

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Normandie Luscher <normandie.lu@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Defund Police in the Baltimore City Budget

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I saw that Mayor Young signed the commitment to action pledge and that the Baltimore Police's use of force policies were revised. I however think that further action is required.

Defund Baltimore Police Departments

As a citizen of Baltimore, I want our funds to be distributed and diversified away from funding the Police force to be a catch all for our community. While police do many things to keep order in our society, there are other organizations that should be funded instead of increasing the budget for policing in Baltimore. Vital services, such as: Youth and Trauma services, Environmental Inspection services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Housing and Community Development, Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless, Outreach to the Homeless and other such services are more adequately equipped and more appropriately trained to accommodate and aid our community.

End Qualified Immunity for Police and other Government Officials

I also encourage our local leaders to dismantle Qualified Immunity at local levels and to hold police accountable for criminal misconduct and to no longer shield them from civil lawsuits for breaching the civil rights of our citizens.

Police Training Reform

Additionally, training for police should focus on de escalation and non violent approaches to resolving conflict as opposed to no hesitation training and violence.

Please help us to reform our city, strengthen our community and put the power back into the hands of the citizens.

Normandie Luscher

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Gina Randazzo <ginarandazzo08@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)
Subject: Baltimore City Expense Budget Reform

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Gina Randazzo]. 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,

Gina Randazzo

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Adam Farkas <asfarkas@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Hello,

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

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

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

Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023) Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270) Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541) Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000) Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749) Board of Elections (-\$190,470) Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243) Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906) Park programs and events (-\$122,912) Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806) Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488) I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,

Adam Farkas, (12th district Baltimore City)

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Patrick Meyers <pjmeyers21@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Testimony for FY21 Budget

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America - Steering Committee call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should instead be transferred to resources that our city needs such as the Board of Education, Youth and Trauma Services, Environmental Inspection Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Housing and Community Development Administration, ect.

This fund is over 500\$ Million for the Baltimore Police Department and there is no reason as to why they should have so much funding when our communities have little to no funding at all. So many services are lacking in the resources to better our community. This money is being wasted on the Police Department and can be used for a greater cause.

For to long our city has lived in poverty. Our homes being put in foreclosure with no solution insight for decades. We need this money to build our city in the beautiful community we know it can be. Action needs to be taken to ensure we can succeed and that starts with defunding the Police. This system is no longer needed in our day and age and a new system needs to be born again from the ashes of old. We need to finally be able to live not just survive and live our lives in fear.

Please take this time to think about all the lives you could save and improve with these changes. We need this now more than ever.

- Change Starts With You

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Tara Catanzariti <tcatanz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Fwd: General Funds by Agency

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I call on the city council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 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 and be used to invest in our neighborhoods, proactively improving quality of life and reducing crime. Investments in other areas, rather than continuing to increase funding to an agency that continues to show fiscal irregularities, wasteful overtime spending, and limited results, will also reallocate resources and reduce some officer/department burden. Give money and resources to the experts in their areas.

I call on the city council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate instead to Affordable Housing, Housing and Community Development, Homeless Prevention/Support, Homeless Outreach, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Youth and Trauma Services, Park programs and events, Public right of way clearing, and Event Art Culture and Films.

Tara Catanzariti
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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Daniel McCarthy <dpmccarthy94@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Baltimore City Expense Budget Reform

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Daniel McCarthy. I live in Highlandtown and teach at a Baltimore City Public School in the Northwest part of the city. It has been my pleasure to live in our great city for the past 8 years. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels more inappropriate than ever to propose increases to the BPD budget from \$530 Million to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divesting interest in the BPD, and investing social services and education programs, effective at the beginning of FY 2021. Investment in our public schools, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive. Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. It's time to defund the BPD's harmful expansion into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where police don't belong. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials lobby intense care, attention and effort towards finding sustainable, long-term change. Thank you, and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Daniel McCarthy
June 5, 2020

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Z U <zoesubaldo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:48 PM
Subject: DEFUND BPD

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Hello, I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including: Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819) Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023) Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270) Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541) Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000) Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749) Board of Elections (-\$190,470) Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243) Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906) Park programs and events (-\$122,912) Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806) Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488) I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,
Zoe

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Candice Golembo <candicegolembo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:49 PM
To: City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget

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Sincerely,
Candice Golembo

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Daniela Mileykovsky <dmileykovsky@mica.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Baltimore Budget Vote

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Dear Baltimore City Leadership,

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

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

Sincerely,
Daniela Mileykovsky

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Nicole Davis <nicolemdavis1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Subject: Statement for Funding meeting (BPD)

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Good Afternoon,

As a person born, raised and who has chosen to invest in the city of Baltimore, I must ask that you not increase the budget for the Baltimore City Police Department. We all have seen what the police have been capable of in this city and to be honest, they do not make me feel safe nor do they represent this fine city. We know that they have stolen pharmaceuticals and sold them to gangs, killed citizens of this city in cold blood or on "rough rides" and most recently and quite publicly, punched a mentally unstable woman in the face. The list, I'm sure you're aware, goes on.

This is also an unprecedented time, as we are in the midst of a deadly pandemic that is unflinchingly targeting poor black and brown people, those "essential workers" who often neither make a living wage or have access to adequate health care. I ask that the city council take the proposed increase and put it towards the people who need it most. People who need access to food, access to health care (both physical and mental). I ask that you consider employing non police first responders who are therapists, trained in de escalation.

I'm certain that there are community members and organizations who are much more aware of the intricate needs of Baltimoreans and I ask that you defer to them. But please, do not increase the police budget at this moment. I would urge you to defund the police as well. The money is needed elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Nicole Davis
Resident of Baltimore City

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Michael Magaha <magahamawb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Michael Magaha. 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,

Michael Magaha

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Nashalia Ferrara <nashalia@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Nashalia Ferrara. 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,

Nashalia