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From: Cameron Bullet <cbullet418@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)
Subject: Baltimore City Expense Budget Reform

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Cameron Bullet. 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,
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I have just heard back from the Bureau of the Budget and Management Research (BBMR) and they provided me with the detail below to send to you. I hope this answer your questions.

- **Unallocated appropriation:** This line item acts as a place holder for anticipated grants for the agency—basically grants they haven't been awarded yet, but have applied for or are planning to apply for. By eliminating this funding, the agency will need to go to the City Council to get a supplemental appropriation for grants received in this service.
- **Overtime:** The City has been working to reduce overtime spending and track it better within the agency, which is why we've been budget for overtime. By eliminating this funding, the agency will likely need to get a supplemental appropriation from the City Council to cover overtime costs in FY21.
- The reductions to Service 622 Activity 026 and Service 115 Activity 018 eliminates funding for one of two proposed new Baltimore Community Intelligence Centers.

Also, the following links might prove useful:

<https://bbmr.baltimorecity.gov/budget-publications> - the agency details budgets can be found here and you can access the BPD proposed budget and view their various departments and line items.

<https://youtu.be/cx2MU8tELic> - The recording of the BPD Budget hearing on Friday, June 12th.



City Council FY21 Budget Hearing:
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Amendment #6	States Attorney	115	018	Prosecution of Criminals
Amendment #7a	Police	621	Various	Administration
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Amendment #7d	Police	635	Various	Recruitment Section
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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,
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Dear Marguerite Currin,

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The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

Jews United for Justice supports the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

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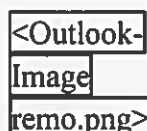
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From: James Sapia [mailto:jamessapia1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 7:57 AM
To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: Defend The Police

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 2:04 PM James Sapia <jamessapia1@gmail.com> wrote:

ok

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 3:23 PM Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
<MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

I plan to get you a copy of the cuts once they are printed, Mr. Sapia. The vote was conducted by the Budget & Appropriation Committee. The entire City Council will vote on these amendments at its 5pm meeting this evening. Thanks. Mary Pat

Mary Pat Clarke

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From: James Sapia [mailto:jamessapia1@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:11 PM

To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>

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HI MS CLARK

JUST SAW THE NEWS. REALLY DISTURBING FOR A CITY THAT CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE

MAY I SEE WHO VOTED FOR THIS AND GET A COPY OF THE BILL ?

THANK YOU

JIM SAPIA

On Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 10:02 AM James Sapia <jamessapia1@gmail.com> wrote:



On Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 9:45 AM Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
<MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

Tjanks for your thoughtfulness and concerns, Mr. Sapia. Mary Pat

Mary Pat Clarke

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From: James Sapia [mailto:jamessapia1@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:21 AM

To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Re: Defend The Police

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Ms Clark

The notion of defunding the police is insane

in all Cities, the Police Commissioner works for the Mayor and Council . Its their job to Police their own Police Force and thats where the buck stops

The workload on the Police could be substantially decreased , if they did not have to be babysitters and respond to dysfunctional families and their issues .

These are most likely the same people that call for defunding .

I listen to the scanner once in a while and that is 80 % of the calls.

Thank You For The Response

Jim

On Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 8:47 AM Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)

<MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

I apologize, Mr. Sapia, that I somehow missed seeing your previous email. I will answer your question by tomorrow when amendments are reviewed and votes taken. Thanks. Mary Pat

Mary Pat Clarke

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From: James Sapia [mailto:jamessapia1@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 8:36 AM

To: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council) <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>

Subject: Re: Defend The Police

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MS CLARK

i SENT THIS EMAIL 5 DAYS AGO AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE WHY IS THAT ? ITS A SIMPLE QUESTION SO I WOULD APPRECIATE THE COURTESY OF AN ANSWER

WILL YOU SUPPORT DEFUNDING THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ??????????????

JAMES J SAPIA

On Wed, Jun 10, 2020 at 7:44 AM James Sapia <jamessapia1@gmail.com> wrote:

I have not seen a response Ms Clarke

Its an important question to me

Thank You

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 6:56 AM James Sapia <jamessapia1@gmail.com> wrote:

Councilwoman Clark

I am in your district and live on Powers St. What is your position on defunding the police? My position is that its insane and no more that feel good BS politics . This is disgusting. Doctors rape patitiants, politicians steel, rape,take bribes, We do not chastise these profissions . All this over some bad apples is nuts. On another sad note I never saw any condolences sent or even an acknowledgement of the slain officers . I hope you are the voice of reason and speak up .

If the defunding happens , I and many of my friends will be leaving the City . I would bet that most demonstrators you see at City Hall do not pay taxes or vote . There are groups that live to disrupt

Thank You

Jim Sapia

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Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: ssp005@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sunita Pathik <ssp005@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Decrease Police Funding - Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as a member of Jews United for Justice to ask that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

Jews United for Justice supports the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,

Sunita Pathik

3049 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-3926 ssp005@mcdaniel.edu

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: suzyfish16@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Suzanne Fox <suzyfish16@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 8:20 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: We must face this injustice with drastic changes. Cut BPD Funding - Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as a member of Showing Up for Racial Justice and Jews United for Justice to ask that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

SURJ and Jews United for Justice supports the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Fox

6105 Maywood Ave Baltimore, MD 21209-3525 suzyfish16@gmail.com

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: suzie doogan <suzannedoogan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Please Reallocate BPD Funds

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I am writing to you as a Baltimore City resident and pre-kindergarten educator. When re-determining the City's budget, please allocate funds away from the Baltimore Police Department. We need to redefine the way we think about public safety, from focusing on crime to focusing on wellness. We need to invest in systems that support the health of our City, rather than an arm of the State that functions to punish, discipline, and repress our most vulnerable neighbors.

50% of the Baltimore Police Department's budget should be invested in Baltimore's Black communities. We need to support Black business initiatives that will populate the streets of Baltimore. We need to support community centers and youth programs. We need to support maternal and child health care. We need to support Black-led advocacy groups like Leaders Of A Beautiful Struggle, a Black-led think tank and political advocacy group. We should also support Baltimore Youth Arts, an arts and entrepreneurship program that works with youth, focusing on those involved in the juvenile justice program.

The Baltimore grassroots organization Organizing Black demands that \$268,188,238 of the budget be invested in infrastructure, healthcare, education, housing, and other social services. I stand with their demands. We have seen that investing more money in the Police system does not lead to peace in our streets and homes. Quite simply, underserved communities need to be served. It's up to you to allocate the funds to serve all of Baltimore. Please do this by decreasing the Police budget and redistributing the money to Black communities and social services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Suzanne Doogan
Pre-K Educator
Bolton Hill Nursery School
Baltimore City

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Sydney Feldman <sfeldman130@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)
Subject: Modify the BPD Budget

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Dear Mayor Young and City Council,

My name is Sydney Feldman. In the midst of this pandemic and current civil rights movement, I urge you to decrease/prevent increases to the BPD budget and invest in other important community services, especially education. I understand the requirements outlined by the consent decree present some difficulties in reducing the BPD budget, but please consider reallocating the Baltimore City Expense Budget to the greatest extent possible.

Best,
Sydney Feldman

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Tisha Guthrie <zigtgut@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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As a young black woman, I was stopped by BCP for a non-working brake light. Because of a MVA error which was later dismissed, my licensed had been suspended without my knowledge. Posing no threat to the officers (4), I was arrested, handcuffed and SHACKLED! Upon arrival to the station, the shackles remained and I was handcuffed to a radiator. This is an abuse of POWER which should never be garnered to these servants in the first place. POWER over others innately creates an imbalanced relationship and an inability for healthy functioning. Doing things differently takes courage and grit. So what cha got!?

Tisha

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Troiano Riviera <troiano.rivera@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Comments on the FY2021 budget

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Dear Baltimore City Health Committee Marguerite Currin,

As a resident of Baltimore, I'm disappointed to see that the proposed FY2021 budget includes increased funding for the Baltimore Police Department at the expense of other services. We must increase funding for programs that will improve public health and protect us from climate change instead, and provide beloved and desperately needed services to our neighbors: from recreational programming to Complete Streets implementation, from redeveloping affordable homes and housing our homeless neighbors to investing in the zero waste infrastructure that can allow us to close BRESCO. To the City Council: I know that you cannot modify the budget and can only cut. Please cut funding to the police department. To Mayor Young: please reallocate that money to Transportation, Recreation and Parks, Health, Housing, and other departments that will help us build a healthier, safer, and more climate-resilient Baltimore.

Sincerely,
Troiano Riviera
330 South Mount
Baltimore, MD 21223

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Vianney Paul <vianneypaul@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Please do not increase the BCPD budget for 2021

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My name is Vianney Paul and I've been a Baltimore City resident for over 8 years. Given the current climate and calls for police reform in the wake of George Floyd's death, there has been much debate about the concept of defunding the police all over the United States.

Upon learning about the Baltimore city budget, it seems appropriate that we, at the very least, do NOT increase the BCPD budget from \$530 million to \$545 million, and instead reallocate those funds towards departments that would benefit your constituents directly, like homeless services (care and prevention), education, mental health services, and better food equality (i.e. funneling more funds for better food access in "food desert" areas).

Further, it would feel appropriate, especially in a time when there is so much emphasis on police brutality and training, that more time and resources within the BCPD budget be allocated to de-escalating conflict and non-violent methods, and less time on weapons training and self defense. I realize those are very important aspects of the job, but it seems to take a disproportionately large portion of training and budget.

Can Baltimore take back ownership of the BCPD? I learned that it is actually a state agency.

In addition to much needed police reform (in policies, training, etc) what we need as a society is a philosophical introspection of the values we want to actually reflect. I hope changes in the Baltimore City budget can help to start reflect those values.

Sincerely,

Vianney Paul

Sent from my iPhone

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: virginia.l.byrne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Virginia Byrne
<virginia.l.byrne@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Supporting You in Reducing BPD Funding

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as your Highlandtown constituent to ask that you vote NO on the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding, and I hope you will push for a significant reduction in the police budget.

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

I support Organizing Black and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virginia Byrne

3500 Gough St Baltimore, MD 21224-2309

virginia.l.byrne@gmail.com

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Voni <vondria.walters@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:47 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)
Subject: Baltimore City Expense Budget Reform

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Vondria. 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,

Vondria Walters

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: William Holman <william.c.holman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Submission of constituent comment re: defund the Baltimore Police
Attachments: Defund the Baltimore Police (2).pdf

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Hello

Please find a formal letter attached to register my comments in favor of defunding the Baltimore Police Department and funding other priorities that affect health, education, housing, and public safety in advance of the budget hearing at 5:30 PM this afternoon.

Thank you.

Will

Object Guerilla

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: William Staub <contact.will.staub@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: BPD budget comment

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Hello,

My name is Will Staub. I am a resident of Ednor Gardens, Baltimore. I am writing this email to implore you to take funds from the Baltimore Police Department's budget and use them instead to support our communities of color and communities in need with more access to housing, food, jobs, child care, health services and social services and public works. The police in Baltimore have shown themselves to be corrupt and ineffective. If they are unable to "protect and serve" they do not deserve more money. We need to move towards supportive and preventative measures rather than reactionary ones that police departments employ. Money going to the police can and should be used better by other public servants.

I thank you for you for your time and for reading this email.

Will Staub

June 12, 2020

TO:

Mayor Young: BernardC.JackYoung@baltimorecity.gov

City Council President Brandon Scott: CouncilPresident@Baltimorecity.gov

City Councilperson Mary Pat Clarke: MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov

Budget and Appropriations Standing Committee Staff Marguerite Currin:
marguerite.currin@baltimorecity.gov

FROM:

Will Holman: william.c.holman@gmail.com

3122 Abell Avenue

Baltimore MD 21218

RE: Defunding the Baltimore Police Department

To all concerned:

My name is Will Holman, and I am a 14th District resident along with my wife Amanda and 2 year old, Annie. Our former nanny was robbed at gunpoint in broad daylight while walking Annie and her cousin home from the 29th Street Community Center in February. She had her phone taken, which was then used to steal money, order food, and order Uber rides. While at first solicitous in taking a report, the Baltimore Police detectives in charge of the case then told our nanny that the food orders went to known drug houses and to get her phone back she would have to testify in court and might get hurt in retaliation since the thief now knew where she lived. Further, they arrested a suspect who our nanny positively ID-ed as *not* the thief in a photo and proceeded to charge him anyway.

The bullying, threatening, and unprofessionalism of the BPD officers involved in this case is beyond unacceptable. It is but one small incident in the larger story of a department that has murdered Baltimoreans; stolen and re-sold seized guns and drugs; continues to steal overtime from taxpayers; and has repeatedly beaten and terrorized the citizens they are supposed to protect. On top of that, it is clear that they are outrageously ineffective, as violent crime and murders continue to rise year after year.

It is time to significantly defund the police. While I do not agree in abolishing the police, they currently consume 1/6th of the city's entire general fund, while we let schools, social services, and affordable housing wither on the vine. Adequate housing, education, and healthcare are human rights. Not only that, they are critical in reducing the incentives to enter criminal life in the first place.

While the BPD is a state agency, you control the \$509 million that is given to the department, as well as the IT and capital facilities support they get from other parts of the budget. This doesn't

even count hundreds of millions more in pension liabilities, civil rights lawsuits, and skyrocketing insurance costs that criminal cops incur. Every year we keep allocating more money, and every year we see more waste, fraud, abuse, and neglect in an already-damaged city.

Since 2010, we have spent \$4.74 billion in city funds on the Baltimore Police Department. This model is not working. Cut the BPD's budget so we can start a discussion about where we can allocate that money. Rolling the budget back to 2014 levels would give us another \$100 million to use towards education, healthcare, housing, jobs programs, and crisis-response teams for non-violent incidents.

Thank you,



Will Holman

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Zack Vabolis <zsv313@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Baltimore City FY21 Budget

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Dear Ms. Currin and other members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the budget for the upcoming fiscal year; specifically the amount allocated to the Baltimore Police Department.

This August will mark 4 years since the U.S. Department of Justice published their findings of an investigation in which they concluded the entire Baltimore Police Department participated in unconstitutional stops, targeting of African Americans, use of excessive force, and retaliation against citizens engaging in constitutionally-protected expression. In those 4 years few, if any, meaningful promises by the BPD have been delivered. Not to mention the mostly unchanged crime stats over that same span of time.

With these facts in mind I'd like for everyone to consider 2 questions...

Does an organization deserve a \$27 million budget increase when it has a track record as abysmal as the Baltimore Police Department's?

or...

Is it time for a new approach that invests our taxpayers money directly towards the many at risk and underserved communities in our city?

I thank you for your time and service,
Zack Vabolis

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Y Arb
Cc: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: RE: Prioritize social welfare over policing

Thanks for your advocacy. Mary Pat

Mary Pat Clarke

Baltimore City Council, 14th District
City Hall, Room 501
Baltimore, MD 21202

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From: Y Arb [mailto:jarbasaur@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 3:35 PM

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

Subject: Prioritize social welfare over policing

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Yevgeniy Arber, and I am a Baltimore resident. For the previous several years the BPD budget from the general fund has eclipsed the amount of funding that is provided to other services that could help holistically and more effectively deal with issues in communities better than policing.

In the midst of this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it feels especially inappropriate to propose an increase to the BPD budget to \$545 million. I urge you to ethically reallocate this increase, as well

as a meaningful portion of the remaining BPD budget, towards social services and education. Investment in programs such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Safe Streets Baltimore, the Office of Employment and Development, or the Department of Health, shows our commitment to communities and the vision that all Baltimore residents deserve to thrive. Historically, the city government has spent far more on police than on public health, homeless services, youth services, and other vital agencies. This while the Baltimore Police Department disproportionately targets nonwhite residents—from traffic stops to the use of lethal force.

It's time to staunch the expansion of the BPD's mandate into homeless services, schools, youth services, mental health, and other social services where an armed police force simply doesn't belong. It's time to protect investments in human services, the social safety net, and racial and economic justice. I am writing to insist that the upcoming BBMR budget hearings for FY 2021 reflect the voices and needs of Baltimore's citizens. I am asking that city officials give intense care, attention and effort towards sustainable, long-term change.

Thank you, Yevgeniy Arber. 855 Park Ave. 410-404-3779

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

From: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:21 PM
To: hholt123@gmail.com
Cc: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: RE: Please cut the BPD budget

Thanks, Ms. Holt, for your advocacy. Mary Pat

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From: hholt123@everyactionadvocacy.com [mailto:hholt123@everyactionadvocacy.com]
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Dear Council Member Mary Pat Clarke,

Please see the message below, and ensure that it is submitted as a public testimony on the 2021 BPD Budget Hearing:

I am writing as an Essential Worker and Baltimore resident to ask that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding.

I grew up in Annapolis and I now live in Baltimore. I am a white woman. I believe we need to redistribute funding away from the BPD and into social services, jobs and peace keeping focused public safety programs. I attended Annapolis High school and seen the school to prison pipeline first hand. I have seen my Black peers shoved against walls by administrators when I was only in middle school. I have seen 15 year olds backpacks searched by police officers for "talking back." The prison atmosphere of schools needs to stop. The occupation of black communities by militarized police forces needs to stop. You can help this stop.

The BPD should not receive more funding, especially at a time when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally and other critical services are seeing cuts in funding.

I support the demands of Organizing Black and other partners in the Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs (CJSJ), and will continue to fight alongside them for the changes that must be made to root out racist, violent, and corrupt police practices and invest in meeting the basic needs of the people of our city.

Sincerely,
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From: Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:20 PM
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Subject: RE: Cut the BPD Budget and Hold BPD Accountable!

Thanks, Dr. Banahi. For your advocacy. Mary Pat

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Dear Council Member Mary Pat Clarke,

I am writing as your constituent to ask that you vote NO on the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. While I understand that City Council does not have the authority to re-allocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding, and I hope you will push for a significant reduction in the police budget.

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

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

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

Thank you,

Mariam

Sincerely,

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