

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

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**From:** adenweiselonline@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aden Weisel  
<adenweiselonline@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Curtailing unnecessary funding to BPD

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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 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.

We will continue to fight alongside members of our community 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,

Aden Weisel

2700 Remington Ave Apt 518 Baltimore, MD 21211-3035 [adenweiselonline@gmail.com](mailto:adenweiselonline@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** yona.lev.gorelick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yona Gorelick  
<yona.lev.gorelick@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Cut BPD Funding - A Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

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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,

Yona Gorelick

2434 Callow Ave # 2 Baltimore, MD 21217-4832 yona.lev.gorelick@gmail.com

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** jbec423@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Dobbs <jbec423@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Cut BPD Funding - Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I am writing to ask that you not support 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.

Sincerely,  
Judy Dobbs  
423 Hawthorne Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2304 [jbec423@comcast.net](mailto:jbec423@comcast.net)

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

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**From:** lynsaurus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lyn Cox  
<lynasaurus@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Cut BPD Funding - Public Comment

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Sincerely,

Lyn Cox

6209 Sareva Dr Baltimore, MD 21209-3529 [lynasaurus@gmail.com](mailto:lynasaurus@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** kristen.nixon7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristen Nixon <kristen.nixon7@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 6:39 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I am writing as your constituent to ask that you vote NO on 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, and I hope you will push for a significant reduction in the police budget.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and it has been proposed that other critical services have their budgets cut.

The people of Baltimore will continue to fight 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.

This email is also going to the Budget and Appropriations Committee staff to submit it as public testimony for the Fiscal Year 2021 BPD Budget Hearing. I want to be sure this message is put in the public record.

Sincerely,

Kristen Nixon

9 E 33rd St Ste 1012 Baltimore, MD 21218-3548 [kristen.nixon7@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.nixon7@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** brooke.a.jarrett@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brooke Jarrett  
<brooke.a.jarrett@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 8:36 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** 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 Baltimore resident to ask that you significantly decrease the budget for the Baltimore Police Department and increase funding for vital, life-giving services for the people of our city - especially Black residents.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally. Instead, more funding should go towards departments we really need, such as education, housing & community development, and health.

I support demands of Organizing Black and other partners the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ). I 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.

A budget is a moral document - please adjust the FY 2021 budget to reflect that Black lives matter.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Jarrett  
2925 N Calvert St Apt 2FF Baltimore, MD 21218-4184 brooke.a.jarrett@gmail.com

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

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**From:** leah.prandi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leah Prandi-Abrams  
<leah.prandi@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 5:58 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,

Leah Prandi-Abrams

3003 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-3926 [leah.prandi@gmail.com](mailto:leah.prandi@gmail.com)

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** absbecker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Abby Becker  
<absbecker@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 5:41 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,  
Abby Becker  
3133 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-3420 absbecker@gmail.com



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

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**From:** caitwei@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cait Grose  
<caitwei@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:57 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,  
Cait Grose  
309 E Lorraine Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4710 [caitwei@gmail.com](mailto:caitwei@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** zoerezgew@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zoë Reznick Gewanter  
<zoerezgew@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:46 PM  
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Sincerely,

Zoë Reznick Gewanter

5809 Stuart Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-4141 zoerezgew@gmail.com

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

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**From:** maggiemaster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maggie Master  
<maggiemaster@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:01 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Maggie Master  
2920 Cresmont Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2817 maggiemaster@gmail.com

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

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**From:** mariam.banahi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mariam Banahi  
<mariam.banahi@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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I support 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.

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Thank you,  
Mariam

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mariam Banahi  
3001 N Calvert St Baltimore, MD 21218-4771 mariam.banahi@jhu.edu

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

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**From:** Chloe.mathers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chloe Mathers  
<Chloe.mathers@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:36 PM  
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Sincerely,

Chloe Mathers

3106 Abell Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-3411 Chloe.mathers@mail.goucher.edu

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

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**From:** allison.jennings.roche@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allison Jennings-Roche <allison.jennings.roche@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,

Allison Jennings-Roche

413 Homeland Ave Baltimore, MD 21212-3823 allison.jennings.roche@gmail.com

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

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**From:** jessica.elisberg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Elisberg  
<jessica.elisberg@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,

Jessica Elisberg

413 Hazlett Ave Baltimore, MD 21229-3917 [jessica.elisberg@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.elisberg@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** margothon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margot Kohn  
<margothon@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,  
Margot Kohn  
2413 Everton Rd Baltimore, MD 21209-4305 margothon@gmail.com



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

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**From:** williamdaly422+jewsunited@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Daly  
<williamdaly422+jewsunited@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Sincerely,  
William Daly  
2643 Maryland Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-5070  
[williamdaly422+jewsunited@gmail.com](mailto:williamdaly422+jewsunited@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** micheleslevy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Levy  
<micheleslevy@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:28 PM  
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Sincerely,

Michele Levy

3140 Remington Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2801 micheleslevy@gmail.com

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

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**From:** mattanster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mattan Schuchman  
<mattanster@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dr. Mattan Schuchman

3140 Remington Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2801 [mattanster@gmail.com](mailto:mattanster@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** gnodean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gabrielle Dean  
<gnodean@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Dean  
3023 Cresmont Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2820 gnodean@jhu.edu

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**From:** msutter26@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marijke Sutter <msutter26@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Marijke Sutter  
5600 Carter Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-2738 [msutter26@gmail.com](mailto:msutter26@gmail.com)

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**From:** maggy.t.kay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maggy Kay  
<maggy.t.kay@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,

Maggy Kay

921 S Ellwood Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-4948 maggy.t.kay@gmail.com

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Nick Nemphos  
1301 W 42nd St Baltimore, MD 21211-1508 [tool326@hotmail.com](mailto:tool326@hotmail.com)





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

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**From:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** Gwen Cudek  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** RE: Defund Baltimore Police Department

Thanks for your advocacy, Ms. Cudek. Mary Pat

Mary Pat Clarke  
Baltimore City Council, 14th District  
City Hall, Room 501  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
Marypat.clarke@baltimorecity.gov  
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<cdemario42@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Caleb DeMario Caleb DeMario  
3010 Saint Paul St Baltimore, MD 21218-3887 cdemario42@gmail.com

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

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**From:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:31 PM  
**To:** Oliver Hull  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** RE: Defund BPD

Thanks for your advocacy, Mr. Hull. Mary Pat

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Baltimore, MD 21202  
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Sent from my iPhone

Cheryl Winters (Cheryl Winters)

From: Cheryl Winters  
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:00 AM  
To: 'Cheryl Winters' <cheryl.winters@...>  
Cc: 'Cheryl Winters' <cheryl.winters@...>  
Subject: [REDACTED]

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

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**From:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Dane Galloway  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** RE: Defund BPD

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**From:** Dane Galloway [mailto:dane.galloway@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>  
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Respect and thanks,

Dane Galloway

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

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**From:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** Paige Paulsen  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** RE: Defund BPD

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**From:** Paige Paulsen [mailto:[paigepaulsen@gmail.com](mailto:paigepaulsen@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:06 PM

**To:** Bernard C Jack Young <[BernardC.JackYoung@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:BernardC.JackYoung@baltimorecity.gov)>; City Council President <[CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov](mailto:CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov)>; Cohen, Zeke (City Council) <[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)>; McCray, Danielle (City Council) <[Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov)>; Dorsey, Ryan (City Council) <[Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov)>; Henry, Bill (email) <[Bill.Henry22@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Bill.Henry22@baltimorecity.gov)>; Schleifer, Isaac (City Council) <[Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov)>; Middleton, Sharon (City Council) <[Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov)>; Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council) <[Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov)>; Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council) <[Kristerfer.Burnett@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Kristerfer.Burnett@baltimorecity.gov)>; Bullock, John (City Council) <[John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov)>; Reisinger, Edward (City Council) <[EReisinger@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:EReisinger@baltimorecity.gov)>; Costello, Eric (City Council) <[Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov)>; Stokes, Robert (City Council) <[Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov)>; Sneed, Shannon (City Council) <[Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov)>; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <[MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov)>

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Paige Paulsen, 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,  
Paige Paulsen  
3202 Guilford Ave, Apt 1  
[paigepaulsen@gmail.com](mailto:paigepaulsen@gmail.com)  
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**From:** Chance Carter <ccarter410@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President  
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Good afternoon,

I strongly urge the Council to defund BPD. Since I have moved to Baltimore there has been roughly 3,000 people murdered and yet the City spends even more now than before. Over a quarter of the City's budget goes to public safety. Yet we have a police force that operates with impunity across this City. In fact, I question of the competence of many of the officers. Just this morning the BPD incorrectly identified a shooting location that we are still trying to find. Why should I have to be a detective for our own police force. If this continues, please cut me a check.

Yours,  
Mr. Chance Carter

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**From:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:57 PM  
**To:** Alicia Badea  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** RE: Defund BPD and Invest in Community

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**From:** Alicia Badea [mailto:[alicia.s.badea@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.s.badea@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <[MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov)>  
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Dear Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke,

As a recently graduated Johns Hopkins student and a resident of Baltimore's 14th District, I am writing today to urge you to **defund the Baltimore Police Department and invest in Black communities--as a member of city council, vote "No" on any budget that does not meaningfully and substantially redistribute resources.** As has been evident for a long time, but has been abundantly so over the past several weeks, police do not keep us safe. It is an outrage and a disgrace that over 500 million dollars is allotted to an incompetent and actively harmful agency, especially while schools, affordable housing, and community development are chronically underfunded, receiving, historically, pitiable funds in comparison with the inflated budget of the BPD.

I call on the city to support the demands of the people, and reinvest at least half of the BPD budget (over \$268 million dollars) directly into healthcare, education, infrastructure, and affordable housing, amongst other social services. As I recognize the city council has comparatively limited power in budget structuring, the following are among the items to cut from the BPD budget:

**Section 635 (Recruitment), proposed budget of \$20,401,235.** BPD does not need to increase the size of their force.

**Section 626 (Data Driven Strategies, formerly Homeland Security), proposed budget of \$10,380,293.** Predictive policing lacks transparency and is racially biased; these methods do not improve public safety but undermine civil rights.

**Section 628 (Public Integrity Bureau), proposed budget of \$9,160,770.** The police cannot properly hold themselves accountable. The history of the Gun Trace Task Force attests to this.

**Section 622 (police patrol budget), cut \$20,000,000 of the proposed budget**

This is not an exhaustive list but only a starting point. **Restructure the budget to support communities and invest in the people of Baltimore, not police.**

Sincerely,  
Alicia Badea

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

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**From:** Nike Carstarphen <nikecarstarphen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund BPD, Invest in Black Communities

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June 18, 2020

Dear Mayor Young,

I am writing to support Black-led grassroots groups who are campaigning to **defund the Baltimore Police Department (BPD)**. As the daughter and sister of police officers, I am not anti-police. Rather, I strongly believe it's in the best interest of Baltimore (and the nation) to reimagine public safety and human security.

Baltimore has more police officers per capita than almost every other major city in the U.S., with little to show for this in its crime rate or solve rate. Therefore, it is time we reallocate taxpayer dollars to invest in Black communities and support significant needs in infrastructure, healthcare, education, housing, and other social services.

To pay for this needed investment, reduce the size of the BPD, fully implement the Consent Decree, and provide remaining officers with the training, technical, and leadership support they need in order to carry-out their duties in a professional, accountable and effective manner.

I expect you and my Baltimore elected officials to have the political will and courage to lead in radically reimagining the BPD and Baltimore in a way that enables Black communities to thrive.

Sincerely,

Berenike (Nike) Carstarphen  
Baltimore City Council District 14  
Privileged White woman

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

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**From:** gracie.l.greenberg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gracie Greenberg  
<gracie.l.greenberg@everyactioncustom.com>  
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**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund BPD—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,

Gracie Greenberg

803 Winston Ave Baltimore, MD 21212-4543 [gracie.l.greenberg@gmail.com](mailto:gracie.l.greenberg@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** Jannotta, Melia <meliajannotta@umaryland.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund Police Testimony  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1527.MOV

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Video attached. Thanks!

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**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Miriam <mdesharn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Police budget

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Dear Baltimore City government,

Please reduce funding for the police and reallocate the money to health and education.  
Thank you,  
Miriam DesHarnais  
Baltimore City Resident

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

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**From:** Morgan Frailey <morganfrailey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Budget re-allocation

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Dear Councilmember Currin -

I am writing to you as a resident of Baltimore City advocating for the safety and security of Black citizens. My demands are as follows:

### **Divest (Defund) from BPD.**

We demand an immediate divestment from the Baltimore Police Department. We Demand local schools, colleges, universities, and institutions cut ties with BPD, including School Resource Officers, and disband their current police forces. We reject any intervention made by law enforcement officers in the lives of our people. Instead, we call for the introduction of restorative and transformative justice measures to handle conflict.

### **Invest in Black Communities.**

We demand 50% of BPD's 2020 operating budget to be invested in Baltimore's Black Communities. \$268,188,238 needs to be invested in infrastructure, healthcare, education, housing, and other social services. Our communities deserve investment.

### **Abolish Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBoR)**

We demand the immediate abolishment of LEOBoR. This "Bill of Rights" hinders transparency and accountability. Under LEOBoR, officers charged with crimes are protected from public reckoning. We refuse the continued protection of officers that enact egregious violence on our communities.

### **Local Control**

We demand the City of Baltimore gains control of the Baltimore Police Department. BPD has been a state agency for 179 years since 1861. We reject the "need" for outside actors to determine what public safety looks like for our city. We affirm the skills and values of Baltimore's residents to handle issues of safety and wellness.

Thank you,  
Morgan Frailey

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

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**From:** najeehf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Najee Haynes-Follins  
<najeehf@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:15 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** We can do better than Police. Cut BPD funding

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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 citizen of Baltimore city 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.

One area of cuts I would suggest would be the reallocation of the 40 million dollars allotted to the Administrative Bureau and an end to the use of militarized SWAT units. Invest this money in schools and literacy programs, Invest this money in reentry support for the formerly incarcerated, invest this money recreation centers and job training for older youth.

Changes 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,  
Najee Haynes-Follins  
3036 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4284 najeehf@gmail.com

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Nate Doty <natedotyllc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:14 PM  
**Subject:** Fair and equitable distribution of funds for the BCPD

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Greetings -

My name is Nate Doty, a city resident currently living at 3702 Ellerslie Ave. seeking to voice my concerns ahead of the upcoming BCPD budget hearing. I would like to have my comments included in the files for the hearing, please.

I would like to see the BCPD divested and its budget more equitably distributed to our community members in need. I would like to see a significant portion, 50% of the budget directly put back into black communities, to help strengthen them and reduce crime from the bottom up. Additionally, I would like to see the abolishment of the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights as it leads to reduced accountability for their actions, and for our local governing bodies to actually reign in control over how the BCPD operates.

As a city resident I do not want our tax money and funding continuing to support policies that perpetuate racially motivated and discriminatory policies and practices.

Thank you,

Nate Doty

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** nsbar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Neil Sbar  
<nsbar@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:00 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Better Allocation of Funding among Policing and essential social services - First Cut 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.

Jews United for Justice supports the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Job (CJS), 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,

Dr. Neil Sbar  
15001 Buerger Road, Rockville, MD 20853-1532 nsbar@comcast.net

## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Nett Smith <nett.r.smith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 6:04 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (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)  
**Subject:** Cut the police budget

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To the Budget & Appropriations Committee:

I have lived in District 10 for around five years and I wholeheartedly support and urge heavy cuts to the BCPD budget in order to better support community and health services. The BCPD has broken the trust of Baltimore citizens time and again; not only by murdering Freddie Gray, but through overtime abuses and the GTFE. When I called 911 after a hit-and-run, the police were barely helpful; no report filed, no follow-up action. What exactly are we paying for?

Police abolition is a worthy pursuit and reducing the police budget is step one of that journey. Our community deserves investment in education, health, and libraries, not in officers who belong to a deeply racist institution.

I urge you to cut the BCPD budget and increase funding of more impactful organizations such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Now is the time to build a better future for Baltimore.

Sincerely,

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Nett Smith

Pronouns: they/them

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Nicole Sealfon <nsealfon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Subject:** Budget Testimony

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Nicole Sealfon, 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,

Nicole Sealfon, MPH

[nsealfon@gmail.com](mailto:nsealfon@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** nikecarstarphen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nike Carstarphen <nikecarstarphen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Invest in People, Not More Policing

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I am writing as your constituent to ask that you vote **NO** on 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, and I hope you will push for a significant reduction in the police budget. As a conflict resolution specialist and the daughter and sister of retired police officers, I am not anti-police. I know their job is difficult. I am reimagining the role and structure of policing.

Therefore, BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and it has been proposed that other critical services have their budgets cut.

After a groundswell of demands for racial equality and justice across our city and country, this moment is an opportunity and obligation for Baltimore elected officials to make the changes needed to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city. Addressing root problems is the most effective, cost-efficient and moral way to protect public safety and promote a thriving populace across our city.

This email is also going to the Budget and Appropriations Committee staff to submit it as public testimony for the Fiscal Year 2021 BPD Budget Hearing. I want to be sure this message is put in the public record.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nike Carstarphen

3000 Cresmont Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2819 [nikecarstarphen@gmail.com](mailto:nikecarstarphen@gmail.com)



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

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**From:** Nikki Coleman <[tcoleman21215@gmail.com](mailto:tcoleman21215@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Proposal for a "Black Lives Matter" Street

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I'm Tyshawn Coleman and I'm writing to request/propose a street named "Black Lives Matter".

In the wake of the tragic events that gripped our nation these past three months, as well as the death of Freddie Gray, I feel the city should honor those we've lost.

This city has been historical in acknowledging African-Americans and their contributions to society. We have schools named after notable figures such Fredrick Douglass, George Washington Carver, and Paul Laurence Dunbar just to name a few; so asking for a street dedicated to Black Lives Matter is minuscule.

I would like 200 N. Central Avenue to be named Black Lives Matter. This is the site where the former college, Sojourner Douglass College, is located. The college was named after Black abolitionists Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglass who both were slaves. The renaming of the street Black Lives Matter, and possibly turning the building into a landmark honoring both Abolitionists, will be greatly appreciated by the Black community.

Regards,  
Tyshawn Coleman

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

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**From:** Odessa Armstrong <odessa.dorothy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:31 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Henry, Bill (email) (City Council President); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Cohen, Zeke (City Council)  
**Subject:** DIVEST FROM BPD NOW

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Dear Baltimore City Council representatives,

I am a public school educator and a resident of the 3rd district writing to urge you to immediately find a way to cut the budget for police. I know that the City Council has limited power in this regard but this is an urgent issue which is long overdue.

I am quite sure that there will be ways to reduce the police budget while at the same time adhering to the constitutional provisions. Where there is a will, there is a way. As people learn that over half of the city's budget is spent on police, there will be an increasing call for defunding police -- as I am hearing around the country. This is LONG OVERDO.

I understand that many people have called for MORE, not less, policing over the years (including some of my neighbors) but we have not been able to transform our city by doing this. It is time to invest in people, not police. We need your voices speaking about this, educating residents and doing whatever is within your power to move us in a better direction.

Sincerely,

Odessa Armstrong

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Odette Ramos <odette@odetteramos.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** 'Odette Ramos'  
**Subject:** Testimony on the City Budget, thank you for the opportunity to submit.

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Dear Ms. Currin

Please accept this testimony for the City Council on the budget hearings.

It is a google doc, for some reason I can't convert to Word. But I can do that if needed

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1T8lc-Yi5rNIBAm9EjpaWm4jFW3m015K4RhwfKEYrMxE/edit>

Thank

Odette

Odette Ramos  
Democratic Nominee, Baltimore City Council District 14  
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By Authority: Friends of Odette Ramos, Erika McClammy, Treasurer

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Oreoluwa Oladunni <ore.oladunni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Stokes, Robert (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Save our city \$\$ by cutting BPD's budget in 7 easy steps!

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- 1) Cut \$10 million in "unallocated appropriation"
- 2) Cut \$29 million allocated for asset management
- 3) Cut the \$1 million in "employee wellness"
- 4) Cut \$750,000 for Public Affairs budget
- 5) Cut the \$200K it will cost to "transfer one Police Lieutenant from Casino Spill Revenue;
- 6) Cut \$15 million from the recruitment section
- 7) Cut \$40 million from the Administrative Bureau and end the use of military SVU units.

I am writing as your constituent and a participant of the Charles village civic association to **say NO** on the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that the Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding, and CVCA will push for a significant reduction in the police budget.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and it has been proposed that other critical services have their budgets cut.

CVCA should support Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CSJ) and 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.

This email is also going to the Budget and Appropriations Committee staff to submit it as public input for the Fiscal Year 2021 BPD Budget Hearing. I want to be sure this message is put in the public record.

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Oré Akinsanmi  
Resident of District 12

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** PK Kim <pk.kim.kowalewski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY2021 budget testimony

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Hello, my name is PK (they/them pronouns) and I am a Baltimore City resident (born and raised). I am, like so many other Baltimore City residents, urging a divestment and defunding of the Baltimore City Police Department by any means necessary.

After the death of Freddie Gray in 2015, the United States Department of Justice released an extensive infamous report on the behavior of the BPD. One need only briefly skim this report to know that the Baltimore City Police do far more damage than good in our communities - actively targeting and enacting violence on marginalized people and communities with little to no repercussion. This is UNACCEPTABLE and a system with this much oppression built into its roots cannot simply be reformed or "fixed", it must be removed entirely and replaced with investment in community programs and opportunities for health, housing, and financial security for all people in our city, especially our most marginalized.

We are currently living in a historic time. The Minneapolis City Council recently announced plans to disband the Minneapolis Police Department. My hope is that other cities around the country will soon follow suit, including Baltimore. I would urge anyone currently in a position of power in Baltimore City to do everything in their power to ensure a move towards Baltimore being next in line on that list of cities no longer terrorized by an oppressive police department.

Thank you,  
PK Kim  
2816 St. Paul St.  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
410-937-7210  
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## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Quentin Gibeau <qgibeau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD budget and tonight's budget hearing.

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Good afternoon Ms. Currin,

I'm emailing to provide my written **testimony** as a member of the public for tonight's hearing related to the BPD budget. Baltimore City would benefit **greatly** by investing in its social safety nets and supporting its social services. We can only do this by reallocating funds from our enormous police budget, and using said funds to help citizens in various ways, such as education, homeless services, eviction prevention, and public health, equitable transportation, etc. Many of our city's problems are endemic of the suffering caused by generational poverty. Overpolicing is not the solution to this ailment, only it's symptoms, and in fact makes it worse, and is a symptom of a much larger disease; institutionalized racism.

Thank you for your time,

Quentin Gibeau

Sent from my iPhone

## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** R. Wesley Jones <razielwesleyjones@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund the police

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Dear Eric Costello:

My name is R. Wesley Jones. In the midst of this pandemic & 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 in social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive.

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

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

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

Thank you,

R. Wesley Jones

June 12, 2020

## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Rachael <RachaelTanner02@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 12:44 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Budget

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Hello,

I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am writing today to let the city council know, and to enter public record on my position on the budget related to the Baltimore City Police Department.

I would like to see the city council reduce, rather than increase the budget for the police department this year. I support the mayor reallocating these funds to other important services, such as education and social services. I would like to see this step taken today.

I would like to see the council support the charter amendment to allow the council itself to make decisions about reallocating funds in the budget, rather than this being the sole responsibility of the mayor. Please, pass the amendment.

Thank you,  
Rachael Tanner  
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Sent from my iPhone



## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Rachel Amos <rachelkathmos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City Reallocation of Funds

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Rachel Amos, and I am a Baltimore resident living in District 7. I've been living in Baltimore since I was 8 years old. 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.

I am willing 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. This includes putting funds towards the heart (arts, small businesses, black-owned business, mental health care), the mind (public schools, teachers pay, community activities and centers, librarians pay and library programming, educational spaces) and taking funding away from the force. Force does not create peace.

Thank you,

Rachel

## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** rmmcgrain@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel McGrain  
<rmmcgrain@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Cut BPD Funding

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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.

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 funds 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 Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racism, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel McGrain

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