

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Alexis <adbrown2@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Middleton, Sharon (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: Proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department Budget

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Hello,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2021 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 would help relieve the BPD from duties for which they are ill-equipped and under prepared.

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,
Alexis Brown
2502 Edgewcombe Cir N Apt K
21215

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: lamenyuk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Menyuk
<lamenyuk@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Public comment: Making cuts to the police budget

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as a member of Jews United for Justice to ask that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Menyuk
609 E 34th St Baltimore, MD 21218-2904
lamenyuk@gmail.com

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Maggie Eminizer <margaret.eminizer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Public testimony for police budget hearing

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Good afternoon,

My name is Margaret Eminizer and I live at 3303 Guilford Ave, Apt 1, in Baltimore City, 21218. I support defunding the police.

I would like my viewpoint registered as part of the public testimony for the June 12th hearing on the Baltimore Police Department budget.

Thank you for your time,
Maggie Eminizer

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Maggie Eminizer (she/her/hers)
Assistance Research Scientist
Institute for Data Intensive Engineering and Science (IDIES)
Department of Physics & Astronomy
Johns Hopkins University

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jessica Elisberg <jessica.elisberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Reallocate city BPD funds to public health and other social services

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Dear Mayor Young, Council President Scott, Councilman Burnett, and Ms. Currin,

Apologies if you're reading this for the second time, but I realized that I sent my original email without a subject so I wasn't sure if it would be seen.

My name is Jessica Elisberg, and I am a Baltimore resident in District 8.

In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to see a budget that allocates so much to the police at the expense of critical human services. I want to see the BPD budget rolled back to 2014 levels and have the savings reallocated toward public health, social services, and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents—from traffic stops to the use of lethal force. Continuing to increase funding to a police force is clearly not a viable solution to Baltimore's problems, and I'm tired of seeing police overreach everywhere I turn. Throwing more money at something that isn't working will not fix the problem, it's simply wasting public resources. We have an opportunity and an urgent need to dismantle the unjust, inequitable, and racist foundations upon which Baltimore city services, especially the police department, have been built. Please don't do the easy thing, do the right thing.

The BPD has become a catch-all to handle numerous social issues that have no business being police business - homeless services, schools, youth services, and mental health - and I want to live in a city where these challenges are handled appropriately by trained professionals, not by an armed police force. Please protect and expand investments in health and human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the current BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials give intense care, attention and effort towards sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,
Jessica Elisberg
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Baltimore, MD 21229
503-884-3171

Chicago City Council
11th Floor
111 North La Salle Street
Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: (312) 744-3100
Fax: (312) 744-3101
Website: www.cityofchicago.org

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed...

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I call on the City Council to...

Sincerely,
Jessica Elisberg

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Abel Corver <abel.corver@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President
Subject: Reallocate funds and divest from BPD

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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Brandon M. Scott & Council Member Clarke,

I am a resident in Baltimore District 14. 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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Sincerely,
Abel Corver

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Paloma Pechenik <palomapech@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:38 AM
To: City Council President
Subject: Reassess City Budget

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Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Zoë Johnson-Berman <zeemails08@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:42 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)
Subject: Reform the Baltimore City Expense Budget

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Zoë Johnson-Berman. 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,
Zoë Johnson-Berman

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Stacy Montgomery <stacypmontgomery@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:28 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Restructuring the BPD Budget

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Hello,

My name is Stacy Montgomery. I am a resident of Baltimore City and I am emailing to advocate for the restructuring of the Baltimore City budget, in order to prioritize more social services for communities, and drastically minimize spending on police. Research has shown that crime is a response to social conditions, so by reducing the police funding and redirecting money into communities, violent crime is reduced and communities are uplifted.

I ask that the mayor, comptroller, and all city council members to demonstrate their dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need.

Recently, Mayor Garcetti of Los Angeles allotted \$150 million from the police budget to black communities in areas such as affordable housing, healthcare, education and employment. We would like for you to follow suit.

In addition to a sizable redirection of funds, we ask that you require Baltimore City Police Officers to report misconduct going forward and to intervene when witnessing displays of excessive force.

Every day The people of Baltimore are crying out for change. Please step up and answer that call.

Sincerely,
Stacy Montgomery

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Annika Prager <annikaprager@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:00 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)
Subject: Rethinking the BPD Budget

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Annika Prager. 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 follow the lead of other cities around the nation and 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,
Annika Prager

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Emily Acuna <emily.j.acuna@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Sending testimony-see attached.
Attachments: BPD Defund.docx

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Hello,

Attached is my testimony of poor behavior by the BPD and why I would like city funding to be reallocated. Please let me know if you need any other information. Thank you for your time and service.

Thank You,

Emily Acuna

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: jsper07@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeremy Gombin-Sperling <jsper07@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Support BLM and Defund Police

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jeremy Gombin-Sperling

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Otto at BurnAlong <customer@burnalong.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Support the Men in Your Life this Month

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This month, invite the men in your life to join you on BurnAlong whether it's your grandfather, father, son, nephew, or significant other.

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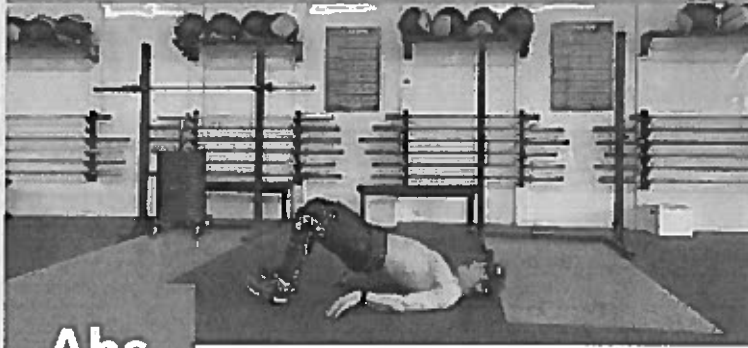
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by Ben Kelly

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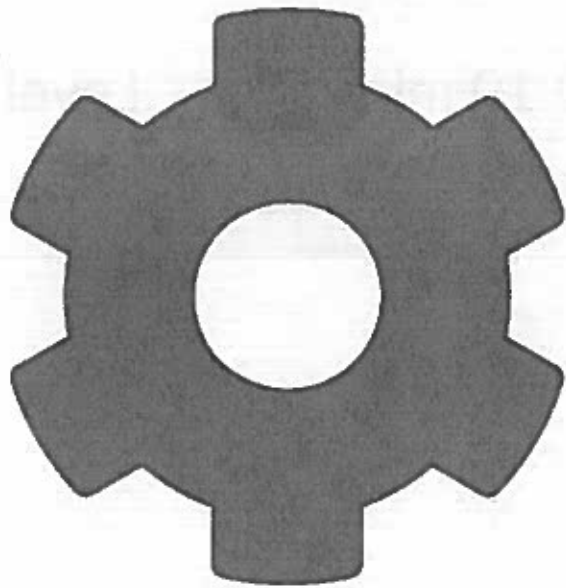
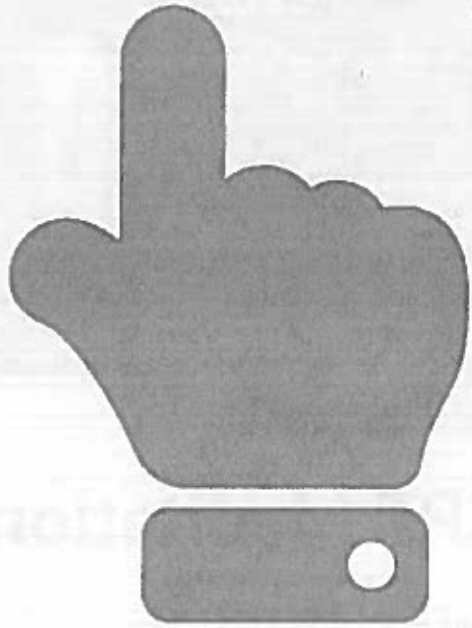
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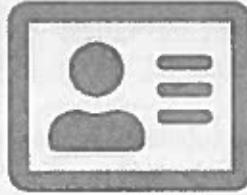
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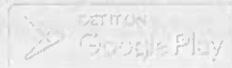
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Cassidy Johnson <cfjohnson1022@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Testimonial Letter to the Baltimore City Council, Re: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

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Thank you to the City Council for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of re-allocating funds in the Baltimore City Fiscal 2021 Proposed Ordinance of Estimates.

My name is Cassidy Johnson and I am a public school teacher with City Schools, as well as a resident of Baltimore City.

Today, I write to implore the City Council to advocate to defund the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") and meaningfully invest in communities by funding services related to education, mental health and substance abuse, and housing and community development. The consent decree that followed the murder of Freddie Gray in 2015 was a necessary step towards police reform in Baltimore, but residents of color continue to suffer because of over-policing and underinvestment. The proposed funding structure, which includes a nearly \$14 million increase in police funding, suggests that the City's leadership cares more about controlling communities than investing in them. Reallocating funds would provide desperately needed resources to initiatives that strive to make Baltimore healthier, safer, and more equitable.

It's disheartening to see that the increase in spending for the Police Department is 34% greater than the proposed increase for direct support for Baltimore City Public Schools, which is \$287,346,700. Moreover, we're spending a mere \$2,467,437 on Youth and Trauma Services. As a City Schools teacher, I know Baltimore's students are constantly being exposed to trauma, yet we do not have the tools or resources to address this significant barrier to educational opportunity. The lack of academic resources in many of our schools has made progress feel nearly impossible. At the start of Distance Learning, which was implemented in response to school closings due to COVID-19, Baltimore students faced a significant technology divide. As I bid my 8th graders farewell this week, it is evident that our time apart and the trauma that they have had to experience virtually alone is compounding to what will be a significant loss in their academic and social-emotional gains. Trauma is developmentally stunting our student's mental and emotional growth. *So why is Baltimore spending nearly as much on Police Legal Affairs, \$2,243,178, as we are on Youth and Trauma Services?*

Besides disinvestment in Baltimore's youth, we are in the midst of an opioid crisis. In 2018, Baltimore had 814 opioid-related deaths. This was a 20% increase from the 692 opioid-related deaths in 2017. In the "Executive Summary, Board of Estimates Recommendations," Baltimore's violence in the drug market was identified as a reason for the significant number of homicides that our city sees each year. Yet, we are only projected to spend \$4,685,698 on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health according to the FY2021 Budget. *Why are we increasing spending on the Police Patrol by \$29,467,072 yet only increasing spending on substance use disorder and mental health by \$83,276?*

Despite continual increases in police funding, Baltimore's homicide rate has fluctuated minimally in recent years. Indeed, there have been more homicides so far this year than in 2019, and BPD solves less than a third of all homicides. In order to actually save lives, it's time to stop investing in the police at the expense of people - investing in education, mental health, substance abuse treatment, and community development will make Baltimore a safer, more sustainable city that promotes equitable opportunities for all races. African Americans represent approximately 62% of Baltimore's population, yet most prosperous businesses are founded and/or led by white individuals. Our city is rich with Black culture and home-grown ideas that will truly make a difference, yet all too often Black individuals are not leading the discussion nor are they invited to the table when it comes to arts, parks, and non-profits.

I urge you to defund the police. I understand the council does not have the authority to re-allocate funds, but you do have the power to work with other city officials and constituents to a positively re-invest in Baltimore City.

Thank you for your attention and thank you for your service to our City.

Sincerely,
Cassidy Johnson

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Cassidy Johnson

email: cfjohnson1022@gmail.com

phone: 410.241.0266

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Audrey Gatewood <audreygatewood@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Testimony- Baltimore citizens deserve to be invested in.

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Dear Ms.Currin,

My name is Audrey Gatewood and I am a Baltimore resident (District 7).

In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is more inappropriate than ever to increase the BPD budget from \$536 Million to over \$557 million. This is not where I want my tax dollars to go. Doing so would be ignoring the outcries of your citizens at this time.

I urge you to ethically reallocate funds in the Baltimore City Expense Budget away from the BPD and into 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.

Baltimore citizens deserve to be invested in.

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 public spaces, including schools, where police don't belong. It's time to protect and increase 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 invest in the goal of sustainable, long term change.

Thank you,

Audrey Gatewood
June 10, 2020

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Cici Osias <priscilleos21@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Testimony for Proposed City Budget

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Hi,

My name is Cici Osias 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.

Sincerely,
Cici Osias

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: david walter <wirefoxy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: This letter is in opposition to the proposed Property tax increase

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This is my second letter since I found a few typing errors in my first draft. Many people currently have reduced incomes or no income. Baltimore taxes are now almost twice the cost as the County tax rate. City water bills use to cost less than \$20 every three months. Today, city residence pay \$50,\$100, or more monthly even if the property they own is vacant. City residences cannot afford to pay for all of the cities wasteful spending. Some people are going to kill themselves over this coronavirus and their lack of money and this city tax increase could help to kill them. Furthermore, many owners of city properties must pay the full tax bill with no homesteader's tax credits. They could pay more money in taxes for a building that is falling apart than owners who live in beautiful homes and receive tax credits. Business property owners many whom had no revenue for months could go broke trying to pay all of the cities' expensive bills. Many of these business owners cannot get any financial grant assistance even though they applied. I am opposed to any city property tax increase at this time. David Kowalevich

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: david walter <wirefoxy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: This letter is in opposition to the proposed Property tax increase.

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Many people currently have reduced incomes or no income. Baltimore axes are now almost twice the cost of the County. Water bills use to cost less than \$20 every 3 months. Today, city residence pay \$50.\$100 or more monthly even if the property they own is vacant. City residence can not afford to pay for all of the cities wasteful spending. Some people are going to kill themselves over this coronarvirus and their lack of money and this tax increase could help to kill them. I am opposed to any city property tax increase at this time. David Kowalevich

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COVID-19 DAILY BRIEF

Updated: 06/09/2020, 2:00PM



Bernard C. "Jack" Young
Mayor

Please see today's briefing for my Administration's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact my team with your questions or concerns. I remain committed to protecting our City's health by using every resource available to us. - Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

BALTIMORE CITY COUNT:

6,355 confirmed cases, **279** deaths
as of 2:00PM June 9, 2020 via coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/

COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

1. Share our information - Help us get important information out about COVID-19 by sharing our graphics:

coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/infographics-0

2. Lending a hand - We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support for Baltimore's response to COVID-19. Volunteer opportunities here: coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/how-get-involved-covid-19

3. COVID-19 Online Dashboard - Access information about the number of COVID-19 cases with breakdowns by race, zip code, age, gender. coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/

4. BMORE Alert - Register for BMORE alert system by texting *bmore alert* to 99411 or via emergency.baltimorecity.gov/bmore-alert

5. Multilingual Resources - Information in other languages related to the City's COVID-19 response: mima.baltimorecity.gov/coronavirus

6. COVID-19 Presser Updates - View the most recent COVID-19 response press event here: youtube.com/channel/UCasQyO1K4yMq3Hi_0RQ0ifA

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baltimore City Entered Phase 1 of Reopening Monday, June 8

Yesterday, the Mayor signed an executive order officially moving Baltimore City into Phase 1 of our reopening plan, including removing Stay At Home restrictions on residents, while encouraging older and more vulnerable residents to remain home as much as possible.

Effective Monday, June 8th, Baltimore is in Phase 1 of reopening

Continue to wear a face covering in public, and maintain 6 feet of distance from others.



Bernard C. "Jack" Young
Mayor

Phase 1: (in progress) Phase 2 Phase 3

Phase 1

Barbershops and hair salons (appt. only, 5 persons per 1,000 sq. ft.)

Childcare (capacity limited, 10 people per room)

Construction

Hotels and accommodations

Libraries (curbside service)

Offices and nonessential businesses (telework strongly recommended)

Parks

Places of worship: parking lot services (in cars) or outdoor (50 people limit)

Restaurants (outdoor seating with permit)

Retail (curbside and delivery only)

Summer camps (capacity limited)

Criteria to enter Phase 2

- 14 day drop in new cases
- 14 day drop in deaths
- % tests positive less than 20% for 14 days
- More than 1,000 tests per day
- Hospital utilization less than 90% for 7 days

Criteria for return to Stay At Home

- 5 day increase in new cases
- 5 day increase in deaths
- % tests positive more than 20% for 5 days
- Hospital utilization more than 90% for 7 days

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BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Office of Performance & Innovation

The shift into Phase I of reopening loosens certain restrictions on private businesses, while also increasing the availability of City-provided services available to residents. Unless

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referenced in the order, nonessential businesses and services – including public and private pools – must remain closed.

- Barbershops and hair salons – by appointment only, with up to 5 people allowed inside per 1,000 square feet. After providing services to each customer, appropriate cleaning will need to take place per CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines.
- Faith-based gatherings – up to 50 people can worship in tented outdoor services. Fees for tent permits will be waived for exempt religious institutions during COVID restrictions, and Fire and Building inspections will be available within 48 hours of application. As a condition of the permit, congregants will be required to practice social distancing and wear face coverings. Virtual worship is still strongly encouraged at this time.
- The Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar produced by Baltimore's Office of Promotion & the Arts will open for its 43rd season on Sunday, June 14 at 7am with restrictions. It will open as a food resource only, and a limited number of people will be allowed to shop at any one time.
- Childcare – can open with limits of up to 10 people per room, and for use by essential workers.
- Restaurants – as previously announced, restaurants can serve customers through outdoor seating. Restaurant licensees who

would like to add outdoor seating can apply through the City's e-permit website.

- Summer camps – will be allowed to reopen, with limited capacity of up to 10 people per room for indoor activities and up to 50 people for outdoor activities. Baltimore City Recreation and Parks will offer a new BMORE Summer Fun experience.
- Enoch Pratt Free Library – beginning on June 15, Pratt library branches will begin offering Sidewalk Service, a contact-free way for customers to pick up books, DVDs, CDs, and other library materials.
- Retail outlets – non-essential retailers can provide curbside and delivery service.
- Construction sites – can reopen with appropriate safeguards in place.
- Hotels and accommodations – can reopen with appropriate safeguards in place.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

New 'Baltimore Health Corps' to Hire and Train Hundreds of Jobless Residents to Serve Neighborhoods Hardest-Hit by COVID-19

The Baltimore Health Corps will recruit, train, and employ more than 300 residents who are currently jobless during the pandemic to serve as contact tracers and care coordinators for Baltimore City residents. Health Corps staff will be deployed to address critical COVID-19 needs in Baltimore's most vulnerable communities, performing three key functions: contact tracing, public health education outreach, and care coordination and social support.

Baltimore City Joint Information Center COVID-19 DAILY BRIEF

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Mayor

The Baltimore Health Corps will develop a core referral system for residents who are COVID-19 positive, a close contact, or need additional assistance during the pandemic. It will also develop a focused inventory of high-value COVID-19 essential service referral resources to empower care coordination services. Lastly, it will provide essential care coordination services for older adults, those uninsured, and those who are pregnant or have young children.

The Baltimore Health Corps is hiring immediately. More information about the program can be found here:
coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/baltimore-health-corps

Now hiring frontline Community Health Workers in Baltimore.



APPLY NOW

baltimorecorps.org/baltimore-health-corps

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Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) weekly LIVE Virtual Recruitment

Every Wednesday at 1PM, MOED hosts a virtual recruitment session. Guests join and talk about open positions, qualifications, the application process and answer questions.

For a list of all job openings, visit:
bit.ly/MOEDNowHiring

Attend MOED's LIVE Virtual Recruitment

Wednesday June 10th at 1:00pm

facebook.com/BaltMOED

Guests will join and talk about open positions, qualifications, the application process and answer any questions.

This Wednesday, guests will be:

- 1st Choice Staffing
- NPower



This Thursday, June 11th, we will host a

Virtual Job Club at 1:00pm on Facebook LIVE

The job club is a roundup discussion of jobs that are currently available in Baltimore. For a list of all job openings, visit:
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For more information about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), visit:
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Warrington, Ayanna <awarrington@deloitte.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:23 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: Urgent Request

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Ayanna Warrington. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is insensitive and highly 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.

Honestly, I was heartbroken and disappointed when I learned of the proposed increases. Baltimore is home to many whose futures are dictated by where YOU invest our dollars.

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,
Ayanna

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: sacuff@mica.edu
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 3:19 PM
Subject: Vote against the FY 2020-21 budget

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Hello,

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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Sincerely,
Sam Acuff

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Adrienne DeBrosse <acdebrosse@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Tiso, Eric (DOP); City Council President
Subject: Written Testimonial- request to defund BCPD

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Dear Council President Scott & City Council Members,

As the budget hearings begin I urge you to take the necessary steps to cut the Baltimore City Police Department budget. Over time, we can and will replace the police completely with a community of healing. I have seen first hand while volunteering how useful and needed initiatives such as the Baltimore City Health Department Needle Exchange Program are for at-risk communities.

Money that is cut from the BCPD budget can be used to fund currently-existing programs such as the NEP that reduce harm in the first place. I, like many others, envision well-trained first responders that are skilled in de-escalation, harm reduction and mediation.

Defunding the police is a process we as a city must commit to immediately. To begin, the police do not need tactical military gear, this needs to be removed from the budget. While our non-consensual surveillance by helicopters is really an issue for a separate email, it is worth noting that the gas alone for the helicopters costs thousands of dollars per helicopter per day. They do not make communities safer. In a city that has a staggering history of police brutality, might it not be better to cut these funds and ask to put that money towards real solutions?

I know that as the council you and your colleagues only have the power to take things out of the budget. Please do right by the people you serve and exercise that power now.

Thank you for all you do for our beautiful city!

Respectfully yours,
Ren DeBrosse

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Adrienne DeBrosse,
Kenyon College '18
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Charlie Losiewicz <cdlosiewicz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Written testimony

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Hello,

As a constituent of Baltimore, I am writing to urge the city council to cut funding from the Baltimore City Police and invest in systems that will address the wealth and racial disparities in the city, such as youth jobs, education, public housing, and public health.

For far too long, Baltimore has widened the wealth gap for Black families, pushed low-income people out of the city, and invested in the policing system that dehumanizes people of color. At a time when many people of color are unemployed and struggling through the pandemic, police officers are doubling and tripling their salaries with overtime and additional pay.

We do not need to hire more officers, shift their funding towards training, or have them engage in additional "community policing." Baltimore has the opportunity to finally answer the demands of Black and brown constituents for those resources to be invested in community-based solutions that will truly make us all healthier and safer.

Charlie Losiewicz
306 Radnor Rd Baltimore md 21212

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Alyssa Kaplan <apaigekaplan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Written Testimony for Baltimore Budget Hearing

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Dear Baltimore City Leadership,

In my work at Breath of God Lutheran Church over the past year, I have grown in relationship with a number of young people who call this city home. Last week I made home pastoral visits to each of those young people, all of whom are Black. I listened as they shared their reflections on this most recent public reckoning with our nation's racist past and white supremacist system of policing. None of this is an abstraction to them. They have suffered through 'no-knock warrants,' the likes of which killed Breonna Taylor and easily could have killed them. They have experienced racist comments by neighbors, and even had the police called on them while walking through Canton. They don't feel safe South of Eastern ave. They told me their personal safety plans with regards to police and how they end their evenings early to avoid contact with police, though that is often inevitable as their homes just north of Baltimore St are highly surveilled to project 'security' for their white gentrifying neighbors. I know how deeply our city's public servants care about the youth of our city and about the undue amounts of trauma their young bodies hold. My young parishioners have experienced great trauma at the hands of the Baltimore Police Department.

I beseech you all to work as hard as possible to draft a just budget for the City of Baltimore. A just budget means a drastic reduction in the funds allocated to the BPD, and a meaningful increase in funding to life-affirming programming and services for our city's youth. It is absurd that a city the size of Baltimore has a police department with an over 1/2 a billion dollar budget. This is sinful and this is wrong.

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 community's youth.

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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- 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.

I trust that you wish the best for this city's young people. Please vote with their futures and lives in mind.

God's Peace,
Alyssa Kaplan

Vicar, Breath of God Lutheran Church

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Alyssa Kaplan

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Emily Cornett <emilycornett@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:41 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Written testimony for budget hearings
Attachments: smime.p7s; ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.htm

Dear Ms. Currin,

I would like to submit the following written testimony for the budget hearings. Thank you!

My name is Emily Cornett and I am a lifelong Southwest Baltimore resident in District 8. I implore the Council to redirect funding away from the Baltimore Police Department and instead reallocate it into community organizations that will truly keep our city safe and healthy, both by preventing crime in the first place and by responding to emergencies in compassionate and safe ways.

You have seen around the country that police are escalating situations instead of deescalating them and systematically murdering Black people, something that has been going on for centuries. As the police departments in Minneapolis and many other cities have demonstrated, “progressive police reform” measures like body cameras and implicit bias training do not work because we are still using policing in situations where it is not appropriate. So many emergency calls, such as mental health-related calls, situations involving people who experience homelessness, substance use issues, and even domestic violence could be more effectively and safely addressed by social workers, health care teams, and other emergency responders. Furthermore, these emergency calls could be drastically reduced if we adequately invested in things like education and preventative health care. Please see this New York Times article for more information on this alternative model: [Opinion: No More Money for the Police.](#)

Please, please use your power to fight for a safe community that focuses on prevention and aid, not policing and punishment. I was in high school at Baltimore School for the Arts when Freddie Gray was killed, and it is so heartbreaking and haunting to feel like so little has changed, despite how hard activists and allies have fought. It does not have to be like this.

Thank you,

Emily Cornett (she/hers)
(410) 802-4014

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Isabel McLain <isabelanne1021@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Written Testimony for Budget Week - Baltimore Police Department
Attachments: McLain.TestimonyBPD.6.9.2020.docx

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Good evening,

I hope this email finds you well. I am submitting written testimony regarding the budget for the Baltimore Police Department in FY 2021. Please see document attached.

Thank you for your time and your work.

Best,
Isabel McLain

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Nathaniel Phillips <nathanielphillips.design@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:34 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Written Testimony for FY2021 Budget Hearing

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Dear Councilman Eric T. Costello,

My name is Nathaniel Phillips and I am a Baltimore resident—I live in Bolton Hill. Especially in these times, it feels feels inappropriate and unnecessary to increase the BPD budget from \$530 Million to \$545 million.

Because of the continued police brutality we have seen throughout our city, and throughout the nation, it is clear that the system as it stands is not serving or protecting its people; in fact, it often poses an active and very serious threat to many of our community members. It is clear that we need to reimagine the way we protect and assist Baltimoreans. The answer is not giving more money to the BPD, or increasing its presence throughout the city. Especially at this time, doing so would show a clear disregard for the public's wishes, demands, and needs.

Please ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and invest in social services, arts and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021.

Thank you,
Nathaniel Phillips
June 10, 2020

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Chelsea Coston <chelseacoston@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Written Testimony Regarding Baltimore City Budget

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Chelsea Coston

524 S Decker Ave

Baltimore, MD 21224

chelseacoston@yahoo.com

410-832-6045

6/9/2020

My name is Chelsea Coston and I have been a Baltimore City Resident for 5 years. I live in the Patterson Park area currently but have lived and worked in Highlandtown, Fells Point, West Baltimore, and Hampden over the years. I love this city and I want to see all of its citizens thrive.

The following is my written testimony regarding my concerns about Baltimore City's proposed FY 2021 Budget. I also ask that Charter Amendment 19-0379 be passed for more equitable and transparent budgeting processes in the future.

The proposed budget disproportionately supports policing while failing to address the underlying causes of crime. I do not believe that punitive systems at reducing crime, let alone compassionate. "A living wage, access to holistic health services and treatment, educational opportunity, and stable housing are far more successful in reducing crime than police or prisons." (FREEDOM TO THRIVE: REIMAGINING SAFETY & SECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES, 2017)

Our police department has a history of brutality, including 127 people killed by the department between 1992 - 2012 and over \$10 million spent in settlements and legal fees for brutality suits. The PD also has a clear pattern of racial discrimination. "Black people were also 37 percent more likely to be searched during pedestrian stops and 23 percent more likely to be searched during vehicle stops, even though officers found contraband on white residents 50 percent more often during pedestrian stops." (Wilber and Rector, "Justice Department Report: Baltimore Police Routinely Violated Civil Rights.")

I demand that we redirect money from the PD into supporting holistic safety programs. This includes youth employment opportunities, improved access to health services, after school programming, and increased education funding, among others. It is time to move from punitive systems to stabilizing and nourishing ones -- starting with where we invest our money.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Coston

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: carolynhartmann@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Subject: Defund the police and support community services instead

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Hello Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Carolyn Hartmann
524 S. Clinton Street
Baltimore, MD 21224

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Gina LoMastro <ginalomastro25@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Demand cut of BPD funding

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Dear Ms. Currin ,

My name is Gina LoMastro. I am a resident of the Baltimore 13th District, and I am emailing today to demand a cut of budgeted General Funds to the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

The recent murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor are only the televised instances of police brutality and gross abuse of power against the Black community. These tragic events come 5 years after the murder of Freddie Gray at the hands of the BPD; The officers who murdered Mr. Grey are still employed, and the details of this murder continue to be shielded from the public. As a result, I think it is clear that bloated police funding is a crux for discrimination at the hands of those who claim to protect and serve.

Living in a city where the majority (62.8% to be exact) of residents are Black, I do not support a Baltimore where revenue from residents' property and income taxes are funneled disproportionately to the BPD. Furthermore, I do not support a Baltimore where the BPD is allocated 182x the funding of our Civil Rights initiatives. I am therefore demanding a cut of this short-sighted allocation of funds to the BPD for the fiscal year ending in June 2021.

Thank you,
Gina LoMastro

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Caroline Greene <cgreene47@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council)
Subject: Demand for change

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Dear Mayor Young & City Officials,

My name is Caroline Greene I am writing from zip code 21224 demanding that the proposed Baltimore Police Department budget increase be rejected unanimously. It would be completely misguided, reckless, and reprehensible to see one more dime go into BPD's budget. The Baltimore Police Department should see money leave their budget immediately.

I am demanding our City:

Propose a new BPD budget cutting at least \$250 million dollars or whatever the highest budget cut per year allowed by law.

Cutting their budget is not sufficient. I am also demanding you demilitarize the BPD in their training, weaponry, & protocols. You need to abolish the Aerial Investigation Research (AIR) Pilot Program, and the BPD cannot be allowed to receive any private donations from individual or company donors in the future. You need to make both internal & external complaints on file against officers & BPD officials be made public record. Any judgments awarded through lawsuits against the department need to start coming from the BPD directly & not the city. The power of their union needs to be diminished. You need to ensure any BPD employee found (in or out of uniform) to be behaving in racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist, inflammatory, or unlawfully be fired with no severance pay & arrested and charged with their crimes. I am demanding that BPD hiring & salaries be frozen now!

I am demanding you reject any proposed expansion to the police budget in the future. You need to ensure BPD starts focusing on emergency responding & training physical, behavioral, & mental health knowledge within the department.

Our city needs to schedule more public testimony for the people to speak on the police brutality in our community and why we need to defund the police. Elected officials should be meeting with leaders who have been at the forefront of Baltimore's fight for police accountability. The Baltimore Police Department has had time to focus on community-based solutions in practice and not just in talk. Instead BPD has proven time and again that it is violent, corrupt, and does not protect the community it pledges to serve.

I demand that you hold them accountable.

I know that cuts made from the police budget cannot be moved directly to other services & it will instead be put into the city's general fund. I believe this is a flaw in our system and that my representatives need to VOTE YES on CB19-0379!

I demand that any money cut from BPD in the general fund be redistributed to: our public education system, affordable housing, enacting strong protections against displacement of residents as a result of gentrification in our historic neighborhoods, making

MTA & all public transit free & dependable, youth and trauma services, environmental services, community development, homeless outreach, prevention & support services, city infrastructure, chronic disease prevention and healthcare.

These are the same services shown to decrease crime rates across cities. All too many services we as a city have watched become defunded and privatized for years, while the budget to the police department inflates!

We cannot police people out of poverty. Please know this is a historic moment and your people, your constituents, need you. It is time for change.

We are watching.

Your constituent,

Caroline Greene

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From: **Maeve McGillicuddy** <mvmcgillicuddy@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jun 7, 2020, 9:27 PM

Subject: Re: Cut the BPD budget! Baltimore City Council Agency Budget Hearings

To: <green.v12@gmail.co>

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Sara Zawalick <sarazawalick7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:31 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; 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: Divest Money from BPD to Much Needed Social Services

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Hello,

My name is Sara Zawalick and I am a NYS resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents--from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

It's time to staunch the expansion of the BPD's mandate into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where an armed police force simply doesn'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 give intense care, attention and effort towards sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,
Sara Zawalick

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Constantinos Karakousis <ckarakousis20@students.gilman.edu>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 7:01 PM
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Costi Karakousis. 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,
Costi Karakousis

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Sincerely,

Samantha Solomon
Homeowner and city resident in Remington

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: m. brette phinaih <mbrettephinaih@gmail.com>
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Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:43 PM
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Sincerely,
Paul Shiah

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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To: MAYOR@boston.gov; city.council@boston.gov

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Josh Crampton

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Mary Stone Eddins

Sent from my iPhone

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Mary Stone Eddins 500 hr CYT Sent from Gmail Mobile

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Kulsoom Rizvi <kulsoom.z.rizvi@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:52 PM
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Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Kulsoom Rizvi

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: K R <kulsoom.z.rizvi@gmail.com>
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Chip Molter <chip.molter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Cc: City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council)

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Dear Mayor Young, Council President Scott and Councilman Dorsey

On Monday, I walked with my oldest son and his friend as part of the Baltimore youth led demonstration. We marched among thousands of others through downtown. My son just finished high school and had never been to a demo before; I turned 46 that day and first rallied in reaction to the Rodney King beating back with a dear friend in April 1992 as a UMBC freshman. That experience sparked an understanding of what community looks like.

I love Baltimore. I know you all do too. You have tough jobs and are aware of nuances and complications that the public often never see. You have an entire city to serve, all while defending the community from opportunists, and I recognize that compromise is an inherent part of politics.

Like I mentioned, I've done public demonstrations for a while now. I was part of Occupy Baltimore for a while in 2011 and cooked food for people at McKeldin Square. I've organized to keep alt-right knuckleheads and neo-nazis out of Baltimore and the surrounding area. I supported the protesters who were arrested at Trump's inauguration. I was with the 5 people who were removed from occupied Johns Hopkins' Garland Hall last May, protesting Hopkins' creation of a private police force, demanding the cessation of contracts with ICE, and seeking justice for the family of Tyrone West. Hopkins ended those ICE contracts, so I also know that active participation can amplify less heard voices and serve justice when the people come together. I know the power of civil disobedience. I also know how easily the public will can be diverted and deflated by public spectacles like officers kneeling and offering assurances that the people "have been heard". After the 2015 uprising after Freddie Grey was killed, President Obama addressed the nation about the militarization of police and promised change...and he banned the Pentagon from giving tanks to cops through the 1033 program. This obscene gap between the promise of representation offered by politicians and the reality of what they are willing to fight for is fundamental to the distrust that people have for politics and incremental reform.

There is a national conversation about radically changing the nature of police work happening right now, and many eyes are on Baltimore to see how it moves forward. I am joining with others to ask you to vote against the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Police Department budget. As it stands, the BPD would receive a nearly 14 million dollar increase in their already grotesquely large budget. This increase comes at the expense of Affordable Housing work, homeless services, the library, the park and so many other groups. Why are the police being rewarded for being LETHALLY BAD at their job, as an institution and the cultural and civic services of those most abused by police are being defunded? Hold the line so real services and deep systemic changes that enrich and heal the community are funded, and please do not give into those who treat the Baltimore community as tenants and revenue streams rather than as neighbors.

Mayor Young, I thank you for filling in this term and offer my appreciation to you as you concede the election. I also want to highlight the special and uniquely powerful position you are in right now to resist the forces of

cooptation and expedient compromise. You more freedom than your successor will have to hold ground for the underserved. Hopkins and Atlas get heard plenty - with your help we can keep them from speaking over groups like BRACE and Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,
Chip Molter

Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Ametisse Gover-Chamlou <ametissegc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:28 PM
To: Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)

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Good evening,

My name is Ametisse Gover-Chamlou and I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am absolutely opposed to the FY21 budget that increases BPD funding to over half a billion dollars. This budget increase is abhorrent and an act of violence against Black communities in Baltimore City. I absolutely demand a new plan that DEFUNDS the BPD and INSTEAD funds any of the following services (whose funding you have cut): youth and trauma services, environmental protection services, chronic disease prevention, housing and community development administration, homelessness prevention and support for the homeless, parks events arts culture and films.

Regards,

Ametisse Gover-Chamlou

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Ametisse Gover-Chamlou
Graduate Student, Class of 2021
University of Maryland School of Social Work

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Monica Roth <monica.roth.a@gmail.com>
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Good evening,

I am writing to voice that I strongly disagree with the additional proposed funding for the BPD Budget. The BPD Budget is already overfunded and other agencies are severely lacking.

Thank you,
Monica Roth

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: kat madeira <410madeira@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:08 PM
To: City Council President; 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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Sincerely,
Kathleen Roberth,
a baltimore city resident.

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: alexandra klein <acolinklein14@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 6:45 PM
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Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Best,
Alex Klein

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: George Hickman <georgelhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: 2020-2021 Baltimore Police Budget

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Baltimore police budget. If you could pass this information along to those who need to hear it and who are reviewing these budgets, I would greatly appreciate it. When I heard how much it was increasing- and how much was being taken from other budgets, I was absolutely appalled. Taking away from affordable housing initiatives, homelessness services, and other community services is a recipe for more poverty- and therefore more crime- in this city. When I walk outside my apartment, I see a beautiful city that is struggling due to a lack of support, not a lack of police. I see people trying their best but living homeless in the parks. I see people pushed to breaking into cars because they can't afford their homes and medicine. Just a few weeks ago, a young woman was hiding in our apartment stairwell in the middle of a pandemic and storm because she had nowhere else to go. If the City Council is serious about improving this city, they first need to show they are interested in solving its problems rather than profiting off of them.

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Sincerely,
George Hickman
Baltimore resident living in 21201

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Chelsea Farrall <cfarrall23@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: 2020-21 BPD Budget

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Sincerely,
Chelsea Farrall

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Alison Shaw <shawac92@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 7:45 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: 2020-21 BPD budget

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Sincerely,
Alison Shaw

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Benjamin Badorf <benjamin.badorf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: 2021 Baltimore City Budget

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Greetings,

My name is Benjamin Badorf and I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am writing to inform you that I do not approve of the budget increases for the BPD. I demand the City of Baltimore reallocate the increased funds for the police department to those programs funds are being cut from, Including but not limited to:

Youth and Trauma Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention+Support Services for the Homeless, Outreach to the Homeless, Parks, Events Art Culture and Films.

Thank you for your time and I await your response.

Sincerely,
Benjamin badorf

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Strong City Baltimore <info@strongcitybaltimore.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: A Message of Solidarity from Strong City Baltimore

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THE CEO AND BOARD

A Message of Solidarity from Strong City Baltimore



Early last week, Baltimore and the nation were shaken by the tragic murder of George Floyd. His family remain in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

In these days following George's death, Baltimoreans and the nation are grappling with the news and calls for justice. We recognize the pain, fear, anger, and hopelessness many are experiencing right now. Strong City Baltimore staff gathered to process and share with each other. We discussed racism, fears for our families and friends, and questions about how to show up.

We not only grieve for George Floyd, but remember Freddie Gray, Tyrone West, and the many other people of color who are victims of institutional racism and brutality, and have lost their lives prematurely.

We join the call to peacefully organize and demonstrate, support Black-led organizations working to address systemic racism, and the civic engagement of everyone by voting and completing the 2020 Census.

The voices and leadership of Black people, indigenous people, and other people of color must be centered and respected in conversations and actions against systemic oppression. We must redouble our efforts to achieve racial justice.

While our city and the country are responding in this moment, it is important to think about the future and how we will collectively strengthen and empower community leaders once the protests subside. To truly support community leadership, we must recognize that racism is present every day in Baltimore and across this country.

Strong City Baltimore has been building and strengthening neighborhoods and people by enhancing the capacity of residents and social change makers to improve their communities for over 50 years. We are proud to continue to serve our direct programs and fiscally sponsored projects who are working to overcome and heal the wounds of oppression across many sectors. We are examining the inner workings of our organization so that we can recognize and counter oppressive culture and systems.

Dismantling systemic oppression will not be the work of one leader or one well-organized group. It is going to take our full, collective effort.

Yours in solidarity,

Reginald Davis

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Georgia E. Smith

Chair, Strong City Board of Directors

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: AJ Visgil <ajvisgil@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Costello, Eric (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Subject: Budget hearings

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Dear Mr. Costello and Ms. Currin,
My name is AJ Visgil and I am a resident of Charles Village.

I thank you and your colleagues for the work you do for Baltimore.

I am writing to you today as I am aware that Budget hearings are taking place this week and I respectfully ask that you closely evaluate funding provided to the Baltimore City Police department and consider the portion of that funding which may be re-directed to social service programs in Baltimore City.

This message is not intended to communicate a slight against law enforcement, but to emphasize focus on providing financial support to other resources which may have a great impact in our city.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: marissa lanterman <marissa.lanterman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Budget Hearings–Written Testimony

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Hello,

As 15 year resident of Baltimore, a taxpayer, voter, and 21211 homeowner, I'm writing to express my desire that city funds be **divested** from our ineffective and violent police force and **reallocated** to:

- Public safety programs like Safe Streets Baltimore, and other programs and organizations that focus on community based violence intervention.
- Our city schools and public education programs.
- COVID supplies and contact tracing.

Thank you for hearing us.

Marissa Lanterman

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MarissaLanterman.com
P: 585.576.8943
E: Marissa.Lanterman@gmail.com

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: dan smith <dfqs731@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Budget Proposal Concerns and Proposed Reallocations

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Daniel , and I am a Baltimore resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents—from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

It's time to staunch the expansion of the BPD's mandate into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where an armed police force simply doesn'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 give intense care, attention and effort towards sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,

Daniel Smith

15 W. Preston St, Baltimore, MD 21201

dfqs731@gmail.com

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Enea Baumann <enea.24baumann@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:20 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)
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Enea Baumann. 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,
Enea Baumann

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Amelia Phillips <ameliakphillips@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:42 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)
Subject: Budget Reform- Please Do What Is Best for Baltimore!

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Dear Mayor Young and Council Members,

My name is Amelia Phillips and I am a Baltimore City resident. I live in the Charles North neighborhood. I have never written to public officials before, but am doing so this year because I have learned how distorted the budget for Baltimore is from trusted friends. The more research I do, the more shocked and outraged I feel! 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. Please, do what you know is best and most just for the people of Baltimore city.

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.

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Thank you,

Amelia Phillips

June 10, 2020

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Ambrym S <ambrymsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Budget Testimony

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Dear Council Member

As the budget hearings begin I urge you to take the necessary steps to overhaul and reduce the Baltimore City Police Department budget. Over time, we can and will replace the police completely with a community of healing. With well trained first responders that are skilled in de-escalation, harm reduction, mediation, and more.

The first step needs to happen right now! We can not wait a single second longer to begin this process.

Defunding the police is a process we as a city must commit to immediately.

To begin, the police do not need any more tactical military gear, this needs to be removed from the budget. Just the gas for the helicopters that fly around almost continuously costs thousands per helicopter per day. They do not make communities safer. Police overtime is frequently abused- we've seen the reports about certain officers averaging 80 hours a week, making more money than the Mayor and top paid city officials. Keep reforming and reducing wasteful overtime. I'm sure there are other decreases in the budget that are quite feasible and reasonable.

I know that as the council you and your colleagues only have the power to take things out of the budget— that is a lot of power right now. Please use it.

Thank you for all you do for our beautiful city!

Signed,

Ambrym Smith

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Amanda DeStefano <amandacatherinedestef@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Budget Testimony Baltimore Police

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am writing to submit my testimony on this year's proposed budget, which includes over \$509 million for Baltimore City's Police Department, which is greater than spending for all other City Agencies combined. We cannot move our city forward when we fund police at the expense of all other public services. Policing in Baltimore isn't keeping us safer- and it isn't preventing crime OR solving crime after it happens in most cases.

There is so much wasteful spending at the police department, from overtime fraud, unnecessary almost 24-hour helicopter fly overs- one tank of gas costing thousands of dollars. An investigative piece published by the sun in 2014 showed that baltimore had shelled out **\$5.7 million just in brutality settlements over just 3 years**. I can only imagine how much more has been spent since then.

It is time to re-envision public safety and develop a system that actually makes residents safer. Our schools, healthcare institutions, substance treatment programs, affordable housing trust fund, and community mediators could put this funding to much better use. **Please follow in the steps of Minneapolis, make history, and make 2020 the beginning of a process to defund the BPD.**

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony, and please include it in the file for the police budget hearing.

Amanda DeStefano
2802 Lake Avenue,
Baltimore, MD 21213

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Hanna Badalova <hannabadalova@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: Budget/expense reform

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Hanna and I am a local social worker. I am so so disheartened and exhausted from seeing the injustices felt by my fellow black neighbors here in our beautiful 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.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,
Hanna Badalova

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Sarah Ross <ross.sarah1125@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 8:37 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Budgets

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Sincerely,

Sarah L. Ross

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Strong City Baltimore <info@strongcitybaltimore.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
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From: Mary Grace Bowring <mbowrin1@jhmi.edu>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 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,

My name is Mary Grace Bowring, I am an MD-PhD student at Johns Hopkins University and 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,
Mary Grace

Mary Grace Bowring, MPH
MD-PhD Candidate | Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Mbowrin1@jhmi.edu

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Future Institute <myfuture@futureinstitute.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Call for Papers

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Dear Dr. Richard Krummerich,

I hope my message finds you safe and well at this time of social distancing! As the Director of the Future Institute Research Center, I am pleased to invite you and your colleagues to submit research papers for the World Future Forum taking place on April 22nd-23rd, 2021. The Forum will share recent research for school administrators, academics, and other professionals to present a wide array of perspectives and expertise in the pursuit of excellence in education.

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Sincerely,

On behalf of the Editorial Board

Radhi Al-Mabuk, Ph.D.

Director, Future Institute Research Center

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Rebekka Paisner <rebekka.paisner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Costello, Eric (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Call to Reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, Divest in BPD

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Dear Eric T. Costello and Marguerite Currin,

My name is Rebekka Paisner 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 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,

Rebekka Paisner

Charles Village Resident

Ph.D Candidate
Johns Hopkins

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jamie Spitzer <Jamie.spitzer@som.umaryland.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:00 PM
To: City Council President; 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Cancel Baltimore City Police Funnd

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Dear Baltimore City Council,

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- Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)
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- 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,
Jamie Spitzer

Jamie D. Spitzer, MD

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Joshua Sinn <jls569@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 1:22 AM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: Cancel BPD Budget Increase

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Sincerely,
Josh Sinn

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Chelsea Kirk <chelseakirk25@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: City Budget Review Request

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I'm reaching out in response to the proposed upcoming city budget for the year. I would like to request that the funds for policing be vastly reduced and redirected to areas of community development including; Homeless Services, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, and Housing Development.

I believe that our city needs a more active approach in addressing the social issues of our community, and those would be better served by professionals in mental and public health as opposed to police in our city who are under trained in these areas.

I would be interested in taking a more active approach myself if that is helpful, I welcome your feedback. My husband and I enjoy living in this city, we are homeowners, but the increase in crime, homelessness, and lack of funding to address the most vulnerable in our population makes us want to move to an area where these social issues are taken more seriously.

Thank you for all you do to help this city.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Kirk

301-461-3791

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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)

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)

From: Alex Sicard <sicardal@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 1:48 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)
Subject: City Expense Budget Reform (BPD)

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Alexander Sicard. 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,
Alexander Sicard

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jackie Simon <jackie.simon89@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:37 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Comment on FY21 Proposed Budget

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Dear Budget and Appropriations Committee:

As a longtime resident of Baltimore City, I understand the effects that tragic acts of violence have on our community. I understand that in a city with so much concentrated poverty, there exists a will to cultivate and support businesses, and that the business community demands public safety. I understand the instinct to look to our police department as a solution - as an organization who can stem violence and reduce crime.

I am writing to urge you to resist that instinct and defund the BCPD.

Pouring money into the BCPD has not proven an effective tool to **keep our young people safe**. Instead, funding the BCPD comes at the expense of pouring money into schools and other youth-centered programming.

Overly funding the BCPD has not helped increase the city's population. In fact, the resources going to the BCPD could be going to neighborhood investment and equitable housing initiatives with the potential of **increasing home ownership in the city**.

As a city that boasts an emphasis on "**outcome budgeting**," it is difficult to see the disproportionate spending on policing relative to other public service agencies, such as Rec & Parks, Housing and Community Development, Homeless Services, and Health.

I urge you to consider reducing spending on BCPD by eliminating future intelligence spending, reducing the number of funded positions, re-negotiate salaries, and **reduce or eliminate spending on equipment that may endanger people's physical well-being or privacy**.

In addition, I urge you to demand more from an agency that receives so much funding. Reviewing their performance measures on paper alone, it is clear that this agency does not aim to achieve excellent public service. Instead, it aims to reach quotas for how many crimes are reported, and what percentage of these crimes should be categorized as felonies, etc. **This sets up the department for over-policing their community**.

Please consider defunding the police and right-sizing the funding allocated to housing initiatives, schools, employment development, community development, and rec & parks.

Thank you,
Jackie Simon

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Sam Williams <williams.sam.w@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Commentary for Budget/Approp City Council Mtg

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Good morning Ms. Currin,

I am writing to submit a comment for the budget meeting this Friday, specifically regarding the city's funding of the BPD. First though, I would like to congratulate the city council president Brandon Scott for his victory this week, we have high hopes for him as mayor.

I am a social worker, and have worked in many areas, including domestic violence, immigrant child foster care, SNAP, severe mental illness, to name a few. In all of my roles I have seen the damaging effects of a militarized police force--disproportionately deployed into the poorest black and brown communities--focused on punishment and arrest rather than community safety and support. It is for this reason that I strongly support efforts and calls to Defund the Police in Baltimore. To be clear, this call to defund does not mean zero out the police budget right away, or fire every police officer immediately; we know that there are groups in Baltimore that believe that the police are preventing and responding to severe violence in some neighborhoods. As such, I do not want calls to defund to be seen as impractical or idealistic; they are both well-thought out and possible. It is clear that the policing system in the city is broken, and retraining officers, adding non-police staff to the force, harsher penalties for police who act badly, etc. is not enough. The racism, militarism, cronyism on the force, and the strength of the police union that opposes reform (because it would inevitably involve firing a great many officers) make reform impossible. As such, I urge city council to take the following steps to Defund the Police and dismantle this broken system.

1. Completely defund the BPD, strategically funneling that funding into community based, non-punitive, gun-free, restorative initiatives to manage crime, mental illness (including drug use), domestic and family violence, and other community issues. Funding for non-punitive community safety programs should be sent primarily to black neighborhoods in Baltimore that have been most impacted by police violence in the past.
2. At the very least, immediately divest 50% of BPD's operating budget--268 million dollars--and invest these funds into historically marginalized black communities most negatively affected by BPD's racist policing. Invest that money in infrastructure, healthcare, social services, public health initiatives, and housing for all. Furthermore, ensure that services and benefits are available to both U.S. citizens and permanent residents AND any undocumented immigrant residents who need them.
3. Abolish the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights immediately, which protects racist, violent police officers accused of brutality or other crimes from being effectively held to account. The LEOBOR inhibits transparency in the process of holding police accountable, and has been used in the past to prevent justice from being served.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I sincerely hope that the community mobilization you have seen over the last few weeks is evidence of how seriously we need change in the city, and how urgent it is that the entire police system be rethought and remade.

Best,
Samantha Williams
14th District Resident

Samantha Williams, MSW

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Ilina Chaudhuri <ilina.chaudhuri@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller); City Council President
Subject: Comments on proposed FY21 budget

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Dear Ms. Currin,

Please work to make Baltimore be a leader in enacting bold change as it relates to public funding of police. I call on you and 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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This is a moment of reckoning for cities all across the country. Baltimore can be a leader in putting our money where it can truly make a difference to help all people. Or at a minimum stop hurting them. Please be bold and be brave in making a change. I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely, Ilina

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jen Karner <jekarner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:01 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Comments on the Baltimore City budget

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Marguerite,

My name is Jennifer Karner and I'm a writer living and working in the Liberty Heights neighborhood of Baltimore. I'm writing to communicate my concern about the new city budget.

A budget which overindulges in policing communities, instead of giving them the funding they need to succeed is not in the best interest of the city or her constituency. By cutting much-needed funds in areas like chronic disease prevention, youth and trauma services, and affordable housing you are ensuring that Baltimore's citizens are trapped in cycles they have no resources to escape.

We are watching a reckoning when it comes to police brutality, corruption, and over militarization of the police. I would hate to think that Baltimore would ignore this movement and add to the Police budget when they could make meaningful change in the city.

I urge you to listen and invest in the needs of the city, and the services that will serve all of its citizens instead of a force that costs too much and offers too little.

Thank you,
Jennifer Karner

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Margot Kohn <margothkohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; 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: Commit to reallocate BPD funds for social equity

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Margot Kohn, and I am a Baltimore resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents—from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

It's time to staunch the expansion of the BPD's mandate into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where an armed police force simply doesn'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 give intense care, attention and effort towards sustainable, long-term change. If you love Baltimore, like I do, then you will do what is right.

Thank you,

Margot Kohn

2413 Everton Rd. 21209

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: John Burgess <jcburgess82@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is John Burgess, and I am a Baltimore City resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets non-white residents--from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

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Thank you.

John Burgess
3119 Guilford Ave, Apt 2, Baltimore MD 21218
jcburgess82@gmail.com
410-790-6228

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Molly Mayne <memayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:15 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Concern regarding Baltimore City FY21 budget

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My name is Molly Mayne. I am a Baltimore City resident writing to you today regarding the proposed Baltimore City FY21 budget that includes an increase to police funding of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20.

It's disappointing that the city would put forth such a damaging proposed budget while also making cuts to the vital services such as: 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 more. This is and harmful to our residents of color. We see the pain and the trauma of people of color right now across the nation that have been subjected to injustice.

Please DEFUND & DEMILITARIZE the Baltimore Police Department.

Sincerely,
Molly

Molly Mayne
memayne@gmail.com
(563) 528-0178

"Travel light, live light, spread the light, be the light."

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Nicholas Coleman <visuallyenjoyable@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:41 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: Concern Regarding FY 2020-21 Budget

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Sincerely,
Nick Coleman

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Abbie Zelip <abbie.zelip@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: concerned about police budget

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Abbie Zelip, and I am a Baltimore resident and homeowner. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents—from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

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Thank you,

Abbie Zelip

1914 Linden Ave

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Alexandra Lamancusa <acl004@bucknell.edu>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Concerns regarding 2020-2021 Police budget

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Baltimore police budget. If you could pass this information along to those who need to hear it and who are reviewing these budgets, I would greatly appreciate it. When I heard how much it was increasing- and how much was being taken from other budgets, I was absolutely appalled. Taking away from affordable housing initiatives, homelessness services, and other community services is a recipe for more poverty- and therefore more crime- in this city. When I walk outside my apartment, I see a beautiful city that is struggling due to a lack of support, not a lack of police. I see people trying their best but living homeless in the parks. I see people pushed to breaking into cars because they can't afford their homes and medicine. Just a few weeks ago, a young woman was hiding in our apartment stairwell in the middle of a pandemic and storm because she had nowhere else to go. If the City Council is serious about improving this city, they first need to show they are interested in solving its problems rather than profiting off of them.

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.

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Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)

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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,

Alexandra Lamancusa

Baltimore resident living in 21201

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: hfrazier@mica.edu
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristofer (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: Concerns with Baltimore City Expense Budget

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Hayley Frazier. 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,
Hayley Frazier

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Stegman, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:56 PM
To: James, Mara (DOF); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Green, Meredith M. (DOF)
Subject: RE: Confirming panelist for Thursday and Friday

I just sent the logins for both days.

From: James, Mara (DOF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Green, Meredith M. (DOF); Stegman, Matthew
Subject: Confirming panelist for Thursday and Friday

Good afternoon Marguerite,

I just wanted to confirm that Mira Green (Meredith.green@baltimorecity.gov) is listed as a panelist for the hearings on Thursday and Friday, since she will be covering some of the hearings for BBMR.

Thank you,
Mara

Mara James
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: James, Mara (DOF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Green, Meredith M. (DOF); Stegman, Matthew
Subject: Confirming panelist for Thursday and Friday

Good afternoon Marguerite,

I just wanted to confirm that Mira Green (Meredith.green@baltimorecity.gov) is listed as a panelist for the hearings on Thursday and Friday, since she will be covering some of the hearings for BBMR.

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Mara

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Cename, Robert (DOF)
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Costello, Eric (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Ramos, Daniel (DOF); Green, Meredith M. (DOF)
Cc: Bullock, John (City Council)
Subject: Council hearings - logistics

Councilman,

Two other questions on logistics for the hearings:

Are Agency Heads expected to be present in Council chambers for their hearings, and if so should they plan to bring their own laptop / phone to call in?

Also, we are asking agencies (as is customary) to put together a short slideshow with one slide per service. Should the agency plan to present that on the Webex call, or should those slides be sent to Council Services to coordinate?

Thanks,
Bob

From: Costello, Eric (City Council) <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council) <Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov>; Ramos, Daniel (DOF) <Daniel.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Green, Meredith M. (DOF) <Meredith.Green@baltimorecity.gov>; Cename, Robert (DOF) <Robert.Cename@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Bullock, John (City Council) <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Seeking Information and/or Guidance

Chairman Bullock has hearings in his committee scheduled for that Tuesday in the afternoon. We have several committee members who are on both committees, so I decided to take a break for those committee members.

Eric T. Costello
Baltimore City Council, 11th District
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From: Currin, Marguerite (City Council) <Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Ramos, Daniel (DOF) <Daniel.Ramos@baltimorecity.gov>; Green, Meredith M. (DOF) <Meredith.Green@baltimorecity.gov>; Cename, Robert (DOF) <Robert.Cename@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Costello, Eric (City Council) <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Seeking Information and/or Guidance

I have been trying to find information regarding the HUA Committee (Housing and Urban Affairs Committee) to no avail; it is a part of the budget hearings. Is anything in the budget pertaining to this committee and/or can you guide me in the right direction to research same? Thanks in advance.

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jake Dahreddine <jakedahreddine@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 11:03 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: councilpresident@baltimorecity.gov

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Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilperson,

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Sincerely,
Jake Dahreddine

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Morgan Dowty <morgandowty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; 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: Ethical Reallocations of City Budget - Decrease BPD

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Hello Mayor Young and Members of the City Council,

My name is Morgan Dowty, and I am a Baltimore resident. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents—from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

It's time to staunch the expansion of the BPD's mandate into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where an armed police force simply doesn'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 give intense care, attention and effort towards sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,
Morgan Dowty, District 12
1228 Saint Paul, Apt. 4
21202
morgandowty@gmail.com
901-485-4194

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Sebastian Mendez <sebmendez123@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 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)
Subject: Expenditure Reform Concerns

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Sebastian Mendez, a recent constituent of yours.

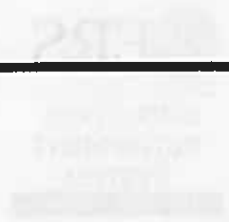
Though I sympathize with the pressure you must be under at the moment, your leadership is necessary in the pursuit of achieving parity in the city's expenditure.

Therefore, I urge you to speak with your associates to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget towards social services and both civil and cultural initiatives while divesting from the BPD for FY21.

Best,
Sebastian Mendez

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: EMail Blast
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 12:40 PM
To: City Of Baltimore All
Subject: FINAL REBLAST: Meet With a Retirement Specialist



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Education and guidance are needed no matter the circumstance. In fact, a little education can give you more confidence. Take advantage of the insights and educational resources available to you.

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Steve Malm <stephen.malm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

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Testimonial Letter to the Baltimore City Council, Re: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget June 10, 2020

Thank you to the City Council for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of re-allocating funds in the Baltimore City Fiscal 2021 Proposed Ordinance of Estimates.

My name is Steve Malm, and I am a Business Analyst at Fearless in downtown, as well as a resident of Baltimore City.

Today, I write to implore the City Council to advocate to defund the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") and meaningfully invest in communities by funding services related to education, mental health and substance abuse, and housing and community development. The consent decree that followed the murder of Freddie Gray in 2015 was a necessary step towards police reform in Baltimore, but residents of color continue to suffer because of over-policing and underinvestment. The proposed funding structure, which includes a nearly \$14 million increase in police funding, suggests that the City's leadership cares more about controlling communities than investing in them. Reallocating funds would provide desperately needed resources to initiatives that strive to make Baltimore healthier, safer, and more equitable.

It's disheartening to see that the increase in spending for the Police Department is 34% greater than the proposed increase for direct support for Baltimore City Public Schools, which is \$287,346,700. Moreover, we're spending a mere \$2,467,437 on Youth and Trauma Services. Baltimore's students are constantly being exposed to trauma, yet we do not have the tools or resources to address this significant barrier to educational opportunity. The lack of academic resources in many of our schools has made progress feel nearly impossible. At the start of Distance Learning, which was implemented in response to school closings due to COVID-19, Baltimore students faced a significant technology divide. The trauma they have had to experience, virtually alone, is compounding to what will be a significant loss in their academic and social-emotional gains. Trauma is developmentally stunting our student's mental and emotional growth. *So why is Baltimore spending nearly as much on Police Legal Affairs, \$2,243,178, as we are on Youth and Trauma Services?*

Besides disinvestment in Baltimore's youth, we are in the midst of an opioid crisis. In 2018, Baltimore had 814 opioid-related deaths. This was a 20% increase from the 692 opioid-related deaths in 2017. In the "Executive Summary, Board of Estimates Recommendations," Baltimore's violence in the drug market was identified as a reason for the significant number of homicides that our city sees each year. Yet, we are only projected to spend \$4,685,698 on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health according to the FY2021 Budget. *Why are we increasing spending on the Police Patrol by \$29,467,072 yet only increasing spending on substance use disorder and mental health by \$83,276?*

Despite continual increases in police funding, Baltimore's homicide rate has fluctuated minimally in recent years. Indeed, there have been more homicides so far this year than in 2019, and BPD solves less than a third of all homicides. In order to actually save lives, it's time to stop investing in the police at the expense of people - investing in education, mental health, substance abuse treatment, and community development will make

Baltimore a safer, more sustainable city that promotes equitable opportunities for all races. African Americans represent approximately 62% of Baltimore's population, yet most prosperous businesses are founded and/or led by white individuals. Our city is rich with Black culture and home-grown ideas that will truly make a difference, yet all too often Black individuals are not leading the discussion nor are they invited to the table when it comes to arts, parks, and non-profits.

I urge you to defund the police. I understand the council does not have the authority to re-allocate funds, but you do have the power to work with other city officials and constituents to positively re-invest in Baltimore City.

Thank you for your attention and thank you for your service to our City.

Sincerely,
Steve Malm

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Oz Amram <oz.amram@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

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Hello,

I am writing to comment on the current proposed 2021 budget. I think it is outrageous to be INCREASING the police budget for next year. Given everything that is happening in our country, BPD's repeated and well publicized civil rights violations, and all relevant social science research, it should be obvious that an increase in the BPD budget will not decrease crime. It will only increase the amount of violence afflicted against black communities in Baltimore. We need to be moving funding away from police towards community services like addiction treatment, health care, housing, etc that address the root cause of crime POVERTY. At this point no one can claim to be ignorant of these truths anymore, and any thus any decision otherwise is either pure corruption or explicit white supremacy.

Sincerely,
Oz Amram

Baltimore Resident
3514 Beech Ave, 21211

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Johnny Jung <jsjung96@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:52 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)
Subject: Fund services that prevent crime, not those that react to it

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Mr. Costello, Mr. Mayor, and City Officials,

My name is Johnny Jung and I am a resident in Otterbein. The police in this city bear a burden too great. They should not be the ones in charge of community health, wellness, support, or accessibility to city resources, yet they are typically the first ones to respond to cases when issues arise.

While reform measures have taken place since 2017, this strategy is not an efficient use of city resources. We must attack the societal issues that are the root of police interactions in order to realize lasting change. It is the time to fundamentally rethink what the police's role is in Baltimore. It is clear that reducing crime and our current police paradigm are incompatible, or ineffective at best. It is naïve and backwards to think that reforming the response to crime prevents crime; people aren't thinking "I wonder how I'm going to get caught doing this," they are (often falsely) thinking about how their actions will solve a crisis they are currently facing.

We must address the cause, not the response, to crime. Therefore, 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.

Yes, violent crime must be addressed promptly, but simultaneously we must engage in intentional, systematic change in how we police and care for our communities, as well as decide who is deserving of serving as a member of law enforcement, in order to address crime at a macro level. Our taxes should be used to identify and fund the areas that will help the community in preventing crime and limiting reliance on police. How much longer can we afford to see crime and violence as a product of underserved communities take the freedom, livelihoods, and lives from our fellow residents?

Sincerely,
Johnny Jung

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Laurie Elseroad <laura.elseroad@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Fund social programs

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Marguerite Currin,

I am **DISMAYED** to read that the city of Baltimore plans to increase funding for the police. If current events teach us anything, it is that funding for social programs is desperately needed.

As a Baltimore citizen with a mental health issue, I know there are so many people who are wrongly incarcerated or brutalized by police just because they don't have access to the mental health care they need.

Now is the time to **INVEST** in the people of Baltimore by funding social programs that provide access to mental health care, education, etc. That means allocating funds away from the police and putting them towards programs that will help our city thrive.

I love this city, and it pains me to hear that people are afraid to come visit it because of the violence here. Let's make Baltimore a city that people **WANT** to visit and a city that people **LOVE** by serving our citizens, not locking them up.

Thank you for your time and for representing Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Laurie Elseroad

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Alex Huss <ahuss92@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 10:19 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: FUNDING!

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Hello,

:I want to be very clear as a constituent of Baltimore City: funding police in the amount intended will ONLY cause harm!

Please increase funding in all other areas but police! Especially Trauma services and outreach to the homeless.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Huss
Mount Vernon

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Nicole Davis <nicolemdavis1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Subject: Re: FW: Police Funding

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Ms. Currin and Ms. Clark,

Thank you for your helpful information. I am passing it on as well.

Sincerely,

N. Davis

On Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 2:19 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council) <Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Davis,

The public can visit the Baltimore City Council website and review the schedule for each budget hearing date; June 8th thru June 12th next week (each day). Once you click on a given date it will give you instructions on how to call in to the hearing. However, I don't believe public testimony will be received by the committee. The City Council just recently held a meeting called "Taxpayers' Night," on May 27, 2020 which set-a-side time to hear from the public for any concerns they had regarding Fiscal Year 2021 upcoming budget.

If you would like to send me written testimony I will make sure the committee/council members received it as well as place a copy on file. Call me at 443-984-3485 if additional information is needed. And, I will forward your writing below to council members as well as place a copy on file.

From: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Nicole Davis <nicolemdavis1@gmail.com>; City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: Currin, Marguerite (City Council) <Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov>; Roberts, Miller (City Council) <Miller.Roberts@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: Police Funding

Please be assured that the City Council will closely review the BPD budget. Our Budget hearing on the BPD budget is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 5:30 – 9:00pm. By copy, I am asking that you be advised of whether this hearing will be televised on Channel 25; and, I am asking how citizens can call-in to the hearing with questions or comments.

Ms. Currin, will you please advise Ms. Davis as requested, please.

Thanks. Mary Pat

Mary Pat Clarke

Baltimore City Council, 14th District 5:30 – 9:00 pm

City Hall, Room 501

Baltimore, MD 21202

Marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov

Office: 410-396-4814

Cell: 443-676-6187

Staff:

Taylor.Curry@baltimorecity.gov

Cindy.Leahy@baltimorecity.gov

Miller.Roberts@baltimorecity.gov

From: Nicole Davis [<mailto:nicolemdavis1@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:35 PM

To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>; City Council President <CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Police Funding

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Good Afternoon,

Myself and many of my neighbors and community expect a reduction in the BPD budget this year, with funds redirected for community benefit. We are in the midst of a pandemic and the BPD simply has shown over and over, that there is no need for an increase in their budget. Personally, I believe that the BPD should be disbanded and that a new emergency response team put together to address Baltimore City residents needs.

In any event, I expect the City Council to provide concrete oversight of the BPD Budget. If this does not happen, then we clearly need to replace those representatives who are not performing their job duties.

Sincerely,

Nicole Davis

Ednor Gardens Homeowner

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Emily Bruce <ejbruce02@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 10:58 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: FY 2020=21 Baltimore Police Department Budget

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City Council
Election Results

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Han Castanedo <han.castanedo@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget

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Sincerely,
Hannah Castanedo

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: John Gamble <johngamble583@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:26 PM
Subject: FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department Budget

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Sincerely,
John Gamble

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: caseyengel11@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 2:45 PM
Subject: FY 2020-21 BPD Budget Re-Allocation

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Sincerely,
Casey E. Engel
7-year Baltimore City Resident

Sent from my iPhone. Please forgive any typos.

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Chelsea Cosner <chelsea.r.cosner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:40 PM
To: City Council President
Subject: FY 20-21BPD budget

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Sincerely,
Dr. Chelsea Cosner

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Emma McAdoo <emmafmcadoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council)
Subject: FY2021 Budget Comments

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Dear Baltimore City Council,

I, as a licensed social worker living in this city, 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've seen first hand how underfunded our harm reduction systems are and how disenfranchised our youth are as a result. They do not need more police surveilling them, they first of all need their basic needs met and then need opportunities for mentorship, employment, and education.

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Sincerely,

Emma McAdoo, LMSW

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Samantha Sievering <smsievering@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:17 PM
To: Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council)
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Sincerely,

Samantha Sievering, LMSW

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Andrew Layman <laymandrew@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council)
Subject: Fwd: FY2021 Budget Comments

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Sincerely,

Andy Layman

Mt. Vernon, Baltimore

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Ann Walsh <walsh.ann36@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller); City Council President; mayor@bltimorecity.gov
Subject: FY2021 Budget Concerns

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Dear Baltimore City Leadership,

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Sincerely,
Ann Walsh

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Galen Smith <iamgalensmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council)
Subject: FY2021 Budget Hearings - Written Testimony

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Marguerite and Leon,

I have been a resident of the 7th district since April of 2012. I have watched over the years as new businesses have entered our community, luxury townhomes and apartments have been erected, streets have been fixed, and traffic management systems have been improved. Additionally, I have seen my property value increase. While I appreciate most of these things, I'm writing to express a concern with the City's operating budget.

I pay my property taxes separate from my mortgage because I like understanding exactly where my money is going. As it turns out, I have paid over \$18k in property taxes alone—on a home that's valued at less than \$200k—since 2012. This cost is significant to me and I'm now invested in taking an even closer look at where my money is going.

Despite increased police patrols, the Royal Farms near the intersection of W 40th St. and Falls Rd. continues to get burglarized and employees continue to get assaulted. Despite increased patrols, I hear continuous reports from my neighbors of home and car break-ins and recently had a roommate who experienced the latter. Despite increased patrols, my neighbors and I continue to answer our doors to people who are clearly in severe mental distress and in need of professional help, but we don't have a quality place to direct them to.

My point here is that the disproportionate budget for police patrols to other budget categories (e.g., housing and community development, health, thriving youth & families) seems to be failing to address the needs of my community. Therefore, I am writing to asking that these funds be reallocated to programs that better address the needs of my and other communities in Baltimore City.

I would personally like to see more investment in:

- public transportation;
- after-school programs to assist youth with homework and pursuing extra-curricular passions and vocations;
- active food desert investigation and resolution;
- quality food delivery options for low-income families;
- programs to assist returning citizens (a term I prefer to "formerly incarcerated") with reintegration; and
- programs to educate police on non-violent de-escalation techniques (with an accompanying quarterly review) along with a support system that empowers them to arrive on the scene of a disturbance with a trained and qualified professional thereby limiting (if not eliminating altogether) needless, expensive, and damaging (socially, economically, and mentally to name a few) incarceration.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to reviewing the results of the hearing.

All My Best,

Galen Smith
District 7 Resident

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Peter Weck <peterjweck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:38 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: FY2021 Budget Testimony
Attachments: Budget Written Testimony.docx

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Hello, I am reaching out to submit written testimony for the City Council on the FY2021 Budget. I have included my testimony as a file attachment, as well as below in the text of this email.

Thank you!
Peter Weck

I am a Baltimore City resident, submitting testimony today to urge the members of the Baltimore City Council NOT to approve any budget for Fiscal Year 2021 increasing funds for policing. In this moment of international outrage against police brutality and their role in maintaining structural racism in our society, it's more important than ever for our city to reverse course, and instead defund the police department. Over the last decades, as the police budget has swollen to over half a billion annually and basic social services have been left chronically underfunded, our communities have not become safer. Policing itself has proven a failed strategy. The only sane response is to make massive cuts to the police budget, and invest instead in the proposed solutions coming from our communities themselves. Treating drug addiction and violence as the public health crises they are, housing everyone in our city who needs a home regardless of income, increasing funding for our schools, these are just a few examples of the actually effective strategies which the people of this city are calling for. It is time to defund police terror, and invest instead in our communities.

Peter Weck
Council District 14
Zip code: 21211

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Max Fisher <max.fisher815@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: FY21 Budget Testimony

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Hello,

The proposed increase to the BPD budget for FY21 is unacceptable. In light of recent events, not only should the police not be receiving additional funding, their funding should be cut. Please divest at least 30% of the current BPD budget and reinvest this in first responders, social workers, mental healthcare providers, victim/survivor advocates, educators, youth programs, and housing. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Max Fisher

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Carling <carling@riseup.net>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Subject: FY21 Police Budget

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Dear Mayor Young, Council President Scott, Budget & Appropriations Chair Costello, and Councilwoman Clarke,

I am writing to urge you in the strongest terms to not increase the budget of the Baltimore Police Department, as currently proposed in the FY21 budget, and instead to decrease it. All other city agency budgets are based on outcome-budgeting, i.e. on performance. Yet the Baltimore Police Department's budget is clearly not, otherwise it would have been de-funded long ago.

BPD is so corrupt that not a single member of the Department elevated the bad actions of the Gun Trace Task Force to public notice, despite numerous complaints from residents over the course of years; it took a police officer from the county to alert the federal government to the problem. BPD is so corrupt that once the federal government did step in, they mandated sweeping changes in response to systemic violations of the constitutional rights of Baltimore's citizenry, most of which have not yet been implemented. BPD is so corrupt that Detective Sean Suiter is dead, and other "good apple" cops willing to speak out, like Detective Larry Smith

(<https://theappeal.org/authors/larry-smith/>), have been forced to leave the department. Throwing more money at the department will not improve things. Only a complete changeover from the old system to a new one will do that. We need local police control, and then we need to dismantle and completely remake BPD. Camden, NJ disbanded their police department and started over from scratch, lowering both costs and their murder rate. We can do the same.

For now, cutting the bloat in the BPD budget is, at least, in our grasp. These funds are desperately needed for other vital city functions that are now at risk due to the costs of COVID-19. Other cities, like Los Angeles and Minneapolis, are defunding their police departments at the same time that we are looking backwards and preparing to expand ours. This cannot stand, not in a city that has the same or a worse track record in policing than any other in the country, both in terms of abuses by our police and in terms of their ineffectiveness in stopping community violence. We must join the powerful wave of this moment and defund the Baltimore Police Department.

Thank you for your attention.

Carling Sothoron

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Natalie Cohen <nataliecohen9315@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:52 AM
To: City Council President; 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: FY21 Proposed Police Budget

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Sincerely,
Natalie Cohen

Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Alexa Bedingfield <al.panca@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: General Funds Budget

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Dear Ms. Curriu ,

My name is Alexa Bedingfield. I am a resident of Baltimore City and I am emailing today to demand a cut of budgeted General Funds to the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

The recent murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor are only the televised instances of police brutality and gross abuse of power against the Black community. These tragic events come 5 years after the murder of Freddie Gray at the hands of the BPD. As a result, I think it is clear that bloated police funding is a crux for discrimination at the hands of those who claim to protect and serve.

Living in a city where the majority (62.8% to be exact) of residents are Black, I do not support a Baltimore where revenue from residents' property and income taxes are funneled disproportionately to the BPD. Furthermore, I do not support a Baltimore where the BPD is allocated 182x the funding of our Civil Rights agency. On what would be the 27th birthday of Breonna Taylor, I am emailing to demand a cut of funding to the BPD.

I demand a cut of this short-sighted allocation of funds to the BPD for the fiscal year ending in June 2021. In addition, I demand that the 6/12 hearing on BPD budget be extended so more Baltimore City residents can weigh in on this crucial decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Alexa Bedingfield

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Christian Hendrix <chendrix@gwmail.gwu.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Hello from Christian Hendrix on Defunding PD

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I am emailing to demand the 6/12 hearing on the police budget be postponed so that more testimony may be submitted.

I demand an explanation for why the deadline to submit feedback was today (one week before) when you can usually submit testimony up until shortly before the hearing.

Christian Hendrix, MD
Cell: 5407354866
Email: chendrix@gwu.edu

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: James, Mara (DOF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: RE: How to change presenter role

You're doing a great job of managing all the virtual and in person stuff! I am not jealous of you haha

Mara James
Legislative & Engagement Lead
Bureau of the Budget and Management Research
she/her/hers

100 N. Holliday Street, Room 437
Baltimore, MD 21202
Mara.James@baltimorecity.gov
Office: (410) 396-3277
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From: Currin, Marguerite (City Council) <Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:32 AM
To: James, Mara (DOF) <Mara.James@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: RE: How to change presenter role

P.S. Thanks.

From: James, Mara (DOF) <Mara.James@baltimorecity.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council) <Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: How to change presenter role

Hi Marguerite,

I did a little research on how to reclaim the presenter role, in case it is helpful moving forward.

<https://help.webex.com/en-us/WBX21469/How-Do-I-Pass-the-Presenter-Rights-in-Events>
<https://help.webex.com/en-us/WBX1800/How-Do-I-Pass-the-Presenter-Role-to-an-Attendee-or-Participant>

Best,
Mara

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Bess Zafran <besszafran@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: I Demand Change

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Good afternoon,

My name is Bess Zafran, and I am writing as a concerned constituent of Baltimore's 14th District (residing at 3500 Chestnut Avenue.) I am sending this message to request that, at the upcoming city budget meeting, my following testimony is considered:

As a city resident and taxpayer, I demand that Baltimore city divest from the Baltimore Police Department. My testimony is as follows, and will fully align with the demands put forward by Organizing Black in their public statement surrounding BPD Divestment.

I demand that the city divest from BPD.

I demand that the divested money be reinvested in Black communities in Baltimore.

I demand that the LEOBoR is abolished.

I demand that the City of Baltimore regained control over its local police department.

Again, as a citizen of Baltimore, I fully and wholeheartedly support Organizing Black in their demands and personally align fully with their sentiments. It's time for change.

As Committee Staff for Budget and Taxation, I hope you honor this testimony. Thank you for your hard work.

Best,
Bess

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jeanne Fitzgibbon <fitzgibbonjeanne@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: I'm not saying give NO money to the police, but less. And spend the money you do give on training how to act!

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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,

Jeanne Fitzgibbon

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Zoë Nardo <zoenardo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:43 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: IMPORTANT: Baltimore City Expense Budget Reform

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Zoe Nardo. 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,
Zoë Nardo

Thanks for reading

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Andrea Molino <amolino29@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: In Support of Re-appropriating Funds from and Defunding the Police

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Hello,

My name is Andrea, and I am a constituent of the 1st District of Baltimore City.

I am emailing to let you know that I adamantly disapprove of Jack Young's current proposed budget for the city's fiscal year of 2020-2021. I am a public health professional (recently completed my degree at JHSPH) and am opposed to the police receiving a budget of over \$509 million dollars in a city of this (or any) size. This essentially unlimited budget gives the police unnecessary power, technology, ability, and jurisdiction over my community in a way that is ultimately harmful to mainly black lives and livelihood.

Money would be better used elsewhere, such as for programs looking to support communities through arts and culture, for additional parks and recreation services for kids and adults alike, for health department initiatives (which are especially essential during COVID-19), or sent directly to sustainable and affordable housing initiatives for those in our city who aren't able to access such facilities.

I am not a lifelong Baltimorean, but I have grown to love this city as if I were. It's vibrant, eclectic, surprising, and full of loyal and loving individuals with nothing but hope for their community. I hope you consider my thoughts, and additionally support defunding the police in order to make Baltimore the best it can be.

Best,
Andrea R. Molino

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: peter matchette <petermatchette@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:59 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Increase in police budget

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I don't know if anyone in the board of estimates is paying attention to what's happening literally everywhere in the country right now, but clearly an increase in the Baltimore Police budget is a terrible idea. Police across the country are showing just what a repressive, thuggish organization they truly are. While the BPD may be doing some feel-good photo ops kneeling with protestors, things change at night when the crowd thins - the police escalate without provocation and continue to terrorize people. The BPD has continuously failed to meet even the pathetic murder clearance and complaint goals set in previous years. The BPD fails to even adhere to the budget allocated to them, going over to the tune of tens of millions of dollars.

The citizens of Baltimore, and the entire nation really, are demanding drastic defunding of police departments and the transfer of resources to programs that benefit the community instead of terrorize it. Increasing their budget now is at best, not a good look, and at worst (and in reality), a reward for decades of unaccountable brutalization and repression of black people in the city. Eventually all of this outrage is going to flow up beyond the police department to city leadership. You sure you want to be holding this bag when it gets there?

Peter Matchette
petermatchette@gmail.com
301-706-5391

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Jim Egan <jcegan1968@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 11:08 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Increased Police Funding at Other City Services' Expense

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Dear Ms. Currin:

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. 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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Full disclosure: I am adding my name to this petition as a resident of Baltimore County. I do so not only in solidarity with city residents, but with the knowledge that the quality of life in Baltimore has effects that extend beyond her borders and influences the lives of all people who engage the city in their personal and professional lives.

Sincerely,

James Egan
Lutherville

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Kaela Grealish <kmgrealish@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: Invest in Our Communities, Divest From BPD

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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. I call on the City Council to publicly commit to reducing the Baltimore Police Department's budget permanently and reallocating those funds to community support services and, finally, I call on the City Council to begin the legislative process of bringing the Baltimore Police Department under city, not state, control.

Sincerely,
Kaela Grealish
2127 E Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD 21231
857-350-0502

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Ada Pinkston <adapinkston@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Fwd: It Is Time for Change

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Hello Marguerite,

I am sure that you received the message below from many different citizens of Baltimore. I just highlighted my addition to the email below.

Thank you for your service,
Ada

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ada Pinkston <adapinkston@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jun 7, 2020 at 11:44 PM

Subject: It Is Time for Change

To: <mayor@baltimorecity.gov>, <CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov>, <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>, <Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov>, <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>, <Bill.Henry@baltimorecity.gov>, <Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov>, <Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov>, <Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov>, <Kristerfer.Burnett@baltimorecity.gov>, <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>, <Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov>, <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>, <Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov>, <Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov>, <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ada Pinkston and I am a Baltimore resident. Amid this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. 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.

Every other night, I hear multiple gunshots in my living room. When Erricka Bridgeford does the Baltimore Ceasefire twice to three times a year, I do not hear gunshots. Imagine the type of work that she could do with an entire office that supports her?

Olu Butterfly, Ras Trae, and the artists of Wombworks all do incredibly important work using art as a tool to promote emotional healing, growth, and build essential conflict resolution skills with the youth

that participate in their programs. Imagine what type of work they could do if they had staff to work in every single school in Baltimore City?

There is an intense need for mental health services and counseling in the pandemic. Creating spaces for holistic health is essential for any community. What if there was a Living Well Center in every district?

This will show your 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. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents--from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

It's time to staunch the expansion of the BPD's mandate into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where an armed police force simply doesn'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 give intense care, attention, and effort towards sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you,
Ada Pinkston

A resident of District 4
An artist with studio space in District 12

--
Monument Lab 2020 Fellow
VisArts Studio Fellow
Halcyon Arts Lab Fellow Cohort 2

IG @apinkstone

"The new type of art institute cannot merely be an art museum as it has been until now, but no museum at all. The new type will be more like a power station, a producer of new energy."

Alexander Dorner (1893 - 1957)

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Laura Grothaus <laura.e.grothaus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:08 PM
Subject: Laura Grothaus: Comments / Testimony

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To whom it may concern:

As a Baltimore resident, I'm writing to ask you to support defunding the police. It's been shown time and time again that police escalate situations, invoke fear, and damage communities. They are not the most effective in dealing with the types of crises that they are often called to assist with: mental health, wellness checks, overdoses, etc.

I know that you are invested in the Baltimore community as well as our national and international community and that you want to support our most vulnerable members. So, I ask that you listen organizations led by those most impacted by violent policing and commit to defunding the police.

Many thanks,
Laura

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Laura Grothaus
pronouns: she/her

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Shanna Borell <Shanna.Borell@bhsbaltimore.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Middleton, Sharon (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: No increase to BPD

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Hello,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 21 Baltimore Police Department budget increase and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction, prevention, and crisis intervention systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. The police are not the best option for handling many (if not most) of the calls in our communities.

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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,

Shanna Borell

2502 Edgecombe Cir N Apt K

Baltimore, MD 21215

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Gabrielle T. <gthacker17@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:01 PM
To: City Council President; McCray, Danielle (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Cohen, Zeke (City Council)
Subject: No more money to BPD

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Hello,

Baltimore City Council, I am asking that you to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement large, permanent reductions. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that guard against terrorizing our neighbors and communities.

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As a voter and proud Baltimore resident, I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,
Gabrielle Thacker

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: EMail Blast
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:45 PM
To: EMail Blast
Subject: Official Baltimore City Update on response to COVID-19
Attachments: DAILY BRIEFING 06.09.20.pdf

Dear City Employee:

Please see the attached daily briefing for **Tuesday, June 9th** on my administration's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your service to this City as a valued employee is very much appreciated. I will continue to monitor the situation with our partners in the region and I ask for your help in promoting core public health disease prevention practices and sharing accurate information.

I remain committed to protecting our City's health by using every resource available. For more information, please visit our website here: <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/>

Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of the residents of Baltimore.

Sincerely,



Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Laura Myers <myerskmc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:32 PM
To: City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Ombudsman Program to be used for Police Dept
Attachments: resume copy 2.docx

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Brandon Scott, Marguerite Currin,

Some years back, I worked for the Ombudsman Program for the Baltimore County Dept. of Aging. I believe this program could be applied to support the Baltimore City Police Department and the entire police departments across the nation.

The government program advocated for residents of all nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Some of our duties included: helping residents investigate and resolve complaints through the use of advocacy, negotiation and mediation skills; educating residents, family members, nursing home staff, and first responders(which could include the police responders).

According to the National Long Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center (

The publication found on the above website is very informative and I highly recommend checking it out. Please also see my attached resume, which breaks down the responsibilities of my position. It also shows the conferences and training I received in this position, which helped me help the residents.

Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. I would be happy to also pass this info on to other fellow advocates. Please advise.

Sincerely,

Laura Myers

(Long time resident of Baltimore City, Western High graduate 88', Towson State University 97', life long advocate)

Sent from my iPad

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: sbbrodsky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Brodsky-Simon
<sbbrodsky@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Please Cut BPD Funding - Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as a member of Jews United for Justice to ask that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

Jews United for Justice supports the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,

Sarah Brodsky-Simon

5716 Oakshire Rd Baltimore, MD 21209-4228 sbbrodsky@gmail.com

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: nataliaskolnik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Natalia Skolnik
<nataliaskolnik@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:59 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Please cut the BPD budget and reroute that money to education, mental health services, housing, etc

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as a member of Jews United for Justice to ask that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

Jews United for Justice supports the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Rosalie Eck <rosalie.eck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council)
Subject: Police Budget Testimony

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As a resident of Baltimore and local arts educator, I'm writing to you of the imperative to immediately divest our tax dollars and public support from the Baltimore Police Department.

It's clear that the abuses of BPD are not the case of a "few bad apples" but the result of deep institutional problems of corruption and racism. From the unjust murders of Tyrone West, Freddie Gray, and others to the abuse of overtime and lack of oversight to the corrupt and violent racketeering of the Gun Trace Task Force, BPD hurts our city and its residents.

For the past few years, the City Council has increased BPD's budget, despite an ongoing criminal investigation and reported overtime fraud. Further, our city has wasted taxpayer dollars on litigation of police abuses that rarely result in just consequences and tie up victims in gag rules that prevent them from speaking the truth. And crime rates continue to rise. Multiple studies show that there is no correlation between increased policing and rates of crime. Police do not keep our communities safe; health care, jobs, mental health services, affordable housing, mediation services, and education keep our communities safe.

It is clear what we must do, and Baltimore has an opportunity to lead the country. Will you commit to doing the following?

- Re-allocate half of BPD's budget into Baltimore's Black communities, including infrastructure, health care, education, housing, mental health, and other social services
- Abolish the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights, which hinders transparency and accountability.

Please accept the above as testimony for the police budget hearings this Friday, June 12th. I look forward to your leadership in moving our city in the right direction, towards justice, health, and sustainability for all Baltimoreans.

Best,
Rosalie Eck

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Wirzberger, Michelle (BPD)
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Wirzberger, Michelle (BPD)
Subject: Police Commissioner Michael Harrison selected to participate in US Conference of Mayor's new Police Reform and Racial Justice Working Group!

Importance: High

Nation's Mayors Assemble New Police Reform and Racial Justice Working Group

Washington, DC – Today, the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) launched a new initiative to produce, advance and enact meaningful reforms to address police violence and patterns of racial discrimination. The Police Reform and Racial Justice Working Group will take on the urgent task of outlining a series of specific recommendations related to America's policing practices to help end the injustices facing black Americans. The Working Group is composed of the mayors of Chicago, Tampa, and Cincinnati, and the police chiefs of Baltimore, Phoenix and Columbia and will be assisted by other experts in the field with the goal of releasing actionable recommendations in the coming weeks.

"The nation's mayors are committed to dismantling the systemic racism that exists in our country. Black Americans have been denied the promise of equality and justice in this country for too long, and that must end now. The recent killings of innocent black people have highlighted once again that there is much work to do with revising and improving the policies and practices of our police departments. We must do better, and we must start this work immediately," said Bryan K. Barnett, USCM President and Mayor of Rochester Hills, MI. "That's why mayors will lead not just in words, but in action. Every level of government has a role to play, but we will not wait for others. Mayors are going to lead this fight. The forms of racism afflicting black Americans are many, but this task force will be focused on the policing and racial justice issues that have proven so urgent. I am proud of the leadership demonstrated by mayors in recent days and I have every confidence that this collective effort will help create real change and forge a path towards a better future."

"Our work towards police reform has never been more important than it is today, and I am proud to partner with the USCM to create a roadmap for cities to implement transparent and actionable police reforms to which we can hold ourselves accountable," said Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor of Chicago, IL and Chair of USCM's Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee. "This is about generational discrimination in our communities, and police accountability is a crucial part of the work that needs to be done to address this issue in a holistic manner."

"It is an honor to serve alongside Mayor Lightfoot and Mayor Castor to take on the very urgent task of police reform in America," said John Cranley, Mayor of Cincinnati, OH and Chair of USCM's Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force. "In Cincinnati we have lived this strife and 18 years ago were able to heal by working very hard to improve police community relations through the Collaborative Agreement. It was then and continues to be considered one of the best police community reform initiatives in the country. I am proud that I can share what we have experienced for the benefit of the country."

"As a 31-year veteran of the Tampa Police Department and former Police Chief I could not think of a more important conversation to be having right now than this," said Jane Castor, Mayor of Tampa, FL. "Generational and systemic racism didn't happen overnight and we won't fix it overnight but we must self-reflect and create progressive, actionable, transparent and accountable solutions."

“We are at a moment where we can instill real change with police reform,” said Charles Ramsey, Advisor to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, former police chief in Philadelphia and Washington, DC and Co-chair of President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. “The brutal murder of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer has galvanized the nation and the calls from citizens and police chiefs alike to address longstanding racial injustice gives me great hope that progress can be made. Mayors and police chiefs have an opportunity now to redouble their efforts to develop law enforcement policies that will save lives and strengthen the public trust. I look forward to joining this group of mayors and police chiefs as we work to ensure true and lasting change.”

USCM President Barnett has appointed the following Mayors, Police Chiefs, and experts to the working group:

Mayors:

Lori E. Lightfoot, Chicago

Jane Castor, Tampa

John Cranley, Cincinnati

Police Chiefs

Michael Harrison, Baltimore

Jeri Williams, Phoenix

W.H. “Skip” Holbrook, Columbia, SC

Additional Counsel:

Charles Ramsey, Advisor to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Former Philadelphia Police Commissioner and Former Washington, DC Police Chief, and Co-chair of President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing

Ron Davis, Executive Director, President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing and Director, COPS Office

Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Hiwot Lema <hiwot.lema3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:54 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)
Subject: Police Department Budget Reform!

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Hiwot Lema. 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,
Hiwot Lema

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Joy Brooks <meshugame@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Police needs a revamp!

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My name is Joy Brooks and I live in Ednor Gardens in Baltimore! I support defunding the police. Please consider adding money to our cities education and after school programs to support our youth!

~Joy Brooks