

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

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**From:** Hassan Joseph <hjoseph@terpmail.umd.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller); Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** FY 21 BUDGET CONCERNS

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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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Hassan A. Joseph  
University of Maryland '21  
Economics

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**From:** Allison Morton <allison.morton@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:54 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 Allison Morton. 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,

Allison Morton

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**From:** Keondra Prier <keondraprier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:20 PM  
**Subject:** Defund BPD

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Hello-

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Sincerely,  
Keondra Prier  
2337 Eutaw Pl, Baltimore, MD 21217

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Karmani ave adhikars te  
--you have the power to act only  
ma phalesu kadachana  
--you do not have the power to influence the result  
ma karmaphal hetur bhoo  
--therefore you must act without the anticipation of the result  
ma sangostu akramani  
--without succumbing to inaction

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

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**From:** Rebekka Paisner <rebekka.paisner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Stokes, Robert (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Brandon M. Scott & Councilmember Robert Stokes

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Sincerely,

Rebekka Paisner  
Charles Village Resident

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**From:** J D <jaimied2@yahoo.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Carter

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** htappis@gmail.com  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Hannah Tappis. 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,

Hannah Tappis  
Baltimore resident, taxpayer and registered voter

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**From:** Nicole Ball <nicole.e.ball@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** police budget protest

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I DEMAND THAT THE 6/12 HEARING ON THE POLICE BUDGET BE POSTPONED AND/OR THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TESTIMONY EXTENDED SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS CRUCIAL PROCESS!

I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION FOR \*WHY\* THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FEEDBACK WAS SET FOR TODAY AT 4:30PM IN THE FIRST PLACE, A WEEK OUT, WHEN NORMALLY YOU CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY UP UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE HEARING.

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

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**From:** Alexandre Abdoulaev <abdoulae@bu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund BPD

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Dear Ms. Currin,

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I do not think that this process was conducted in a way that retains the citizens' faith in their elected officials. I follow Taxpayers Night closely and have participated in the past. I believe I had replied to the FB event prior to COVID-19. I then found out that it had been rescheduled and was happening as I was first seeing the reschedule announcement. I had not seen any outreach or media coverage of this important citizen engagement exercise. I hopped on, but all that was offered was a Charm TV link that appeared to actually be playing an entirely different City Council session. I could not see any way that citizens could actually engage.

It is upsetting that Baltimore would be doubling down on failed policing strategies when its people are in such pain, but even more disturbing that no good faith efforts to engage citizen perspectives are being used.

Sincerely,

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Pianist • Musicologist • Conductor  
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**From:** Madeleine Waldram <mwaldram@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:17 PM  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Madeleine Waldram. I have been living in Baltimore for almost 7 years and am proud to call this city my home. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, I believe that 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,  
Madeleine Waldram

Medical Student  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Zipcode: 21231

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**From:** Dominic Bulkley <dominic.bulkley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Subject:** Cancel The Police Department Budget Increase

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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,  
Dominic Bulkley

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Tavish Forsyth <tavish.forsyth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Decrease Police Funding

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To Whom It May Concern:

I do not want police funding increased. I want it decreased. I want better social services, infrastructure, and education programs.

The police have violently attacked me, my friends, and loved ones.

Sincerely,

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Tavish Forsyth  
Education Director  
Bird City Improv  
(603) 505-2185  
[tavish.forsyth@gmail.com](mailto:tavish.forsyth@gmail.com)

*"a high tide raises all ships..." -unknown*

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Annie Kozak. 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,  
Annie Kozak

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** ELIZABETH MCCAHILL <elmccahill@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Elizabeth McCahill. 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,  
Elmccahill

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**From:** Will Larcenaire <wlarcenaire@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:13 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is William Larcenaire. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. That money must go to underserved citizens who are regularly brutalized by the most corrupt Police Department in the nation.

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,

-William Larcenaire

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

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**From:** Anuj Malla <amalla@mica.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:13 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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Best,



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

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**From:** Kevin Muhitch <kevin.muhitch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:13 PM  
**Subject:** Say No to BPD Budget Increase

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Hello,

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Sincerely,  
Kevin Muhitch

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

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**From:** River Williamson <river@riverwilliamson.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Comment opposing expansion of BPD budget

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I see the increase of funding to an aggressive and unchecked institution as a pillaging of public funds. I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate it to the above departments.

Sincerely,  
River Claire Williamson

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Blippie Life <d80farrow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Budget proposal

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Sincerely,  
[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Becky <becky.borlan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Rebecca Anne Borlan. 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,  
Rebecca Borlan

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

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**From:** Lennox <huzzahloud@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:11 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 Lennox Hardin. 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,  
Lennox.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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

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**From:** Greg Hatem <beathappening@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY2020-21 BPD Budget

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To whom it may concern:

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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. Additionally, it is my suggestion that you cut the entire BPD budget by no less than 25%, redirecting those funds to invest in mental health officers and counseling programs.

Sincerely,

Greg Hatem  
3rd District Resident  
14th District Small Business Owner

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

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**From:** Lindsay Sanders <lindsaylelandsanders@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); McCray, Danielle (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:** BPD budget

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Sincerely,  
Lindsay Sanders

## Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Ava Richardson <ava.i.richardson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** Curriu, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Written Testimony: BPD budget increase of \$13.5M for FY21  
**Attachments:** Letter to Budget App\_ BCPD Budget.pdf

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DATE: June 5, 2020  
TO: Marguerite Curriu

Dear Budget Appropriations Committee:

I write this letter expressing concern regarding the requested \$13.5 million increase for police funding which would bring the current budget of \$536,376,477 to 549,959,519. This request is confounding, given that the Baltimore City Police Department (BCPD) consumed an estimated 31% of the city budget in FY 20, with little to show for the increase aside from increases in crime, homicide and continued lawsuits filed against the department. I urge members of this committee to reflect on what return on investment of the \$550 million Baltimore City taxpayers can expect from BCPD. If the past five years are a lesson, a decrease in homicide, violent crime or even an improvement in police performance - with less force and more de-escalation tactics employed - cannot be anticipated from this increase. The FY2021 budget recommends more than \$80 million in risk management services to address the poor performance of the BCPD that does not bring forth outcomes which support progress in Baltimore. It behooves BCPD to focus on how to save the city money, not waste it. The FY2021 preliminary budget states:

*"The Baltimore Police Department will increase the number of available officers in Fiscal 2021, with a goal of hiring 240 recruits. The Department regularly has approximately 200 officer vacancies, hindering its ability to fight crime and negatively impacting officer wellness."*

Fighting and preventing crime requires a more holistic approach that addresses the social circumstances plaguing Baltimore from rampant poverty to a lack of access to economic opportunities for African Americans to the desperation that so many people feel as a result of a city that perennially prioritizes the need to a broken policing and criminal justice system over their own needs. The COVID-19 pandemic makes every city resource more critical, more vital, more precious - requiring more intentionality on how we allocate funds to support the city's recovery. I ask BCPD support Baltimore's recovery - not just considering the financial situation taking place across the nation, but in solidarity for the massive protest calling for more balanced city budgets which prioritize the needs of their residents over dysfunctional policing practices.

Instead of increasing the BCPD budget, use these funds to support essential city services and departments from the Baltimore City Health Department (BDHD) to Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) which remain grossly underfunded. Support proven crime reduction programs such as Safe Streets (\$2M) or the Trauma-Informed Care work of BCHD through their ReCAST program (\$2M). Support one of the many plans published in the city that remain unfunded - such as the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Less Waste Better Baltimore Plan (\$7M) suggesting savings the city could reap by transitioning to a smarter, more sustainable waste management practices such as composting and increased recycling. Fund the 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan (\$2.5M), drafted in collaboration with thousands of Baltimore City residents to address environmental injustices across the city.

I thank the committee for their time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Ava Richardson, MPH  
Public Health Strategist  
Social Justice Advocate  
Phone: (240) 997-5423  
Email: [ava.i.richardson@gmail.com](mailto:ava.i.richardson@gmail.com)

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

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**From:** Meghan Taylor <megtayarts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:09 PM  
**Subject:** Reallocation of funds

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Hello,

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Sincerely,  
Meghan Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Naisa Rahman <rahmannaisa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:08 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 Naisa Rahman. 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,

Naisa Rahman  
Johns Hopkins University  
Public Health, B.A.

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

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**From:** Kimi Reddinger <kimireddinger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:08 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 Kimi Reddinger. 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,  
Kimi Reddinger

Sent from my iPhone

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** jacobacecil@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** City Budget Hearings - Call to Action

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Sincerely,  
Jacob Cecil  
City resident for 19 years

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Ciara Jarrett <cmjarrett.kv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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I'm sending this email in regards to the budget meeting for the BPD. I think it would be better to distribute the proposed funds to programs that can be beneficial to the residents of this fine city in the long term as opposed to the police who have a strained relationship with the citizens. Strained being generous on my part.

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Sincerely,

Ciara jarrett, resident of mckewin ave.

SUBJECT: Budget & Appropriations Committee - FY21 Baltimore Police Department Budget

DATE: June 5, 2020

TO: Marguerite Currin

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*"The Baltimore Police Department will increase the number of available officers in Fiscal 2021, with a goal of hiring 240 recruits. The Department regularly has approximately 200 officer vacancies, hindering its ability to fight crime and negatively impacting officer wellness."*

Fighting and preventing crime requires a more holistic approach that addresses the social circumstances plaguing Baltimore from rampant poverty to a lack of access to economic opportunities for African Americans to the desperation that so many people feel as a result of a city that perennially prioritizes the need to a broken policing and criminal justice system over their own needs. The COVID-19 pandemic makes every city resource more critical, more vital, more precious - requiring more intentionality on how we allocate funds to support the city's recovery. I ask BCPD support Baltimore's recovery - not just considering the financial situation taking place across the nation, but in solidarity for the massive protest calling for more balanced city budgets which prioritize the needs of their residents over dysfunctional policing practices.

Instead of increasing the BCPD budget, use these funds to support essential city services and departments from the Baltimore City Health Department (BDHD) to Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) which remain grossly underfunded. Support proven crime reduction programs such as Safe Streets (\$2M) or the Trauma-Informed Care work of BCHD through their ReCAST program (\$2M). Support one of the many plans published in the city that remain unfunded - such as the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Less Waste Better Baltimore Plan (\$7M) suggesting savings the city could reap by transitioning to a smarter, more sustainable waste management practices such as composting and increased recycling. Fund the 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan (\$2.5M), drafted in collaboration with thousands of Baltimore City residents to address environmental injustices across the city.

I thank the committee for their time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ava I. Richardson | Proud Baltimore City Resident | Email: [ava.i.richardson@gmail.com](mailto:ava.i.richardson@gmail.com)

**SUBJECT: Budget & Appropriations Committee - FY21 Baltimore Police Department Budget**

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

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**From:** Elaine Garrison <garrison.elaine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY20-21: Cancel Budget Increase to the BPD

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Dear Council President Brandon Scott, Councilman Leon Pinkett, III, and Ms. Marguerite Currin,

Respectfully, 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 support systems that enhance the quality of life and opportunity for the under-served residents of Baltimore City.

I was informed a deadline to receive feedback and concerns from Baltimore City residents regarding the budgetary hearing on June 12, 2020 was implemented for 4:30 pm today. As a matter of urgency given the grave implications of recent events and support of demilitarizing police departments across the nation, I urge the Council to extend the deadline in order for residents to be heard and considered.

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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Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906)

Park programs and events (-\$122,912)

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I call on the City Council to cancel the BPD budget increase of \$13.5 million and allocate those resources evenly to the above departments. In doing so, each department that supports such foundational strategies to establish equity among youth, families, and minority groups will greatly benefit by having a budget increase of \$1,234,822.

Invest in initiatives that support youth, family, and minority groups over providing excessive funds to the BPD.

Sincerely,

Elaine Garrison  
Baltimore City, District 7

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Daniel Zinkevich <dzinkevich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Hello,

I think it's unconscionable to be raising the police budget right now. Baltimore is already overpoliced, and I do not think their budget should be raised at the expense of Youth and Trauma Services, Chronic Disease Prevention, Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention Support Services for the Homeless, Outreach to the Homeless, Parks, and Arts/Culture/Events.

The police should not be a one-size-fits-all response to anything that goes wrong in the city. They are trained to do very little other than arrest people. Deescalation and social services should be performed by adequately funded specialists, not the police who tend to escalate situations (and as we've seen, also operate above the law - I do not believe the GTTF was the only dirty organization in the BPD).

Furthermore we saw crime spike after Mayor SRB closed down rec centers. Of course crime went up if young people have nothing better to do and no other way to find meaning in their lives! The money spent on police should be reallocated to the dept of Recreation & Parks.

Thanks for your time,  
DZ

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

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**From:** Abby <macroglossus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:06 PM  
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Dear Marguerite,

I am writing to submit the testimony below for the Budget & Appropriations Committee hearing on 6/12. Thank you so much for your attention.

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Dear Mayor Young, Council President Scott, Budget & Appropriations Chair Costello, and other members of the City Council,

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

BPD is so corrupt that not a single member of the Department elevated the bad actions of the Gun Trace Task Force to public notice, despite numerous complaints from residents over the course of years; it took a police officer from the county to alert the federal government to the problem. BPD is so corrupt that once the federal government did step in, they mandated sweeping changes in response to systemic violations of the constitutional rights of Baltimore's citizenry, most of which have not yet been implemented. BPD is so corrupt that Detective Sean Suiter was shot in the head the day before he could testify against GTTF, and other "good apple" cops willing to speak out, like Detective Larry Smith (<https://theappeal.org/authors/larry-smith/>), have been forced to leave the department.

Throwing more money at this broken department will not improve things. Only a complete changeover from the old system to a new one will do that. We need local police control, and then we need to dismantle and completely remake BPD. Camden, NJ disbanded their police department and started over from scratch, lowering both costs and their murder rate. We can do the same.

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

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Abby Cocke

3616 Rexmere Road

Baltimore, MD 21218

443-631-0432

Christa Marchant (City Council)

Phone: 410-396-1000  
Fax: 410-396-1001  
Email: christa.marchant@cityofbaltimore.gov

Following the meeting on 10/11/11, the City Council will be voting on the proposed FY 2012 budget. The proposed FY 2012 budget is \$1.1 billion, which is a 2.5% increase over the FY 2011 budget. The budget includes a 2.5% increase in salaries and benefits, a 2.5% increase in pension contributions, and a 2.5% increase in other personnel costs. The budget also includes a 2.5% increase in capital expenditures, a 2.5% increase in information technology, and a 2.5% increase in other capital expenditures. The budget also includes a 2.5% increase in other operating expenses, a 2.5% increase in other non-personnel operating expenses, and a 2.5% increase in other non-capital operating expenses. The budget also includes a 2.5% increase in other non-personnel non-operating expenses, a 2.5% increase in other non-capital non-operating expenses, and a 2.5% increase in other non-personnel non-operating expenses. The budget also includes a 2.5% increase in other non-capital non-operating expenses, a 2.5% increase in other non-personnel non-operating expenses, and a 2.5% increase in other non-capital non-operating expenses.

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

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

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

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Dear Baltimore City Council,

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Sincerely,

Molly Ryan  
508 N Paca St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201

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

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**From:** Anicia Timberlake <[anicia@gmail.com](mailto:anicia@gmail.com)>  
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Dear Ms. Currin,

I am writing to request that Baltimore City prioritize the stated needs of its residents--youth programming, affordable housing, small business and neighborhood development, and community-based safety programs--over policing. Though reforms have been promised (and they are necessary!) recent events have only highlighted the fact that policing causes many more problems than it solves. I am 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 violence-prevention strategies. 10% would be a good start, with further reductions in future years.

Thank you very much.

All the best  
Anicia Timberlake

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Anicia Timberlake  
Assistant Professor of Musicology  
Peabody Institute, Johns Hopkins University  
[timberlake@jhu.edu](mailto:timberlake@jhu.edu)

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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Hello,

As a lifelong resident of Baltimore, 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.

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Sincerely,  
Eve Roberts

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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

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**From:** Sal Farina <sal.farina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Cc:** Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Eric Costello,

I am a Baltimore resident and homeowner in **District 12**, writing to you about the proposed city budget, which increases the BPD budget from \$530 million to \$545 million. In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels more inappropriate than ever to propose these increases. I urge you to **please divest at least 30% of the current BPD budget.**

In addition to cutting the BPD budget, I'm calling for **greater oversight and accountability over BPD spending.** The most corrupt officers (for example the Gun Trace Task Force) have also flagrantly abused overtime and wasted taxpayer money. I pay city taxes, and refuse to have my money spent on such a harmful and abusive enterprise as the BPD. It's not only inefficient -- it's immoral.

I realize that City Council only has the power to cut the budget and cannot reallocate funds, but I would like to voice my support of 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. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. 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.

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,

Salvatore Farina  
21218

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

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**From:** Zane MacFarlane <zanemacfarlane@gmail.com>  
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**To:** zanemacfarlane@gmail.com  
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Sincerely,  
Zane MacFarlane

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Hannah Marcin <hbm823@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Bernard C Jack Young; Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller)  
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Dear Baltimore City Leadership,

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Sincerely,  
Hannah Marcin

Sent from my iPhone

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Gabi Wurtzel <gabiwurtzel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Cut the Proposed Budget for BPD

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Dear Ms. Currin ,

My name is Gabi Wurtzel. I am a resident of District 7, 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,  
Gabi Wurtzel

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Gabi Wurtzel  
[gabiwurtzel@gmail.com](mailto:gabiwurtzel@gmail.com)  
516-776-1410



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

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**From:** Kavya Sanghavi <kavya.sanghavi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Bernard C Jack Young; Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City Budget

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

My name is Kavya Sanghavi and I am a Baltimore City resident since 2017. 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,  
Kavya Sanghavi

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

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**From:** Buzz Merrick <buzzmerrick@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); City Council President  
**Cc:** Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** RE: FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget

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An addendum. I have been made aware that testimony is able to be offered between now and the date of the hearing. I do ask that the June 12<sup>th</sup> hearing be rescheduled to provide the community more time to thoughtfully contemplate ways in which vital city funds can best be used to combat the issues we face. For at least the last 5 years, overtime alone for the BPD has not reduced, solved, alleviated the crime problem in our city. Now is the time to think outside the box.

I appreciate your consideration.

Byron Merrick  
2703 Halcyon Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21214

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**From:** Buzz Merrick <buzzmerrick@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** 'marguerite.currin@baltimorecity.gov' <marguerite.currin@baltimorecity.gov>; 'Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov' <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>; 'CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov' <CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov' <Ryan.Dorsey@baltimorecity.gov>; 'Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov' <Shannon.Sneed@baltimorecity.gov>; 'MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov' <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>  
**Subject:** FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget

As a longtime resident of Baltimore City, I call on the Baltimore City Council to work to implement significant and permanent reductions to The Baltimore Police Department (BPD). I believe the proposed increase in the BPD budget will not address the crime issues we face. Crime is but one faucet of issues we must address and our continued pouring money into the BPD without accountability nor resulting in a full force is NOT fixing the "crime problem". Employment, drug use, mental health, housing and many other problems that are health related have safety and crime related ramifications that need to be addressed. The proposed budget increase for the BPD will continue a pattern of ineffective spending.

Public hearings and testimony must be held, and appropriate notice given to our citizens, so that we may participate in discussing how BPD funds can be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

I respectfully request that the June 12 hearing be rescheduled so that citizens can have time to formulate ideas and recommendations and testimony. I would also request an explanation as to why the deadline for submitting feedback was set for today – a full week prior to the hearing. My understanding is that most hearings allow testimony to be submitted just prior to the hearing.

I would like the response in writing please.

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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.

Warmly,

Byron Merrick  
2703 Halcyon Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21214

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

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**From:** Brandon Arvesen <brandon.arvesen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristofer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Brandon Arvesen. I have been a Baltimore City resident since 2005, and was a Baltimore City Public School teacher for twelve years. I currently live on the Northwestern district where abject poverty and wealth are routinely just a city block apart.

Over the course of my career I have spent class in rooms as hot as 95 degrees and as cold as 40--and always, over the 12 years I served BCPSS, I was told *the money to fix this problem was just not available*. As a CITY we cannot continue to punish and devalue our citizens, especially our children and adolescents, and expect any meaningful change. We cannot expect to tell generations that they are not worth some of the *most basic amenities available* and expect them to grow into well rounded adults. We have built a city, a school system, and a justice system that is built around disenfranchising citizens as early as possible and then *punishing them* for our own failure.

It is for this reason in addition to the global pandemic and growing evidence of police corruption that I find it 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 (especially our schools) effective for FY 2021.

Additionally, 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 not a time for lip service or whataboutism. Act now, or be remembered as the council that perpetuated failure.

Best,

Brandon Arvesen  
2909 Whitney Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 897-2726

Year:	2014
Date:	Friday, June 20, 2014 10:24 AM
To:	City Council, Research Center, The City Council, Council, Management, City Council
Subject:	PPP Budget

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**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Gabe Marquez. <conjunctions@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Gabriel Guillermo Marquez

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Catherine Ludwig <cludwigclarinet@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Catherine Ludwig

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

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**From:** Gabriela Gomez <gtgomez11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Gabriela Gómez. 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,

Gabriela T. Gomez  
Baltimore, MD 21202



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

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**From:** Janet Krater <jlkrater@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

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Sincerely,  
Janet Krater

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

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**From:** Mecca X Mecca <meccax874@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:58 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)  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: written testimony: Request to Postpone FY21 Budget Hearing for BPD

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**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: written testimony: Request to Postpone FY21 Budget Hearing for BPD  
**To:** <cease99@gmail.com>, Mecca X Mecca <meccax874@gmail.com>

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**To:** Natasza Bock <nataszabock@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: written testimony: Request to Postpone FY21 Budget Hearing for BPD

Hello Community Leaders,

There is a bit an issue with the budget hearings. While Tax Payer Night was held in May, many residents, activists and community leaders have had additional concerns about the BPD budget since the protests and peaceful events throughout Baltimore during the past week. The current agenda calls for review the BPD budget increase requests next week, but the committee will not accept public comment after 4:30pm today, 6/5/2020, because of the belief input should have been provided during Tax Payer Night.

I wrote the following the Budget and Appropriations Committee urging the committee to postpone the BDP Budget Hearing to allow more public comment. Los Angeles and Minneapolis are already discussing moving funds from their police department budgets to community improvement programs.

Whatever your current stance on police involvement may be, I urge you to request a postponement of the BDP Budget Hearing so all tax payers can have adequate time to review the requested increases and provide input. Especially given these circumstances, now is the time for us to pull together to ensure the voices of all residents are heard on this important issue.

Comments should be submitted to:

[Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Marguerite.Currin@baltimorecity.gov)

Cc'ing our councilman and committee members:

[eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:eric.costello@baltimorecity.gov); [Shannon Sneed](mailto:Shannon.Sneed); [Leon Pinkett](mailto:Leon.Pinkett); [Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Danielle.McCray@baltimorecity.gov) ;  
[Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Sharon.Middleton@baltimorecity.gov) ; [Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Isaac.Schleifer@baltimorecity.gov); [Bill.Henry@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Bill.Henry@baltimorecity.gov)

Many thanks,

Natasza Bock-Singleton

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**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 1:58 PM  
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**Subject:** written testimony: FY21 Budget Hearing

**Re: postpone the Baltimore Police Department budget hearing for two weeks**

Dear Councilwomen and Councilmen,

During the last week Baltimore residents have shown an **unprecedented ability to peacefully organize and voice our opposition to continue abuse of police powers.** During this time, activists, organizers and citizens from every walk of life have gathered to share opinions and stories in hopes of creating a better Baltimore. Our strength as a city lies in our resilience and ability to react positively to change.

Let us continue to show the country and the world what we, as a city, are made of. As a Council, you have the ability to postpone the budget hearing to allow for additional input from the thousands of residents who have called upon you to serve them. Los Angeles City Council members are reviewing redistribution of funds away from the police department. Minneapolis councilmembers are openly calling for decreased funding of the police department and increased community funding.

I respectfully call upon you to **postpone the Baltimore Police Department budget hearing for two weeks** to support the continued public conversations around the best way to move Baltimore forward.

Respectfully,

Natasza Bock-Singleton

Resident, District 10

[nataszabock@yahoo.com](mailto:nataszabock@yahoo.com)

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

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**From:** Eva Shell <eva.g.shell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:58 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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Dear Baltimore 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,

Eva Shell  
1100 N. Calvert St. Apt. 1  
Baltimore, MD 21202

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

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**From:** Ms. Hanzigiannis <nicolehanz27@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:58 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 Nickolette Hanzigiannis and I am a school psychologist for Baltimore City. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

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

Best,  
Nickolette  
410-688-2696

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

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**From:** Shannon Ehlert <shannehlert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

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Ms. Currin,

I am a Baltimore City resident and would like to provide testimony in opposition to the proposed increase in the FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department (BPD) budget.

I find it appalling that with all of the protests going on in Baltimore and across the country, there would be a proposed increase of over \$13 million to the BPD. I am a recent social work graduate student from the University of Maryland Baltimore and have been working with vulnerable populations in the city for the past three years. We all know that there is a prevalent problem with policing in this city that has yet to be appropriately addressed. While the protests in Baltimore have been peaceful, that does not mean we will stand by while you agree to give the entity we are so strongly protesting more money while cutting other vital programs that are already underfunded.

As a resident of Baltimore City, I urge you to defund BPD and put that money into forming highly trained crisis teams. Affordable Housing, Housing and Community Development, Homeless Prevention and Support Services for the Homeless, Outreach to the Homeless, and Youth and Trauma Services.

There is ample evidence that police involvement increases the potential for violence (which I could provide upon your request). I have been in situations where I needed to petition an individual with mental health issues to the hospital, and in those situations, police have been involved. This is highly unnecessary and often very counterproductive and traumatizing. Having an appropriately trained crisis team to deal with these scenarios would be much more beneficial to everyone involved.

I urge you to hear the thousands of residents that are filling the streets demanding change and not only vote against the proposed BPD FY 2020-21 budget but also work towards providing our residents with evidence based practices and treating everyone equitably.

Thank you for your time.

Shannon Ehlert, MSW

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

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**From:** Ashe Smith <ashesmith85@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Cc:** Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Ashe Smith and I have lived in Baltimore for almost ten years. I do not need to explain the last ten years to you -- you all were in some form of office

I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in BPD, and invest in social services, education programs, recreational activities, transportation, arts, cultural, building maintenance, new schools, harm reduction, youth works, bike lanes, sanitation, ANYTHING for FY 2021.

This is your chance, six months to start something new. After that it is someone else's turn.

Ashe



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

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**From:** Samantha Carmel <samantha.carmel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:56 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Scott, and Councilman Costello,

I'm writing to encourage the City Council to oppose the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead implement permanent major reductions to this department. Unconscionable poverty, segregation, and vast suffering - particularly of the Black population - have continued unmitigated in Baltimore for many decades. These facts alone should be sufficient evidence that default policing and carceral "solutions" do not solve underlying problems. It has long been the consensus in the research community that policing does not help reduce crime or protect citizens. Felony arrests constitute a small percentage of police activity; the majority of on-duty time is spent harassing and intimidating poor citizens of color for traffic violations, drug, and property offenses. Baltimore citizens are in desperate need of social services and crime is a conspicuous symptom of this.

The proposed BPD FY21 Budget significantly increases the police budget over last year's and makes reductions to precisely those areas of the budget that are proven to reduce crime by investing in the community. It is shocking to observe the proposed expansion of the BPD FY21 Budget at a time when the public has never been more aware of the systemic nature of excessive use of force, gross incompetence, racism, corruption, and disrespect towards citizens in the institution of policing. BPD is complicit in these tendencies, with the Gun Trace Task Force and Freddie Gray's murder representing only the most visible and horrifying events to come to light in the recent years.

Further degrading and jailing citizens who turn to criminal activity because they have been abandoned by elected officials and locked out of upward social mobility will continue to destroy lives and place Baltimore on the short list of America's most tragic cities. The proposed budget will produce greater human suffering and exacerbate existing inequities. The prospect of it passing mortifies the conscience and spurns all rational and evidence-based thought. Please oppose this budget and advocate for the reallocation of the \$13.5 proposed increase to social services.

I will also contact the Mayor expressing my support for CB19-0379 in hopes of giving the City Council the authority to reallocate funds; should this power be gained, I urge you to use it for good.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Carmel

PhD. Candidate  
Comparative Thought and Literature  
Johns Hopkins University

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

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**From:** Sondra Boyle <sondra@believeinmusiconline.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:56 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 Sondra Boyle. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is absurd 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. We do not need more surveillance, we need jobs and usable transportation. Please listen to what your people are telling you.

Best,  
Sondra Boyle

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

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**From:** Catherine Khamnouane <ckhamnouane@mica.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Catherine Khamnouane. 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,  
Catherine Khamnouane

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

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**From:** Lisa Lance <lisa\_lance@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** 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)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Lisa Lance and I am a resident of Northwest Baltimore City (District 5). 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,  
Lisa

Lisa Lance  
2909 Whitney Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
314-324-3882

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

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**From:** Buzz Merrick <buzzmerrick@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); City Council President  
**Cc:** Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget

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As a longtime resident of Baltimore City, I call on the Baltimore City Council to work to implement significant and permanent reductions to The Baltimore Police Department (BPD). I believe the proposed increase in the BPD budget will not address the crime issues we face. Crime is but one faucet of issues we must address and our continued pouring money into the BPD without accountability nor resulting in a full force is NOT fixing the "crime problem". Employment, drug use, mental health, housing and many other problems that are health related have safety and crime related ramifications that need to be addressed. The proposed budget increase for the BPD will continue a pattern of ineffective spending.

Public hearings and testimony must be held, and appropriate notice given to our citizens, so that we may participate in discussing how BPD funds can be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

I respectfully request that the June 12 hearing be rescheduled so that citizens can have time to formulate ideas and recommendations and testimony. I would also request an explanation as to why the deadline for submitting feedback was set for today – a full week prior to the hearing. My understanding is that most hearings allow testimony to be submitted just prior to the hearing.

I would like the response in writing please.

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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- 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.

Warmly,

Byron Merrick  
2703 Halcyon Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21214

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Kevin Griffin Moreno <kmoreno@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Cc:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Do not increase BPD budget

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Dear Councilmember Clarke:

I am writing as a District 14 resident to request that the City Council reject the proposed \$13.5M increase in BPD budget funding over FY 20 levels. I further ask that the City Council postpone its scheduled 6/12/20 hearing on the BPD budget and/or extend the deadline for the submission of testimony. Thank you for your leadership and your attention to this important issue.

Respectfully,

Kevin Griffin Moreno  
604 Harding Pl, Baltimore, MD 21211

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

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**From:** Saim Zaidi <zaidi.saim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:30 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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Hello,

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Sincerely,

Saim Zaidi



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

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**From:** Carla Rodriguez <carlarod0715@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:30 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 Carla 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.

We need officials who will fight and allocate resources in areas that need it the most. The people of Baltimore desperately need allocation to parks, education, and jobs before a police force that already has so much. I urge you to reconsider the budget to help those succeed in this great city.

Best,  
Carla Rodriguez

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

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**From:** uw u <nickisnead@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:29 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young

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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, [Your Name]

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Duncan Moore <dreake@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:28 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 Duncan Moore and I am a resident of Baltimore City. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

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

Best,  
Duncan Moore

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

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**From:** Alina Spiegel <aspiege4@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); City Council President  
**Subject:** Call to Reduce the Baltimore Police Department Budget for FY 2020-2021

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Dear Council President Brandon Scott and Councilwoman Sneed,

My name is Alina Spiegel and I am a proud voter, resident of Butcher's Hill, and MD/PhD student at Johns Hopkins, writing to request that you vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget, and instead vote to significantly reduce this budget. In the wake of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery's murders--just a few of the countless Black lives lost to police brutality, many other cities are considering cuts to their police department budgets, including Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and others. I am alarmed that Mayor Young's budget instead increases funding to the BPD by over 13 million, compared to the previous FY.

Parts of the budget that can be cut include aerial surveillance (as a resident, I would strongly prefer for aerial surveillance to be cut entirely) and any items that provide military-grade weapons to officers. The BPD should also be held responsible for consistently over-spending their budget. These are just a few suggestions.

While I recognize that you do not have the power to reallocate funds, I hope that you will advocate to the mayor to redirect funding toward programs that address safety and public health in a more evidence-based, less life-threatening way. For example, I support increased funding for the Affordable Housing Trust fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, and the Department of Health.

I love living in Baltimore City and hope to see it become safer for all of us. I hope that you will be thoughtful, data-driven, and innovative as you consider this budget--moving away from dangerous policing and toward solutions that will strengthen our communities.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Alina Spiegel

103 N. Chester St.  
Baltimore, MD 21231

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Matthew Ribkoff <mribkoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:28 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 Matthew Ribkoff.

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,  
Matthew Ribkoff  
Baltimore, MD 21218

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

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**From:** Sergio Espana <espana@aclu-md.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Stokes, Robert (City Council)  
**Subject:** Do not increase BPD... Increase public safety

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Good afternoon,

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

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

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

Attentively,

Sergio España  
Director of Engagement & Mobilization  
ACLU of Maryland  
410-889-8555 ext 118  
3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 350  
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

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

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**From:** rainboweinstein . <mvidler664@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

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Hello,

I demand that the 6/12 hearing on the police budget be postponed and/or the deadline for submitting testimony extended so that more people can participate in this crucial process. Which is for the people.

I also demand an explanation for why the deadline to submit feedback was set for today at 4:30 PM in the first place. This is only a week out when normally you can submit written testimony up until shortly before the hearing. There are absolutely things that have happened between May 25th and now to change people's minds.

Sincerely,

M. Vidler

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

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**From:** Lilly Sparks <lsparks@mica.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Defund Police

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Baltimore resident, I do not want police funding to increase. I want it to decrease. I want **better social services, infrastructure, healthcare, and education programs.**

The police have violently my friends and loved ones. Baltimore Policing needs reform that **begins** with the re-allocation of funds.

Sincerely,  
Lillian



**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Sarah Zanolini <sjz@jhu.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** 6/12 hearing feedback

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Dear Marguerite Currin and Baltimore City Council,

I am writing to ask that the 6/12 hearing on the police budget be postponed or that the period for submitting public comments be extended. Especially in the current climate, shutting down discussion on this topic is in very poor form. Given this, can you tell me the reason why the deadline was arbitrarily set back to today without notice, when normally you can submit written testimony until the day of the hearing?

Sincerely,  
A Concerned voter and Remington resident

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Sarah Zanolini  
Doctoral Student, History of Medicine  
Johns Hopkins University  
L.Ac. (Maryland), Dipl.OM  
[www.chrysanthemumandgoji.com](http://www.chrysanthemumandgoji.com)

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

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**From:** Soraya H <sorayamanar93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** DEFUND BPD NOW!!

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Sincerely,  
Soraya Haddad

Sent from my iPhone

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Defund the police

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I am writing to advocate for a cut to the Baltimore Police Department's budget, instead of the proposed increase. We need to invest in our communities by redirecting resources to education, mental health, resources for the homeless and jobless, and domestic violence prevention. I also request more time to submit public comments. There is no justification for cutting off public input a week before the meeting.

Best,  
Sommer Gentry  
1027 s. Clinton street  
Baltimore MD 21224

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Matthew Ribkoff <mribkoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Testimony regarding Baltimore City FY21 budget

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Hello,

I am writing to express my ardent desire to cut as much of the Baltimore City budget relating to policing as possible.

Thank you,  
Matthew Ribkoff  
Baltimore, MD 21218

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

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**From:** Allie Mulliken <mullikenal17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 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 Alexandra. 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,  
Alexandra Mulliken

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

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**From:** Amberley Vulaj <amberleyvulaj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 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 Amberley Vulaj. 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,  
Amberley Vulaj

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

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**From:** Richard Friedler <friedler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** 6/12 HEARING ON THE POLICE BUDGET

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Please postpone this meeting so that more people can participate.

In the event of failing to postpone it, please accept additional feedback up to the time of the meeting.

As you know there are many things going on right now.

As you know, Baltimore has been an example for the rest of the country.

This is something important, where we could and should be an example for the rest of the country.

Thank you,

Richard Friedler  
Resident of Baltimore City  
(for 16 years now)  
(Zipcode 21224)  
Licenced in DC as an Attorney

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

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**From:** Lana Weidgenant <iolanda\_weidgenant@live.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council);  
CouncilPresident@baltimorecty.gov  
**Subject:** Comment/Feedback: July 12 hearing on BPD funding

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Hello,

Could you please include the following comment in the record?

My name is Lana Weidgenant and I am a resident and voter in Baltimore City. On Monday, I participated in the peaceful youth-led protests calling for justice for George Floyd. Tomorrow, I will join the peaceful Baltimore protests once again. The nation is hurting, the world is hurting, and Baltimore is hurting.

Do not give one more dollar to Baltimore's police department. This is very important. I know we are in difficult times with the coronavirus pandemic and worsening economy. So I beg of you to not cut from our education system or community programs or anywhere else aside from the police department. These past few weeks in the United States have revealed more than ever before how police are hurting our communities instead of helping us. Los Angeles and Minneapolis have already led the way in defunding (taking away funds) from their police departments. Baltimore, which has gone through so much from the death of Eric Garner through now – must do the same.

Do you know how I found out about this hearing? My community organizations were desperately sharing this email and the possibility that more money would be sent to fund police and begging people to email as fast as they could. That's the pain and desperation we are going through. Trust me, if you do not defund the police or send more funds to BPD, there will be significant community backlash. Our pain is strong and we see the solutions before us now clearer than ever before. We need to defund police and place those funds into supporting our communities. We are already late in reaching this point and we can delay no longer. Thank you.

If possible could the deadline for comment also be extended or the hearing postponed? It is obvious to me and many others that we are in exceptional circumstances right now and many others would like to voice comments/feedback if given the chance.



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

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**From:** Suraj Kannan <skannan4@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** 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); Bernard C Jack Young; Pratt, Joan (Comptroller)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Baltimore City Leadership,

My name is Suraj Kannan, and I am an MD/PhD candidate at Johns Hopkins University. I have been a resident of Baltimore City for the past six years, and a homeowner in the city for the past 5 in the 1st Council District. We are currently observing the effects of racism and police brutality on a nation-wide level. Amidst the ongoing national outcry against police brutality, I find it unconscionable that the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore City Expense Budget includes an increase of ~\$13.5 million towards the Baltimore Police Department budget. Moreover, the budget calls for a total decrease of ~\$8.5 million towards departments that better serve the public, including Affordable Housing, Youth outreach, and others.

There is no evidence that increased funds to the Baltimore City Police will reduce crime, and significant evidence that the police actively function as a threat and danger to safety in our communities. I strongly urge you to cancel the Baltimore Police Department budget increase, and if possible further defund the department. I also encourage you to pursue evidenced-based development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. These actions would indicate to me, a resident of the city, that the city council is serious about the health and safety of the community.

Suraj Kannan

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

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**From:** Stephanie Hsu <chinadollbaltimore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:25 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 Stephanie Joy Hsu and I am a resident in the 12th district of Baltimore City. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to reallocate the Baltimore City Expense Budget, divest interest in the BPD, and invest in social services and education programs, effective for FY 2021.

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

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 specifically remove Service 621 (administrative bureau) and 622 (police patrol) along with service 815 (special operation). I would also request a public investigation into how service 626 (data driven strategies) is being used to monitor protests.

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

Best,  
Stephanie Hsu

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

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**From:** Ryan Williams <rywilliamsco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:26 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 Ryan 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,

xx Ryan Williams  
[@rywilliams.co](mailto:@rywilliams.co)  
<http://rywilliams.co/>

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

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**From:** Jessica Smolarz <jessica.smolarz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:26 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 Jessica Smolarz. 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:** Casey McDonald <casey.m.mcdon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:25 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 Casey McDonald. 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,  
Casey McDonald

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

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**From:** Morgan K. Faust-Smusz <faustmorgan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:25 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Increase

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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.

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)

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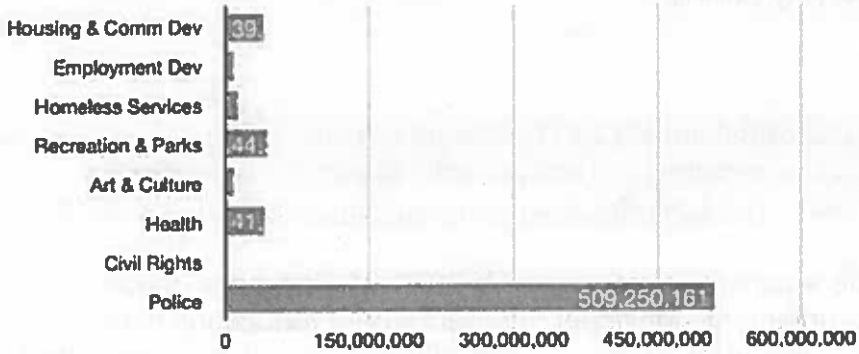
Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806)

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

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

Sincerely,  
Morgan Faust-Smusz

Baltimore City General Funds by Agency





**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Arlene Wilkinson <arlene.wilkinson728@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
**Subject:** Proposed FY 2021 Budget

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Arlene Wilkinson and I am a resident of the Old Goucher neighborhood of Baltimore City. I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2021 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities.

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Chronic Disease Prevention (-\$252,906);  
Park programs and events (-\$122,912);  
Public right of way cleaning (-\$686,806); and  
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,

Arlene Wilkinson

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

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**From:** Jill Nugent <jilliannugent@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD BUDGET

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Good afternoon,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed FY 2020-21 Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be routed toward the development of harm reduction systems that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. The proposed BPD FY21 Budget is \$549,959,519. This is an increase of \$13,583,042 compared to FY20. The Budget also calls for cuts to several departments that better serve the public, including:

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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,  
Jillian Nugent

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Hnet ElAwar <opalawar@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:24 PM

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Hello,

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Sincerely,  
Hannah Elawar

## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Ruth Goodlaxson <ruth.goodlaxson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council)  
**Subject:** BPD Budget and Community Investment

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Dear Mayor Young, Council President Scott, and Councilman Dorsey,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ruth Goodlaxson