

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

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**From:** Komal Zehrah <kzehrah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:30 PM  
**Subject:** BPD Budget

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Sincerely, Komal Zehrah

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**From:** Andrianna Ayiotis <andriannaayiotis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:29 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 Andrianna Isabella Ayiotis and I am a citizen in District 11. 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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Please think hard about your choices, as they will be brought up again during your re-election. Your city is watching.

Thank you,  
Andrianna Ayiotis  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Biomedical Engineering PhD Candidate

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**From:** Jessica Childress <jchildress@mica.edu>  
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Dear Eric Costello,

I am a Baltimore resident (District 7), 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. Please cut \$4.6m 'Equipment over \$5000' (a few places), \$4.6m Operational Intelligence, \$7.4m in SWAT, and \$5m in Aviation**

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,

**Jessica Childress**  
**Zip code 21218**

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**From:** Sam W <szwoo2500@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Sam

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**From:** 19sqh6+f56zaazn4ubtg@guerrillamail.com  
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The police should NOT receive an increase in their budget for fiscal year of 2021. Funds should be removed from their budget and reallocated towards social services needed to help the people of Baltimore. There are many resources out there to explain the process of the abolishment of the police and replacement with specially and specifically trained departments needed for each of the previous duties of the police. We don't need people with guns stopping people for traffic violations, or dealing with the homeless or mentally ill. Take funds away from the police, increase actual social services, and phase out the police entirely.

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Best,

Carlton Smith  
B.A. Philosophy, Pre-Law  
Minor - Business Admin., Entrepreneurship  
(773)443-2431 cell  
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"There will be no end to the troubles of states, or of humanity itself, till philosophers become KINGS in this world, or till those we now call kings and rulers really and truly become philosophers, and political power and philosophy thus come into the same hands." - Plato



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**From:** Monica Rodriguez-Fernandez <monica.rodriguez@mac.com>  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Monica 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.

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Best,

Monica Rodriguez

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**From:** Joseph Martone <jmartone@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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**Subject:** Citizen's Written Testimony Regarding Proposed FY 2021 Baltimore City Budget

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

I, Joseph Martone, a citizen of West Baltimore in Baltimore City, call on the Baltimore City Council to vote against the proposed Baltimore Police Department budget and instead work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These resources should be transferred to and invested in other crucial social services, including the development of a community-controlled institute for conflict de-escalation, intervention, and mental health support.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Joseph Martone

County Executive (City Council)

Title: County Executive  
 City: New York  
 State: New York  
 Zip: 10001  
 Phone: (212) 312-2000  
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The City Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph Martone as County Executive. Mr. Martone has served the City of New York for over 20 years and has a proven track record in public administration. He has held several key positions, including Deputy County Executive and Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Mr. Martone's extensive experience in budgeting, financial management, and organizational development will be a valuable asset to the County. He will be responsible for overseeing the County's operations and ensuring the highest level of efficiency and effectiveness.

Joseph Martone was born in New York City and graduated from the City University of New York with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He has been married for 15 years and has two children. Mr. Martone is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Management Association. He is also a past president of the New York County Chamber of Commerce.

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**From:** Maeve Koch <maevekoch@gmail.com>  
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Best,  
Zachary Gambrill

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joey Donatelli <jdonatelli1996@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Bernard C Jack Young  
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Joey Donatelli

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Kristie Sun. As a resident of Baltimore for the last 5 years, who has had the privilege of working and being educated in this beautiful city, I feel that I must speak up. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is beyond 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. Please commit to preventing the need for crime in the first place, rather than doubling down on excess force and brutality.

Best,  
Kristie Sun



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

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**From:** Elizabeth Weber <elizabethc.weber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Testimony For City Council Budget Hearing 6/12 20-0527 – Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021  
**Attachments:** City Council Testimony 20-0527 – Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.docx

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Ms Curren,  
Please see the attached written testimony.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Weber and Jeffrey Thompson

## Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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**From:** Ranga Atapattu <ranga.atapattu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** 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); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** Less Funding for Police, More for Social Services

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ranga Atapattu, and I am a school psychologist in Baltimore City schools, as well as a Baltimore City resident and activist. 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.

Given the limited resources that my students have, and the increased trauma and lack of financial stability that has occurred due to the pandemic, as well as recent current events, it is imperative that this money be invested elsewhere. 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,  
Ranga

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Ranga Atapattu, M.A.  
Baltimore City Public Schools  
School Psychologist

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

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**From:** Maggie Stuthmann <margaret.stuthmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council)  
**Subject:** Baltimore City FY21 Budget Comments

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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Brandon M. Scott, and Leon Pinkett,

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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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,  
Maggie Stuthmann

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

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**From:** M Stinson <matthew7stinson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Matthew Reeves Stinson. 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.

Community-based nonviolent safety initiatives with a rotating panel of appointed leaders are a better approach to public safety. Police have shown time and again that their first interest is in escalation of violence, and not serving the community. Rapists rarely serve time for their crimes, so what exactly is the criminal justice system useful for? Defund the BPD and put that money into the community directly. You will see positive change.

Best,  
Matthew Reeves Stinson  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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

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**From:** Em Feld <eaeafeldenzer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Costello, Eric (City Council)  
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As a resident of Baltimore City, 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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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,  
Emile Feldenzer  
2816 Saint Paul Street

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

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**From:** Joe Ames <amesjp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council); Dorsey, Ryan (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Bullock, John (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Joe Ames. 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,  
Joe Ames  
Baltimore City resident

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

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**From:** Allyssa Riley <alriley1472@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** City Council President; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)  
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Dear Marguerite Currin, Council President Brandon M. Scott, and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke,

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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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,  
Allyssa Riley



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

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**From:** rbalenson@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:22 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 Rachel Balenson. 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,

Ray Balenson

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Caro Achar <c.achar101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:21 PM  
**Subject:** Defund The BPD

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Hello!

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

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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,  
Carunya Achar, Baltimore Resident

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**Carunya Achar**  
National Organizer, California Nurses Association  
BS in Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University  
[c.achar101@gmail.com](mailto:c.achar101@gmail.com) | 832-798-4441

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

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**From:** Serena Sonderegger <serena.sonderegger@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Serena Sonderegger. 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,  
Serena Sonderegger

**Currin, Marguerite (City Council)**

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**From:** Maggie Epps <maggie.epps@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** FY21

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Dear City Council,

Please do not expand the Baltimore City Police Department's budget for next year. I'd prefer to see funding decreased in the wake of the conversations happening around police brutality and the need for re-investment in black communities. I understand other vital services such as homeless support, affordable housing, and environmental inspection services are being cut. Please reconsider these priorities, and support our citizens. 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.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Epps  
Bolton Hill, District 11, Baltimore

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

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**From:** Nora Walker <reklaw.aron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:20 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 Nora Walker, 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,

Nora Walker

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

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**From:** Julia Mancini <julia.mancini1031@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Julia Mancini. 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,  
Julia Mancini

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

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**From:** Annie Miller <anniemiller1211@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:20 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 Anna Miller. 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,  
Anna Miller

Sent from my iPhone



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

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**From:** Zachary Gambrill <z.gambrill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:18 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 Zachary Gambrill, a Baltimore resident. 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,  
Zachary Gambrill

Sent from my iPhone

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

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**From:** Minyoung Jang <mjang7@jhmi.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Cc:** Bernard C Jack Young  
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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Minyoung Jang, and I am a resident of Baltimore City and medical student at Johns Hopkins University. 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,  
Minyoung Jang

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

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**From:** Vincenza Mazzeo <vincenza.mazzeo@alumni.utoronto.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)  
**Subject:** 6/12 Hearing on the police budget

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To who it may concern,

Against the backdrop of this present moment, insidious police killings of African American men and women, and the mobilization of thousands of thousands against police brutality, I demand to know why the 6/12 hearing on the police budget will not be postponed. More people should, and especially in this moment, have the opportunity to participate in the crucial process of providing testimony and feedback on the allocation of the tax dollars. Are you not living in a democracy? The answer is clearly NO.

I demand an explanation for why the deadline to submit feedback was set for today at 4:30 pm - a week before the hearing.

These lethargic decisions make it clear that the committee does not value the democratic process, taxpayers, and ethical conduct in decision-making processes. Despite this, there is still an opportunity to correct this error and to postpone the deadline for testimony and feedback on policing in this city.

Do right by people. Black lives Matter. You are accountable to those who pay your salary, the people.

Vincenza Mazzeo

Baltimore Resident

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