

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

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**From:** Dominick <leninstomb11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Budget

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing you because I recently took a look at the prospective budget and am disgusted by the amount of money being given to the Baltimore Police Department. Given the needs of the city, it seems to me that a reduction in budget is what's needed and we need to begin distributing that money to the hardest hit communities that are suffering from the systemic racism that has plagued Baltimore and America. We know from the Gun Trace Task Force that the department is corrupt and abuses overtime; we know from Freddie Gray that they engage in ruthless violence against our communities; we know by the solve rates that they don't actually resolve any crimes. They don't need any more money. That money could reduce crime by creating social programs for our communities, reinvesting jobs, providing people with free public transit and so on. Thank you,

Dominick

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

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**From:** Rebecca Lee <rvl26@cornell.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Cohen, Zeke (City Council); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** Proposed City Budget

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Rebecca Lee. 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.

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.

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

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**From:** Audio Esoterica <audioesoterica@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY21 Budget Allocations

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Council Members,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Mike Walls

June 5, 2020

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**From:** Elliot Centrella <emcentrella@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:39 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** City Budget

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This year's proposed budget adds 13 million to the BPD and cuts funding to vital services which help real humans. The BPD doesn't need a single cent until the following cuts are cancelled:

- Cuts to Board of Elections = -\$190,470
- Cuts to Comptroller's Audits budget = -\$189,955
- Cuts to Youth and Trauma Services = -\$10,749
- Cuts to Environmental Inspection Services = -\$50,243
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- Cuts to Events Art Culture and Films = -\$442,488

Help us,  
in Solidarity  
Elliot.

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

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**From:** Chris Merriam <chrismerriam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:38 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); Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Re: Cancel Baltimore Police Budget Increase!

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Forgot to email the mayor! Correcting that now. Thank you for your consideration.

On Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 9:41 AM Chris Merriam <[chrismerriam@gmail.com](mailto:chrismerriam@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Dear Baltimore City Council,

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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Sincerely,

Chris Merriam  
1314 E. 36th St.

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

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**From:** Margaret Palmquist <maggie.palmquist@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** 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); City Council President  
**Subject:** FY2021 Budget Comments

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Sincerely,

Margaret Palmquist

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**From:** Malarie Burgess <malarie.burgess@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY21 Budget Concerns

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Good morning,

I learned Baltimore City intends on making cuts to vital services while increasing the BPD's budget by \$13.5 million. The unawareness and complete disregard to read the political room is not lost on me.

I am a Baltimore City resident, zip code 21231. I adore my city, but I do not adore the city's police department. Historically corrupt, deadly, overreaching and militarized. They terrorize west Baltimore and have 24-hour surveillance of the entire city, especially outside of "the white L".

Imagine, instead of pushing the budget to nearly half a billion dollars, we funded support for trauma services. For homelessness prevention and outreach, parks and recreation, chronic disease prevention, affordable housing and the arts. The racist institution of policing does nothing to help poverty and community safety. The only people who feel safe around the police are wealthy and white - not attributes that describe most of the neighborhoods in Baltimore.

You must move toward defunding our militarized PD if you truly believe in protecting and serving Baltimore City. You need open hearings, virtual town halls and input from ALL your residents. Yes the ones jailed for every minor offense your police department enforces. Yes the ones in the black butterfly. Yes the family and friends of Freddie Gray.

Shame on all of you for using my tax dollars to terrorize, imprison and murder my neighbors.

With disappointment,  
Malarie Burgess  
21231

Your police department:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore\\_Police\\_Department#Criticism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltimore_Police_Department#Criticism)

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/baltimore-corrupt-police-officers-faces-scandal-180930103415790.html>

<https://www.colorlines.com/articles/read-brilliant-breakdown-baltimores-segregation>

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/citypaper/bcpnews-who-is-in-prison-and-what-it-costs-20160628-htmlstory.html>

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

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**From:** Kristina Satterlee <kristina.satterlee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Written Testimony in Opposition to Proposed BPD Budget Increases

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To the members of the Baltimore City Council,

My name is Kristina Satterlee, a resident of Baltimore's 7th Congressional District, and I am writing in opposition to the proposed FY21 budget increases for the Baltimore City Police department. Baltimore does not need increased investment in a system that criminalizes and stigmatizes people of color. Instead, Baltimore needs a redistribution of resources away from law enforcement and towards community services such as homelessness support, education, youth programming, and much, much more. It breaks my heart that the BPD is slated to receive budget increases while Youth and Trauma Services, Homelessness Prevention, and Affordable housing are all receiving budget cuts. Our communities need support, not policing.

Sincerely,

Kristina Satterlee



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

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**From:** Perry Wheeler <pwheeler40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:00 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** Oppose police budget increase

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Good morning,

I am writing today to strongly oppose the police budget increase of \$13.5 billion for FY21. I think it is an outrage that this is even being considered as the world rises up in support of Black lives and against oppressive police forces that continue to brutalize entire communities.

We don't need to be increasing police budgets -- we need to be cutting their budgets and investing in programs to help the most vulnerable in Baltimore, like affordable housing, education, trauma services, homeless prevention, and jobs efforts. I strongly believe that the police need to figure it out with less and we need to start addressing the root causes of crime here in Baltimore City.

Thank you for considering and adding my opposition to this increase to the record.

Sincerely,  
Perry Wheeler

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**Subject:** Cancel Baltimore Police Budget Increase!

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Chris Merriam  
1314 E. 36th St.

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**From:** Katie Despeaux <katiedespeaux@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY21 Budget Testimony

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Good morning,

I hope this finds you well and safe. I am writing because I am horrified that the Baltimore PD is proposed to receive \$1.3 million more in funding in FY21 than FY20, while other more important services in Baltimore will not have this type of budget increase. And in fact, it appears as though funding is planned to be cut from Youth and Trauma Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention and support services for those experiencing homelessness, parks, and various cultural and artistic events (per [https://secure-web.cisco.com/12NaFbz1iJ0c1xJFYQeigo4uGAcA7bmV4Xe-D0ufPrRkDRKZ-A603z6bGczi8So-rtuqm\\_fBXQ7FoOeljHLSPWracnwDmgsZFEOuvVN35KuQYkegTqh643wX5Mm\\_bMr5cedv4WdoRY-cyIy3oDbBJXkLj5jylWDXRrLskshdL639kJ0OWTaSG5jvwWnyqmFvnJOGHTtIXt6rixZkOqGwmCdtHwOsWC6\\_YkoQNauytEW7yd\\_ON2Dlqg6pLYox4UJzOiU3qq\\_U1bxAS5OHYusZ2LOc3KH61UOkfDKRFT65wLrc0eEfC6goyssx-zHVWYjH7BYiMTfvLBo-zUd30hMyBPR2ji9ZUqWhzU0rb9SmMvQx44OYJ06tG64A3M9HueILg0Cw9lyPXhkvDuhlSo78wKtTLsG7VNdjJREOhMRRr\\_A/https%3A%2F%2Fbbmr.baltimorecity.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Ffy21\\_execsumm\\_2020-05-06\\_FINAL.pdf](https://secure-web.cisco.com/12NaFbz1iJ0c1xJFYQeigo4uGAcA7bmV4Xe-D0ufPrRkDRKZ-A603z6bGczi8So-rtuqm_fBXQ7FoOeljHLSPWracnwDmgsZFEOuvVN35KuQYkegTqh643wX5Mm_bMr5cedv4WdoRY-cyIy3oDbBJXkLj5jylWDXRrLskshdL639kJ0OWTaSG5jvwWnyqmFvnJOGHTtIXt6rixZkOqGwmCdtHwOsWC6_YkoQNauytEW7yd_ON2Dlqg6pLYox4UJzOiU3qq_U1bxAS5OHYusZ2LOc3KH61UOkfDKRFT65wLrc0eEfC6goyssx-zHVWYjH7BYiMTfvLBo-zUd30hMyBPR2ji9ZUqWhzU0rb9SmMvQx44OYJ06tG64A3M9HueILg0Cw9lyPXhkvDuhlSo78wKtTLsG7VNdjJREOhMRRr_A/https%3A%2F%2Fbbmr.baltimorecity.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Ffy21_execsumm_2020-05-06_FINAL.pdf)). As a Baltimore resident and tax payer, I demand that Baltimore City fund communities and not cops, especially as most BPD cops do not even live in the city limits (<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/most-baltimore-police-officers-live-outside-the-city/>).

Our communities and people deserve better, and the BPD should receive less funding in order to uplift and support Baltimore City as a whole. Do not increase the BPD budget by \$1.3 million for FY21.

Sincerely,  
Katie Despeaux

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

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**From:** Augusta Gribetz <agribetz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Testimony against the proposed Baltimore City FY21

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Dear Ms. Marguerite Currin,

I hope this email finds you well. Please see below for my testimonial against the the proposed Baltimore City FY21.

After reviewing the proposed Baltimore City FY21, it has come to my attention that the budget includes an increase to police funding of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. This massive increase would push the BPD operating budget to over half a billion dollars. This huge output of additional money to the BDP is alarming and quite frankly outrageous when Baltimore City cannot heat its schools or provide permanent housing to unhoused people.

As we continue to see again and again, the BPD and all policing around America is a racist institution and continues to commit violence against black people. While BPD has tried multiple strategies of reform, such a body camera, we have seen them fail and only support and defend the police instead of protecting people. It is time to defund the BPD and reinvest that money into black communities. As the proposed budget shows, the city is willing to make cuts to vital resources like homeless services, youth and trauma services, chronic disease prevention, and much more in order to fund a racist, dangerous police program. This demonstrates that our Mayor and city officials do not care about Baltimore citizens and prioritize the police department rather than the basic and vital needs of our communities.

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

Sincerely,  
Augusta Gribetz, resident of 21218

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

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**From:** John Amethyst Kernan <kernanj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Police Budget

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Ms. Currin,

I understand the police budget is slated for a ~\$13.5 million increase this year. I am sure you are aware of the optics of such a decision in this current time of turmoil. I urge you to consider following LA's approach and making a step, albeit a small one, in the direction of rerouting police funds to effective, non-violent community solutions for Baltimore's myriad problems.

John Kernan  
1211 Union Avenue, Baltimore 21211

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

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**From:** Anna Bickers <annabickers1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 7:25 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY 2021 Baltimore City Budget Testimony

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My name is Anna Bickers 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 at least 30% from BPD, and investing instead in social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive. Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, longterm change. Thank

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; Curin, Marguerite (City Council)

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

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

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

Thank you,

Julia Lansing

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

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**From:** kat madeira <410madeira@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:42 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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How dare you expect this city to flourish by removing essential and not PROVIDING more essential funding to the community and instead feed it to the position of police. They are neither protecting nor serving their citizens, and Baltimore deserves better by now. Get it together. What would this budget truly propose? Another means to terrorize the citizens? How is that patriotic in any way? ESPECIALLY concerning a city so especially abandoned. It's disgusting. To be proposing something like this in a time like this — where brutality has been more prevalent with the protests over George Floyd — it is HUMILIATING and PATHETIC to propose something so inappropriate.

Kathleen M. Roberth



**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Marios Falaris <mfalaris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:51 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** • Testimony - City Council Budget

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I am a resident of Baltimore city, living in the 14th district, and I request inclusion of my testimony regarding the proposed city council budget.

I strongly oppose the proposed increase in the budget for Policing and insist that the City Council in fact make substantial cuts to funding the BPD. I request that the Council look into disbanding the BPD altogether.

As a doctoral student conducting ethnographic research on the effects of policing on communities, I base this opposition on my own findings as well as the consensus of researchers across the fields of Public Health and the Social Sciences. The research shows: more policing and more funds towards policing do NOT make communities safer. Funding the police is antithetical to "public safety."

Thank you for your consideration,  
Marios Falaris  
100 West 39th St  
Baltimore, MD 21210

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**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)**

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**From:** Mariel Farhi <mariefarhi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 11:16 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Testimony Re: FY21 Budget

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To the City Council,

My name is Mariel Farhi. I have lived in Maryland for eight years -- first as a student at St. John's College in Annapolis, and here in Baltimore for the past four. I have been a homeowner in the city for two and a half years, in the Charles Village neighborhood. I love this city for the beauty of its people and its architecture, for its robust artistic community and thriving food scene, and for its wonderful parks, among many other reasons.

One thing I do not love about our city is the presence of an aggressive and overtly racist police force that terrorizes the black community and does virtually nothing to meaningfully increase public safety. For this reason, and especially in light of the recent epidemic of police-instigated violence nationwide, I am deeply dismayed to learn that the city plans to increase police funding by \$13,583,042 for the next fiscal year.

I, and many others, cannot conceive of what a police budget of over half a billion dollars does for our city besides further embolden a police force that is already under investigation for countless abuses while taking away funding from actual vital services and initiatives such as Youth and Trauma Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Affordable Housing, Homelessness Prevention and support services for the homeless, Parks, arts funding, and of course our schools.

It should be common sense that if you want to decrease crime and poverty and increase the wellbeing of a community, you invest in those communities. You create more opportunities and support for both our youth and adults. You do not punish the desperate. You nourish so that people can be strong and build strong communities. It is beyond depravity that our schools do not have adequate supplies or even temperature control, but the police can have anything they like.

Enough is enough. It's time to do the right thing and invest in this city -- not the terroristic carceral state. Defund the police.

Sincerely,  
Mariel Farhi  
3024 North Calvert Street  
Apartment A3  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
607-592-6420

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

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**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)**

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**From:** Jen Karner <jekarner@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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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)**

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**From:** peter matchette <petermatchette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:59 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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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  
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301-706-5391

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**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)**

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**From:** Ben Cohn <benliamc1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:39 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Hi,

My name is Ben Cohn 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.

Ben Cohn



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

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**From:** Peter Weck <peterjweck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:38 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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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

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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

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Peter Weck  
Council District 14  
Zip code: 21211

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

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**From:** Green, Carmellita  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 6:26 PM  
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**Subject:** Peaceful Protest  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon everyone.

This message is sent on behalf of the Chief of Staff, Kimberly Morton

As you know, there have been a number of peaceful protests at City Hall this week. We expect these protests to continue over the next several days.

There has been a perimeter constructed around the front entrance of City Hall which will continue to be in place. The front entrance to City Hall is closed. So long as the perimeter remains, city employees are required to enter and exit City Hall through the back door. You must show your credentials in order to be granted access to the building. Due to COVID-19, we have already mandated telework for eligible employees. I encourage you to continue to work from home and only those employees who must report to City Hall should come to the building.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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

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**From:** Chris Ryan <christopherryan0521@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:13 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Reduce Police Funding in FY21

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It is despicable to see my hometown give more money to a police force that terrorizes its citizen more than protest them.

I implore you to not make cuts 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 & more. Instead, take the funds meant for policing the streets and put it towards these programs which are empirically proven to reduce crime more than having police on the streets.

Crime and drug abuse are symptoms of more systematic issues that need to be better addressed through prevention means. It does our city no good to have more police officers on the streets that citizens fear and do not trust. It does our city no good to have riot gear and chemical weapons like tear gas at the ready to use against the citizens these police are supposed to be protecting. It does no good to our city to give our police department MILLIONS of dollars when it cannot police itself to stop cops from violently killing its citizens like they did to Freddie Gray.

I hope you stand on the right side of history and give this money to the communities who need it rather than to the police forces that have been co-opted by power-hungry individuals ready for a fight.

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

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**From:** Cecilia Rice <celkarice@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:13 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Hi,

My name is Cecilia Rice and I am a resident of City Council District 4 in Baltimore City. I am writing to you to express my opposition to some of the changes being made to the Baltimore City budget. In the wake of the deaths of George Floyd and Brianna Taylor, as well as thousands of other black people at the hands of police across the country, and the total mistreatment of often peaceful protestors by police, it seems clear to me that our nation's system of law enforcement is flawed. In Baltimore specifically one regularly hears stories of corrupt cops, and even those cops who are "law abiding" are still part of a system which is designed to protect the property of the wealthy and white while punishing the poor and black. It seems to me that in light of this funds must be redirected from the police to community initiatives which stop crime at its roots. Instead of increasing the police budget by over \$13,000,000, I hope that you all will consider allocating those funds, as well as a large portion of the ridiculously high budget the ineffectual, racist and classist organization which is the Baltimore Police receives, to the areas which are being defunded, including Youth and Trauma Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention and Support Services, Outreach to the Homeless, Parks, and the arts in general. Our police should not be better funded than our schools, which incidentally receive so little money that teachers I know have been forced to buy all their own classroom supplies (including paper), which are used on the days when school isn't cancelled due to lack of air conditioning.

Thank you so much,  
Cecilia

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

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**From:** Mariel Acosta <cani9e@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:19 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 Mariel Acosta. In the middle of all these calls for police reform, I think it is extremely ridiculous and tone deaf 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 that actually improve our city 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 instead of giving more money to pigs who use military grade equipment to brutalize our own citizens. Wake the hell up y'all.

I'm so tired.

Best, Mariel

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

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**From:** Jordan Britton <jabrit10@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:12 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Jordan Britton. 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,  
Jordan Britton

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

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**From:** Ellie MacInnes <emacinnnes@mica.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:12 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Elinore MacInnes. 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,

Elinore MacInnes

Sent from my iPhone



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

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**From:** Tasayeh Nickens <tasayehrn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Tasayeh Nickend. 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,  
Tasayeh Nickens

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

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**From:** laurabradleywebb@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 12:06 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Laura Bradley-Webb. 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,  
Laura Bradley-Webb

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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Good Morning,

I am a home owner in 21214. It has come to my attention that the city is looking to increase the police budget for the coming year. I was told you were the person to reach out to to voice my concerns. I do not believe that the current situation that Baltimore is in will be resolved by over policing. Especially given recent events I believe it is imperative that we scale back. I believe that we should be focusing our money on education and infrastructure. Please let me know that you have received this email and if I sent it to the correct person.

Thank You

Alex Hankewycz

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To Ms. Currin and the City Council,

My name is Rebecca Shin (legal name) and I'm a resident of 21202 in Baltimore City. I do not want my name attached to this testimony, please keep me anonymous.

I do not see any reason at all to be increasing the budget of the police force in Baltimore City, let alone having such an enormous budget in the first place. To see the statistics of how little in proportion is spent on education, housing, homeless services, recreation and parks, healthcare, and more, is completely abhorrent. Having attended the youth leaders march last Monday, June 1st, I do not understand how you could look at these black children who are so intelligent, compassionate, beautiful, and brave, and think that what they need in their communities is more police and not better education, safer and stable housing, the best quality of life.

Police kill and discriminate against the black community in Baltimore City, and all throughout the country every single day. They do not protect people in non-white, LGBTQ, disabled, and poor communities, they are one part of a large system that enacts violence upon them. We demand that the police force be defunded and disarmed as a first step, because we know that "fighting crime" does not mean more violence, but to meet these people where they are and meet their needs. They need food, shelter, education, mental and physical healthcare. They do not need surveillance planes, helicopters, national guard tanks. It is disgusting to see these in our streets. We demand an end to all technological and chemical warfare against our black citizens. To use tear gas against innocent, unarmed people in the midst of a global pandemic of a disease with respiratory complications is so unbearably cruel. A pandemic which is hitting black and immigrant communities hardest. How can you do this to the people you are supposed to represent? How can you stand and watch?

Thank you for your time.

Rebecca