

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

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**From:** Tanvi Avasthi <tavasth1@jhu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
**Subject:** Upcoming Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Brandon M. Scott, Councilwoman Shannon Sneed,

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. Please consider divesting from police practices that have increased trauma in our city and investing in our communities, especially black communities, by improving housing, education, and healthcare.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. As a nurse, we have seen the health of our patients improves with better housing, education, harm reduction efforts, and public infrastructure to support health and wellbeing. The budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

- Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819)
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- Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488)

*This is unacceptable.*

I call on the City Council to **cancel** the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments. **Please consider following the Twin Cities' lead in not only not increasing the BPD budget, but dramatically *cutting* the BPD budget it as well.** We are not safe with over militarization of the police and over policing in our communities.

Sincerely,

Tanvi Avasthi, MSN, MA, RN  
pronouns: she/her/hers  
703-868-5407

English (continued)

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The document also includes a section on the limitations of the study. It acknowledges that the sample size was relatively small, which may limit the generalizability of the findings. Additionally, the study was cross-sectional, meaning that it only captured a single point in time, which may not fully represent the long-term relationship between the variables.

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**From:** Greg Frailey <gregfrailey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council)  
**Subject:** Police Department Budget

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Sincerely,

Greg Frailey

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

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**From:** Ariane Sharifi <asharifi@terpmail.umd.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Constituent message - vote against BPD proposed budget & postpone hearing on BPD budget

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City Councilman Costello,

My name is Ariane Sharifi; I am a resident of Baltimore City and I am your constituent in your district. I have two requests for you today:

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. Cities such as Los Angeles have reduced funding for their police departments in the past few days and I call on Baltimore City to do the same thing.

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

Additionally, I demand that **the 6/12 hearing on the police budget be postponed and/or the deadline for submitting testimonies be extended** so that more can people (Baltimore City constituents who deserve to have their voices heard!) can participate in this crucial process. We live in a democracy, please use your power to ensure that our city is one.

I have been your constituent since your election; I voted for you in the most recent primary because I believed that you cared about our city and the people you represent. As my City Councilman and as the Committee Chair of the Budget & Appropriations Committee I ask that you make these changes.

Sincerely,  
Ariane Sharifi

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

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**From:** J M <jammartone@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); City Council President; Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Citizen's Written Testimony Regarding Proposed FY 2021 Baltimore City Budget

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Dear Mayor Young, City Council President Scott, and esteemed Members of the Baltimore City Council,

I, Jacqueline Morgia-Martone, a citizen of West Baltimore in Baltimore City, 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 resources should be transferred to and invested in other crucial social services, including the development of a community-controlled institute for conflict de-escalation, intervention, and mental health support.

The proposed General Fund seeks to allocate over \$500 Million to the Baltimore Police Department. This far exceeds the combined general funding to Housing and Community Development, Office of Employment Development, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Homeless Services, Recreation & Parks, Art & Culture, and the Health Department. The continuous reliance on excessive policing tactics in our neighborhoods, increased militarization of our police, and lack of crucial funding to support community services is abhorrent and perpetuates a vicious cycle. If we continue to sustain the current trend, we will only ensure the demise of our great city.

In my community, police are an ever present force at gas stations, grocery stores, and street corners. Meanwhile, schools are suffering from deteriorating infrastructure and community programs continue to be defunded. Social programs and services are sorely in need of funding and support. I do not wish to see an increase in policing but rather have my taxpayer dollars go towards initiatives, programs, and services that strive to support my fellow Baltimoreans and our community at large. We need the police to stop intervening. We need alternatives to widespread policing.

I call on the Baltimore City Council to take a bolder stand on policing and social services. Cities all over the country have chosen the systematic defunding of social services and strengthening of police forces, actions which have directly influenced the current atmosphere of violence and mistrust across the nation. Baltimore does not have to continue this unfortunate trend. Instead, it should address the root cause of poverty, crime and violence. I call for our officials to listen to the countless community members and organizations demanding community-oriented programs and departments. We need solutions that allow Baltimore City residents an opportunity to thrive, not merely survive.

We are called upon in this hour of great upheaval in our country to lay the foundations of a better tomorrow. That starts with defunding the police.

I hope you will truly consider the pleas of myself and many Baltimoreans who hope for a brighter tomorrow for the future generations of our great city of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Morgia-Martone

Quinn-McGrath (City Council)

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Sent: [Redacted]  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: [Redacted]

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

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**From:** Jay Chwi <jchwi9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** BCPD Funding FY 20-21

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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,

James M. Chwirut  
4424 Forest View Ave.  
Baltimore, MD  
21206



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**From:** Julia Rickles <julia.rickles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President  
**Subject:** Proposed budget reallocation

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Dear Marguerite Currin & Council President Brandon M. Scott,

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

Sincerely,

Julia Rickles

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Cassie Kelly <cassie.kelly07@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Cohen, Zeke (City Council); City Council President  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Council President Brandon Scott and Councilman Zeke Cohen,

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 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. That reallocation would better serve the community, reduce violence, and save lives. Thank you both for the work that you do, and all the work I sincerely hope you both do to reduce police violence and reallocating the police budget towards the greater good.

Sincerely,  
Cassie Kelly

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Cassandra Kelly  
Baltimore Resident of District 1

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Melanie Kae Olaes <mkbolaes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); 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 Melanie Kae Olaes. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, I do not support 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.

I request the reallocation of funds into 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 to have a measurable and lasting impact on public health and safety.

Best,

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**Melanie Kae B. Olaes**  
[mkbolaes@gmail.com](mailto:mkbolaes@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** Watts, Lydia <lwatts@law.umaryland.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Henry, Bill (email)  
**Subject:** I urge the Mayor to reallocate budget dollars and that become a part of the formal comments to the FY21 City Budget Hearings  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Ms. Currin:

I have sent the following email to all the Councilmembers and the Mayor's Office. I would like it to become a part of the formal comments to the Budget Testimony re: allocation of dollars to the Baltimore Police Department. Additionally, in light of the global pandemic and recent events highlighting the inequities that bloated police budgets can result in, I would call for an extension of the timeline to submit comments in regards to the city's annual budget – especially in regards to the allocations to the BPD.

Dear -----,

As the Mayor and City Council move to finalize Baltimore City's annual budget, and in light of the recent events that highlight the overwhelming inequities facing black and brown folks in Baltimore City, I urge you to tell the Mayor to reallocate funds from the over-sized BPD budget and reallocate those expenses elsewhere.

Where?

- To fund black-owned and operated businesses and nonprofits that need support during and after COVID-19
- To fund organizations that assist victims of crime in other ways than through the traditional criminal justice response (restorative justice, community mediation, civil legal services, re-housing efforts)
- To fund affordable and safe housing options inside Baltimore City and in neighborhoods where the impact of poverty and racist redlining is minimal
- To fund the Kirwan Commission's recommendations to rebuild our public schools
- To fund COMMUNITY-BASED efforts (without the red-tape and so-called accountability measures that keep the community from accessing and using those funds) to rebuild their communities, reduce crime block by block, and invest in community assets such as cafes and bookstores, etc.

Thank you,  
Lydia

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**From:** Lyn White <lynmwhite@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY 21 Budget Reallocation

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I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. I'm calling on the Mayor now to ask that the additional funding that was slated to be directed to BPD in FY 2021 be re-allocated to the departments listed below that were slated to be cut in the FY 2021 budget. The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including: Affordable Housing (-\$3,535,819) Housing and Community Development (-\$227,023) Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless (-\$641,270) Outreach to the homeless (-\$1,971,541) Enoch Pratt Free Library (-\$350,000) Youth and Trauma Services (-\$10,749) Board of Elections (-\$190,470) Environmental Inspection Services (-\$50,243) Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906) Park programs and events (-\$122,912) Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806) Events Art Culture and Films (-\$442,488) I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and call on the Mayor to re-allocate that funding to the above departments.

Sincerely,  
Lyn White

To the Baltimore City Council:

As Baltimore City residents, we call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY2020-2021 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department.

The vast majority of BPD funding should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize neighbors and communities and investment in our schools, parks, and basic city service. I call upon the council to cancel the proposed BPD budget increase, and advocate for the reallocation of the more than \$13 million dollars to departments that better serve the public, all of which are having their budgets cut this year including:

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We call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and advocate for its allocation to the above departments. We understand that public safety is a major concern in the city. However it is incredibly clear that the Baltimore City Police Department has a negative impact on the safety of our city and that fully funding basic services, mental health services, educational opportunities for our young people among many, many other services will make us all safer than continuing to increase BPD's budget. In a time when the city is suffering economically and there is increasing national clarity about the harm that policing inflicts on communities like Baltimore it would be unconscionable to approve this budget increase.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Weber and Jeffrey Thompson

231 E 25th St

Baltimore, MD 21218





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

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**From:** Amanda Forbes <mandeeashley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Reisinger, Edward (City Council); City Council President; Bernard C Jack Young; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY 2021 Proposed BPD Budget Increase

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

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Sincerely,

Mandee Forbes  
Violetville, Baltimore, MD

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is John Asher Warren. 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,  
Asher Warren

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

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**From:** Rebecca Corona <rebecca.corona94@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Budget Increase

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To Whom it May Concern,

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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.

Respectfully,  
Rebecca Corona  
Zipcode: 21202

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

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**From:** Maha Ahmed <maha.ahmed4peace@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,  
Maha Ahmed

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Bonnie Crawford <bonnie.crawford@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 10:16 AM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Fwd:

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Dear Mayor Young,

I sent the following to City Council Members this morning, and I am told that the council cannot reallocate funds, but that YOU can. Please consider investing in the people of Baltimore City, rather than the police officers who may work here, but don't actually live here. I am a mother of two children who attend Baltimore City Schools, I have lived here nearly 20 years. The BPD does not enrich the lives of my family members or my neighbors.

Best,

Bonnie Crawford  
District 3 Resident

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**From:** Bonnie Crawford <bonnie.crawford@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 8:03 AM  
**Subject:**  
**To:** <[Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov)>  
**Cc:** <[Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Bill.Henry@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Bill.Henry@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov)>, <[Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov)>

Dear Eric Costello,

My name is Bonnie Crawford and I am a Baltimore City resident in District 3. 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.

Thank you,

Bonnie Crawford

June 5, 2020

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Bonnie Crawford



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

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**From:** Christopher Moore <christopher@threedaysatsea.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:38 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 and members of the city council,

My name is Christopher Moore and I live in Hampden. 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,

Christopher Moore

**Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** ilene Lundy <ilene.r.lundy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Zeke Cohen  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilman Zeke Cohen,

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

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

Sincerely,  
Ilene Lundy

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[ilenelundy.com](http://ilenelundy.com)

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

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**From:** J. Lynch <jlynchlaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore Budget—Reduce Police Funding

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I write to express my opposition to the proposed allocation for the Baltimore Police in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. The Fiscal 2021 Preliminary Budget allocates \$549,959,519 for the Police Department, more than \$13 million above last year's allocation.

Increasing funding for the police force does not address the root causes of crime in our city and only potentially exacerbates the problem. As we've seen recently around the country, police and military forces have escalated violence when responding to the largely peaceful exercise of constitutional rights—rights which all public officials swear an oath to uphold. Moreover, notwithstanding the federal consent decree, I don't believe the City has truly undertaken a proper reckoning with respect to corruption within the ranks of the Baltimore Police Department. One must remember the entirety of the adage that begins "A few bad apples" and concludes "spoil the whole bunch."

In fact, the Fiscal 2021 Preliminary Budget indicates that negative factors to the rising rates of homicides and non-fatal shootings are "Barriers to legitimate economic opportunity, particularly for low-skill individuals and/or those with a criminal background" (p. 95). Yet budgetary funding to address these factors is a small fraction of what would be allocated to the Police Department. Recent history has also shown us that more policing and spending on police has failed to reduce incidents of homicide and non-fatal shootings in the city.

Similarly, half of the factors impacting property crime, as outlined in the Fiscal 2021 Preliminary Budget relate to employment, recreation, and community-building (positive factor: "Employment and recreational opportunities for Baltimore youth, such as YouthWorks"; negative factor: "Barriers to upward economic mobility and community support systems") (p. 96).

The emphasis on policing in the budget as indicated by the amount of the allocation suggests that it is more important to the City of Baltimore and its elected officials than the Priority Outcomes for "Children and Families" (\$481,348,821 proposed in the budget), "Equitable Neighborhood Development" (\$136,374,754 proposed), and "Innovative Government" (\$161,982,669 proposed)—three of the Mayor's top five Priority Outcomes.

With these factors in mind, as a Baltimore resident, I call upon the Mayor and the City Council to dramatically reduce funding for the Baltimore Police Department, and reallocate such funds to improve the livelihood of the city through investments in education, job creation, health care, and environmental justice.

Sincerely,  
James Lynch

CC: Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke

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

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**From:** Matt Scotti <mbslax@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** No Police Funding Increases

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I am writing to demand that the city council scraps the proposed 13.5 million dollar increase in funding for the BPD, and, instead, decrease funding to this already bloated, corrupt, and ineffective state appendage. The death of George Floyd, the ensuing protests, and the brutal police retaliation across the country are clear signs that going to war with our communities is not a way to protect anyone. The money currently funding the BPD would be much better utilized funding mental health resources, youth centers, non-violent community-led mediation programs, and other such programs that address the root causes of crime. Not only is a generalized policing response to the woes of society punitively cruel and systemically racist, it is ineffective. Incarceration is one of the greatest predictors of recidivism, and breaking up families through aggressive policing can break up support systems and create generational cycles of poverty and crime. I urge the council to consider the proposals being put forward across the country by activists and local governments to defund police departments. Further, given the extreme relevance of currently unfolding events to this line item debate, I demand that the council extend the deadline for submitting written testimony. The situation is not what it was a day ago, much less several weeks. This same argument applies to my demand that the debate itself be postponed. History is happening before our eyes, and it must necessarily cause a reevaluation of business as usual.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Scotti

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

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**From:** Emma Ubriaco <emubriaco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Budget

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am Emma Ubriaco, a lifelong resident of Baltimore County, and 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,

Emma Ubriaco

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

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**From:** Emma Sarfaty <emsar001@mail.goucher.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:34 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 Emma Sarfaty. I am a teacher with Baltimore City Public Schools. 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,

Emma Sarfaty



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

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**From:** Gabrielle T. <gthacker17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Curriu, 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 Gabrielle Thacker. 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,  
Gabrielle

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Kathy Guo <guo-k@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:36 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 Kathy Guo. 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,

Kathy Guo

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

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**From:** Asher Herzog <asherrherzog@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:35 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 Asher Herzog. 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,

Asher Herzog

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

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**From:** Alicia Migliarini <aliciaside14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:35 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); Bernard C Jack Young  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Alicia Migliarini. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. Research has shown that increased spending on police does not reduce crime, and increasing police power and presence is detrimental to the health and safety of Baltimore communities. 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. Invest in your people, don't criminalize them.

Best,  
Alicia Migliarini

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

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**From:** Dayva Frank <dayvafrank@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilperson,

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

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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,

Dayva Frank

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

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**From:** Stephen Durkin <SHAMASH20@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Budget

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**Council Member:**

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Sincerely,  
Stephen Durkin

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Lupita Rodriguez <lurodrij@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:33 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 Lupita Rodriguez . 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,

Lupita Rodriguez

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

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**From:** Joleen Dinolt <bumbleblue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:51 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 Joleen Dinolt. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

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Best,

Joleen Dinolt

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

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**From:** Rayne O'May <rayneomay@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:51 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 Rayne O'May. 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 demand you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

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Best,

Rayne O'May  
(443) 388-3661

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

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

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Ms. Currin and Ms. Clark,

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

Sincerely,

N. Davis

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

Good afternoon Ms. Davis,

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks. Mary Pat

*Mary Pat Clarke*

Baltimore City Council, 14<sup>th</sup> District 5:30 – 9:00 pm

City Hall, Room 501

Baltimore, MD 21202

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[Miller.Roberts@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Miller.Roberts@baltimorecity.gov)

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

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

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

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Good Afternoon,

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

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

Sincerely,

Nicole Davis

Ednor Gardens Homeowner



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

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**From:** Lilly Chapa <lilly.chapa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:44 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Bernard C Jack Young; Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller)  
**Subject:** Feedback on Baltimore's 2021 proposed budget

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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.

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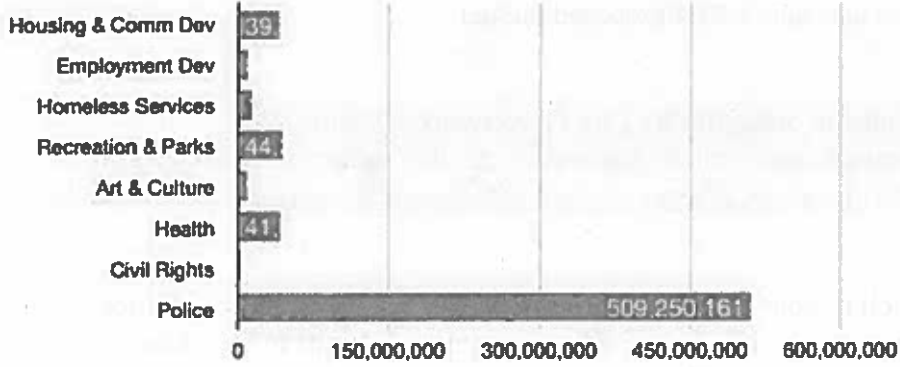
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I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

How can you look at this graph and not see that something is very wrong?

**Baltimore City General Funds by Agency**



Thank you for your consideration,  
Lilly Chapa  
Fells Point resident



**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Jesus Sanchez <jmsanchez91.js@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** City Budget Concerns for Upcoming Fiscal Year

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Hello Council Member,

My name is Jesus Sanchez and I am a Resident of Baltimore City. I am writing to express concern over the upcoming fiscal year. I find it disturbing that the Police Department is set to receive half a billion dollar budget while other departments are barely being funded. A city should invest in the programs that benefit the community such as Healthcare and public transportation. Baltimore frequently tops lists for most dangerous cities in America. Clearly the police are not making in progress in making Baltimore safer, even with such a heavy budget. I am frustrated seeing that Baltimore will not help its people. I am frustrated that money instead is going to funding Police as I see roads and infrastructure in disrepair and homelessness throughout the city. Please consider cutting the Police Department budget and putting that money to work elsewhere.

I want to see actual change in my city.

Thank you for your time,  
Jesus Sanchez

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

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**From:** Alex Deranian <alexderanian@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:42 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 Alex Deranian. 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,

Sent from my iPhone

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Erin H <emherstine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Proposed Baltimore City Budget

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Dear Ms. Currin ,

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

Erin Herstine, MD

Sent from my iPhone

**Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Willis Zhang <willis.zhng@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Curriu, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council)  
**Subject:** Comments for Baltimore City FY21 Budget

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Dear Council President Brandon M. Scott, Staff Marguerite Curriu, and Councilperson Kristerfer Burnett,

I feel like adding my comments based on my growing up in West Baltimore, my parents graduating from Morgan State and continuing to work in the city, and on behalf of friends who still live and raise their families in Baltimore. Please vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to BPD. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems based on American Sociological Review.

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

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

Sincerely,  
Willis Zhang

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

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**From:** Elena M <magicalyanyan@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Elena. 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,  
Elena

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

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**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY 2020-21 BPD Budget

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Hello,

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Sincerely,  
Justin Caruso

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

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**From:** Emily Stubblefield <emily.stubblefield@richmond.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

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

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Best,  
Emily

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

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**From:** Margo Csipo <taxidermyzoo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Defund the police

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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,  
Margo Csipo



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

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Best,  
Emily

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

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**From:** Lynne Price <lynne.a.price@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Lynne Price. 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, Lynne Price

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

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**From:** J Ranno <jranno@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is J Ranno. 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,  
J Ranno

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

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**From:** Cammie Stang <cameronstang2@gmail.com>  
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Dear Mayor Young,

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

We need to address this issue at the systemic level and we need to address the root of the problem. The majority of our funds need to be reallocated to underserved communities and schools.

Baltimore City needs to invest in itself. 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. Funding the police will not.

Best,  
Cameron Stang

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

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**From:** Leslie Williams <sophiewilliams2017@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:48 PM  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Sophie Williams. 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,  
Sophie Williams

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Kevin Muhitch <kevin.muhitch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:47 PM  
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Dear Council Members,

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

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

Best,

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

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**From:** Arlene Barrow <arlenebarrow1@gmail.com>  
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Dear Mayor Young,

I am a resident of the Harwood neighborhood in Baltimore City, and my name is Martha Arlene Barrow. 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,  
Martha Barrow

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

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**From:** Sam Jordan <sjor2017@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Samuel Jordan. 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,  
Samuel Jordan  
Baltimore Resident and Constituent



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

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**From:** Morrison, Kathleen <kmmorrison@smcm.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City Budget FY21

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Dear Madam,

I am a resident of Baltimore City residing in the Ten Hills neighborhood. I am writing to testify my disapproval at the increase in funding for the BCPD for the fiscal year 2021-22. While I understand that violent crime and drug abuse are a major concern in Baltimore, I do not feel comfortable with the performance of the BCPD and do not believe that giving them more money will fix the problems with them.

They have failed to fully commit to and enact the provisions of the Consent Decree dependent on them changing their behavior. The existence and actions of the Gun Trace Task Force are clear evidence of that. Further, the BCPD's use of spy planes, whether third party or operated by the BCPD, is a heinous violation of the First Amendment (despite what the District Court judge said) and could lead to further abuses of Baltimore City residents by the police or by Persistent Surveillance Systems employees. Before the BCPD is given another cent, they need to start following the Consent Decree and proving they can be trusted with the lives and property of Baltimore City residents. Whoever forbade them from escalating the situation at the protest last Monday took a good first step, but as of right now, I do not, as a middle class white woman, trust the police in this city at all. I would not call them unless I was the victim of a violent crime, or if the victim of a violent crime explicitly asked me to, because I'm worried they'll abuse or kill innocent people while conducting their investigation.

Knowing my tax dollars could be going to community services and civic outreach programs but are instead being used to prop up a violent and corrupt police department saddens me deeply. Dollar for dollar, community outreach programs and civic services pay for themselves in long-term improvements in community health and safety. Providing hope, food, and education for the people of Baltimore City will do more to end crime in it more than the best equipped police force ever could.

In conclusion, please do not increase the budget for the BCPD in FY21. They have not proven themselves to be worthy of the public trust, therefore they should not get the glut of public funds, especially when community-focused services are being cut to pay for them.

Thank you for your time,

Kathleen Morrison

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

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**From:** Ayaana Smith <ayaana007@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ayaana Smith. 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,  
Ayaana Smith, MSW

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

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**From:** adrienne thomas <adriennexsphc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** BCPD funding

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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,  
Adrienne Thomas

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

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**From:** Leyla Isik <lisik@jhu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** daniel.saragnese@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Concern with police spending in Baltimore City

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Hello,

We are writing to you as a concerned citizens and voters in Baltimore City regarding the proposed \$13M dollar increase in police budget, on top of a budget that already consumes a disproportionate amount of the city's resources.

The Open Society Institute's Blueprint for Baltimore Survey found that the vast majority of Baltimore residents wanted the city to prioritize youth programming, affordable housing, small business, and neighborhood development, NOT policing. Further research shows that this type of community investment, rather than increased policing, lead to a decline in criminal activity: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289>.

As a city, we are facing many critical issues: making sure city residents have access to safe, affordable housing, a secure food supply, living-wage jobs, and that are students are educated to meet their full potential. Our residents will suffer when funds are diverted from these priorities to increased policing.

We are asking you to follow the example of city governments in Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and elsewhere, and commit to cutting the police budget and re-allocating those savings to more effective, community-based violence-prevention strategies. 10% would be a good start, with further reductions in future years.

Sincerely,

Leyla Isik and Daniel Saragnese  
3929 Cloverhill Rd Baltimore

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Leyla Isik  
Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor  
Department of Cognitive Science  
Johns Hopkins University  
[isiklab.org](http://isiklab.org)

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Meagan Gillis <meagan.gillis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Funding

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to implore you to reconsider additional funding to the Baltimore PD in the upcoming budget hearing. It is unacceptable that the feedback deadline has been curtailed to this afternoon, and the upcoming 6/12 hearing should be postponed. There are plenty of other city services that desperately need funding, namely Health during this GLOBAL PANDEMIC. Any funding distributed to police instead of to our frontline healthcare workers is deliberately ignorant and disrespectful to the neighbors and citizens of your city that have elected you to represent them. It is clear during this worldwide protest of police brutality that law enforcement officers can no longer be trusted to protect citizens, and should therefore not be granted funding that could otherwise be used for our cities' benefit.

I expect better from Baltimore's city council.

Meagan Gillis

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

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**From:** Gaby Nair <gaby1113@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Subject:** SAY NO to the F21 Baltimore Budget

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Hi,

My name is Gaby Nair, and I am a resident of Baltimore City Council District 11. Eric Costello is my councilperson.

I'm writing today to urge the City Council, particularly my councilman Eric Costello, to reject the proposed budget for FY21 on the grounds that we cannot see another year of increased police funding while vital city services go underfunded.

Now I know that councilmembers, including councilman Costello, cannot do anything to reallocate funds in the budget, but I urge them to **cut funds from the Baltimore Police Department**. In particular, I want councilmembers to announce a BPD hiring freeze. In the budget there are several lines reserved for an increase in BPD personnel. **Cut those lines out**. Second, I urge councilmembers to shut down any additional material spending for the Baltimore Police Department. Across the country, police departments are currently using **chemical weapons on residents, hitting them with batons, and shooting them with "non-lethal" ammunition**. All purchases of such items **should not be included in the Baltimore City General Fund for 2021**. I urge councilmembers, including councilman Costello, to **cut all material funding to the Baltimore Police Department for FY21**.

Finally, I understand that the council cannot do anything to fund youth services, outreach to the homeless, affordable housing, or increased health services (all of which are receiving cuts in FY21), but I urge them to stand up to the mayor, to demand a budget that serves the people, and to be **the** leaders this city so rightfully deserves.

Defund the BPD, Eric. Be on the right side of things for once.

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

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**From:** ahnieyah owens <ahnieyaho@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:31 PM  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ahnieyah Owens. 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,

Ahnieyah Owens



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

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**From:** Laura Gede <laura.gede01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Laura Gede. 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. With almost a half billion dollars allocated to the police, our city's primary needs are being underfunded. It is important to note that if the programs that are being underfunded were appropriately funded by the city, the "need" for an astronomical police budget would not exist.

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. This is essential to having a community and a system that will work for the people and help to break cycles of oppression that have existed in our city for far too long.

I urge you of the absolute importance to take steps towards making a better Baltimore that is no longer bound by tools of oppression that have held this city for far too long.

Thank you for your time,

Laura Gede



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

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**From:** Charlotte Li <licharlottef@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Charlotte Li. 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,  
Charlotte

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

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**From:** Rachel Warren <rachel.d.warren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name Rachel Warren and I live in District 13. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

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Best,  
Rachel Warren

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