefully, and care for each other. However, the police presence in these neighborhoods is incredibly disproportionate to the amount of crime. Further, we know that the years of increased funding and militarization of our police force has NOT lead to a decrease in crime.

**Thus, I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.**

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety. Our current strategy for deterring violent crime is ineffective. Policing is not the answer. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Clare Donofrio, MPH, LMSW

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**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Antonio Beverly <antonionbeverly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY21 Budget Testimony

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To whom it may concern,

We the community DEMAND that Baltimore city fund communities not cops! We're not made safer by a force that serves only to protect property of the ruling class while dispossessing and brutalizing our neighbors. ABOLISH THE BPD NOW AND END THE CORRUPTION.

Best,

Antonio

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Grace Jacoby <gljacob@ gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Important information to share!

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Dear Councilperson,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

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Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023) Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270) Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541) Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000) Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749) Board of Elections (-\$190,470) Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243) Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906) Park programs and events (-\$122,912) Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806) Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,

Grace Jacoby

Sent from my iPhone

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Augusta Gribetz <agribetz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Support CB19-0379 and Defund the Baltimore Police Department

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Dear Mayor Young,

I urge you to please support bill CB19-0379 which would allow city council to have authority to re-allocate fund in the city budget. The proposed Baltimore City FY21 includes an increase to police funding of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. This huge output of additional money to the BDP is alarming and quite frankly outrageous when Baltimore City cannot heat its schools or provide permanent housing to unhoused people.

Now is the time to act! As we have seen across the county, cities like Minneapolis and Los Angeles have begun to disinvest from and cut ties with their police departments. All eyes are on Baltimore to do the same. I urge the Mayor and city officials to stop this budget from becoming a reality and reallocate these funds to invest in Baltimore. It is time to defund the Baltimore Police Department. Please please please act now. #blacklivesmatter

Sincerely,  
Augusta Gribetz, resident of 21218

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Augusta Gribetz  
[agribetz@gmail.com](mailto:agribetz@gmail.com) | 323-599-3044



## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Jeanne-Marie Jackson <jjacks98@jhu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Objections to Proposed Police Budget.

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Dear Councilmembers:

We are writing to voice our severe objections to the proposed FY21 budget increase of \$13,583,042 to Baltimore City's police force. As Baltimore residents since 2016, our family well understands the challenges facing the city as concerns violent crime. We insist, however, that more funding be allotted to under-resourced social services, including youth programming, affordable housing, neighborhood development, and community-based safety programs. Given the recent national outcry around the tragic deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor among so many others, now is NOT the time to amplify policing over other means of community development and protection. And like so many Baltimore residents, as the parents of a mixed-race son we feel this issue as a matter of personal survival. We have an opportunity and an imperative, as a community, to look toward new ways of ensuring the safety of our city. Please, with all the evidence before you, would you point the way?

Sincerely,  
Jeanne-Marie Jackson-Awotwi, PhD  
Joseph Kwamina Awotwi, MD

Jeanne-Marie Jackson  
Assistant Professor of English  
Johns Hopkins University

30A Gilman Hall  
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## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Marisa LaGuardia <marisaslaguardia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:35 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
**Subject:** Redistribute increased police funding to other programs

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Dear Mayor Young and Baltimore Government members,

My name is Marisa LaGuardia and I am a Baltimore Resident. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I have reviewed the document posted through [baltimorecity.gov](http://baltimorecity.gov)'s website and am glad to see there is some initiative being taken to divest in certain areas and some increased awareness of the need for reform. However, I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, decrease funding to 622 Police Patrol and 853 Patrol Support Services, and instead invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health will have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,  
Marisa

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Marisa LaGuardia  
she/her/hers  
Interdisciplinary Artist  
[www.marisalaguardia.com](http://www.marisalaguardia.com)

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Natasza Bock <nataszabock@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY21 Budget Testimony — written submission

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Good afternoon Marguerite,

I'd like to submit written testimony to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for the FY21 Baltimore City budget, specifically in reference to the Baltimore Police Department budget.

Can you please advise the deadlines and process to submit the testimony to ensure it will be included in the hearing? I've heard different dates and submissions methods.

Many thanks,  
Natasza Bock-Singleton  
410-710-7553 mobile

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any omissions or typos

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Anna Whitney <whitneyannam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Ethical reallocation of budget

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Good morning,

My name is Anna Whitney and I have been a Baltimore City resident for 10 years. current zip code 21218). In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is more inappropriate than ever to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget from \$530 Million to \$545 million. Please ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and investing social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021.

Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive. Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong.

It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, long term change.

Thank you,

Anna Whitney  
June 5, 2020

Anna Whitney

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Abigail Eisley <abigail.eisley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Testimony for Budget Meeting

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Hello Marguerite Currin,

I am a Registered Nurse working at University of Maryland Medical System in downtown Baltimore City. I also live in the Harwood neighborhood of Baltimore City. I am deeply concerned about the upcoming budget proposal where the Baltimore Police Department will receive the majority of city allocated funds, an increase from last FY amidst the unrest in our city and in the nation. Their budget should never have been this big in the first place, in my opinion.

Every day I help families navigate life with their newborn babies on the Mother Baby Unit. Every day I see the struggles Baltimore City families face - lack of employment, lack of health insurance, lack of access to healthcare, histories of trauma and violence, intimate partner violence, homelessness, drug abuse, incarceration. These are just a few of the many complex issues my patient population faces on a daily basis living in our city. I am privileged to work where I do and that the color of my white skin, among other privileges, protects me from many of these challenges.

The city needs to take a long look in the mirror. The police system does not rehabilitate, educate, or enhance our city. It intimidates and in many cases, brutalizes the public. It surveils us like we are living in 1984 with a loud chopper signaling we are not alone, we are being watched. This kind of emotional stress weighs heavily on everyone, and contributes to the hopelessness many feel living here. That things won't ever improve. That Baltimore is a "lost cause." I know it isn't. It's a vibrant city with people trying their best, amidst intense odds stacked against many.

I am calling for the city council to deeply cut financial access to an institution that time and time again proves it is not responsible to have this purchasing power. Fund communities, not cops. Fund growth and education. Fund rehabilitation and invest in our people. If our city felt supported, not threatened, what could happen? How would we grow? I imagine a beautiful Baltimore, where we take care of each other. Where we feel safe in our communities, where education is top rated, where our kids go on to lead, where the homeless are treated with respect, and where every single citizen can live worry free that they will not lose a loved one to gun violence. All of these are symptoms. We can find the disease and root it out. Starting with defunding the police force and using those funds to flourish our communities.

Thank you,

Abigail Eisley

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Austin Stahl <a5over4@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council)  
**Subject:** input on proposed City budget

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Good morning:

I'm a City resident in Council District 3, and I'm writing to urge you to reject the proposed increase in the Baltimore Police Department budget for FY 2020-21.

I believe these funds would be more effectively spent on programs that better serve our citizens, including public health, arts & culture, and housing. Please consider reallocating this BPD budget increase, instead of further funding an already bloated police budget.

Thanks,

Austin Stahl

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Ishai Barnoy <ishaibarnoy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Stokes, Robert (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Written Comment by Baltimore Resident on Proposed Budget

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Dear Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young, Council President Brandon Scott, and Councilman Robert Stokes,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819)

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Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270)

Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541)

Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000)

Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749)

Board of Elections (-\$190,470)

Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243)

Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)

Park programs and events (-\$122,912)

Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806)

Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ishai Barnoy

(Resident of Charles Village)

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Juliette Seymour <seymour.juliette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Cohen, Zeke (City Council); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** Re: Upcoming Budget Meeting

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Dear Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke,

I hope this email finds you well in these uncertain times. I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

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I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,

Juliette Seymour



**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Nina D <duzhikhin.nina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** URGING YOU TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM BPD TO SERVICES

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Good morning,

My name is Nina Duzhikhin and I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am asking you to use your political power at the Baltimore City Council Budget Committee to set a more equitable and just budget for our city for the next fiscal year.

**The ask: direct money away from BPD and towards our community's social service programs.**

The proposed budget has almost twice the amount of money allocated towards "public safety" instead of for our children and families. I urge you to move the money from police expansion efforts and towards the real needs of our community members. The city's lives depend on your action at next week's budget meetings. I am counting on you.

Thank you,  
Nina Duzhikhin

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Christopher White <white.christopher.charles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget

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Apologies, I needed to include your office - thank you.

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**From:** Christopher White <white.christopher.charles@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget  
**To:** <[CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov)>

Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilman Edward Reisinger,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

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Park programs and events (-\$122,912)  
Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806)  
Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,  
Christopher White

## **Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Craig Bettenhausen <craigbettenhausen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council)  
**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2021 Baltimore City budget - no pay raise for police

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Hi,

Look, I know the budget thing is hard, sincerely. While so far BPD has done better than a lot of other cities in the current crisis, it's still a deeply troubled and problematic agency. It should NOT be getting an increase. It should be getting major cuts, en route to an overhaul. It should be getting oversight from an ombudsman or inspector general not part of the department. Spend some of that money on civil rights, urban development, public transit, and human services and we won't need so many police.

thank you,  
Craig Bettenhausen  
2521 Guilford Ave