From: martha.barss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martha Barss

<martha.barss@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:46 PM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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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.

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Sincerely,
Martha Barss
3105 Tyndale Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-3429 martha.barss@gmail.com

From:

wells.angela.m@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Wells-Sims

<wells.angela.m@everyactioncustom.com>

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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 the current level of funding is not proving to be beneficial to the reduction of crime.

Our Council should begin to take a closer look at the return on budget funding and not continue the status quo from prior years. The 2021 budget requires an overall decrease that the BPD should also be subject to.

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.

Sincerely,
Angela Wells-Sims
2301 Madison Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-3938 wells.angela.m@gmail.com

From: dweimer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Weimer

<dweimer@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Deborah Weimer
6203 Elmbank Ave Baltimore, MD 21209-3515 dweimer@law.umaryland.edu

From: mcocoves@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcos Bisticas-Cocoves

<mcocoves@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Dr. Marcos Bisticas-Cocoves
603 E 30th St Baltimore, MD 21218-4229
mcocoves@riseup.net

From: t.ghingher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tyler Ghingher

<t.ghingher@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Tyler Ghingher
317 Broxton Rd Baltimore, MD 21212-3532 t.ghingher@gmail.com

From: julieoxenhandler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Oxenhandler

<julieoxenhandler@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Julie Oxenhandler
2729 N Howard St Baltimore, MD 21218-4310 julieoxenhandler@gmail.com

From: jencheslock@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Cheslock

<jencheslock@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Ms. Jennifer Cheslock
5815 Ethelbert Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-3905 jencheslock@gmail.com

From: rachelamillman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Millman

<rachelamillman@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Rachel Millman
317 Broxton Rd Baltimore, MD 21212-3532 rachelamillman@gmail.com

From: msweeney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maureen Sweeney

<msweeney@everyactioncustom.com>

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Changes 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,
Maureen Sweeney
330 Radnor Rd Baltimore, MD 21212-4415
msweeney@law.umaryland.edu

From: kalewhale@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Fitzgerald

<kalewhale@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Anna Fitzgerald
5905 Bonnie View Dr Baltimore, MD 21209-3501 kalewhale@gmail.com

From: danielle.roberts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Danielle Roberts

<danielle.roberts@everyactioncustom.com>

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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.

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,
Danielle Roberts
13 N Rose St Baltimore, MD 21224-1151
danielle.roberts@crs.org

From: hocuspocusrokos@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elijah Rokos

<hocuspocusrokos@everyactioncustom.com>

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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 already receives more funding than vital community services, parks and recreation, housing development and upkeep, and hospitals, and 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, Elijah Rokos 12105 Forge Ln Bowie, MD 20715-2322 hocuspocusrokos@gmail.com

From: samantha.m.hack@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samantha Hack

<samantha.m.hack@everyactioncustom.com>

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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.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make life better for Baltimore. I am begging you to be bold and good and take this opportunity to save Baltimore and its citizens.

Sincerely, Dr. Samantha Hack

230 S Highland Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-2346 samantha.m.hack@gmail.com

From: sam.gutner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samuel Gutner

<sam.gutner@everyactioncustom.com>

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I am writing as a supporter 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 further 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,
Samuel Gutner
2515 Boston St Apt 201 Baltimore, MD 21224-4798 sam.gutner@gmail.com

From: paigebolduc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Finkelstein

<paigebolduc@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,

Ms. Paige Finkelstein

27 Snowberry Ct Cockeysville, MD 21030-1954 paigebolduc@gmail.com

From: dsharburger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Harburger

<dsharburger@everyactioncustom.com>

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I am writing as a mother of two Baltimore City Public Schools students, a policy and financing expert, and 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.

Budgets reflect our morals and priorities; if we truly believe that Black Lives Matter, that children and families are a priority, and that our basic infrastructure needs to be strengthened to support the health and well-being of all residents, our budget should reflect that.

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Sincerely,
Deborah Harburger
5800 Greenspring Ave Baltimore, MD 21209-4216 dsharburger@gmail.com

From: benhiggins29@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ben Higgins <benhiggins29

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I am writing as a resident of Baltimore City 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.

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Sincerely, Ben Higgins

2639 N Charles St Apt 3 Baltimore, MD 21218-4559 benhiggins29@gmail.com

From: rmeckel93@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rianna Eckel <rmeckel93

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Rianna Eckel
2834 N Calvert St Apt 3F Baltimore, MD 21218-4475 rmeckel93@gmail.com

From: carlyshoshanah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carly Wais

<carlyshoshanah@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Carly Wais

1125 Gorsuch Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-3605 carlyshoshanah@gmail.com

From: cmartincrawford@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cori Martin-Crawford

<cmartincrawford@everyactioncustom.com>

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I am writing as a member of the community, a social worker, and health care worker, 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.

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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,
Cori Martin-Crawford
17 Clearlake Ct Parkville, MD 21234-3439 cmartincrawford@gmail.com

From: curioussheridan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nick Sheridan

<curioussheridan@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Nick Sheridan
2819 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4420 curioussheridan@gmail.com

From: leila.hanna.kohen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leila Hanna-Kohen

<leila.hanna.kohen@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Leila Hanna-Kohen
2511 N Calvert St Baltimore, MD 21218-4615 leila.hanna.kohen@gmail.com

From: krissim03@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christina Simmons <krissim03

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Sincerely,
Christina Simmons
304 Stevenson Ln Apt B8 Towson, MD 21204-1706 krissim03@gmail.com

From: tapia.tiffen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tiffen Lovler Tapia

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Sincerely,
Tiffen Lovler Tapia
1829 E Lombard St Baltimore, MD 21231-1815 tapia.tiffen@live.com

From: ttfitzcom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terry Fitzgerald

<ttfitzcom@everyactioncustom.com>

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I am writing as your constituent to ask you to oppose 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. We do not need to spend more on THIS BPD. We need to build an entirely new BPD.

If you have to vote down the entire budget in order to get the mayor to put money where we need it, then that is what you must do. That is drastic, but this is a drastic situation.

Sincerely,
Dr Terry Fitzgerald
1817 Sulgrave Ave Baltimore, MD 21209-4515 ttfitzcom@comcast.net

From: emailofjessie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessie Hillman

<emailofjessie@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Ms. Jessie Hillman
640 W Conway St Baltimore, MD 21230-2435 emailofjessie@gmail.com

From: jonathanraun@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathan Raun

<jonathanraun@everyactioncustom.com>

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Dear Ms. Currin,

I am writing as your constituent, in Upper Park Heights, Baltimore, 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 reallocate costs, it is fully within your power to cut funding, and I hope you will push for a significant reduction in the police budget.

Regarding the proposed funding increase, while my family and friends understand the issue is complex, we are asking you to vote NO on the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. This is not a time to increase the BPD budget, when it is clear that they do not protect Baltimore residents equally. The citizens of your district and all Baltimorians need other critical services more than ever that have been proposed to have their budgets cut.

Yours truly, Jonathan Raun

Sincerely,
Mr. Jonathan Raun
3413 Parkington Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-3747 jonathanraun@gmail.com

From:

hrd.morales@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Harold Morales

<hrd.morales@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Dr. Harold Morales

5109 Underwood Rd Baltimore, MD 21212-4107 hrd.morales@gmail.com

From: laura.wortman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Wortman

<a href="mailto:right-square;"></a>.vara.wortman@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Laura Wortman
1222 Union Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-1901 laura.wortman@gmail.com

From: kantor.robin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robin Kantor

<kantor.robin@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Robin Kantor
114 Hawthorne Rd Baltimore, MD 21210-2502 kantor.robin@gmail.com

From: lauren.crabtree@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Crabtree

<lauren.crabtree@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Lauren Crabtree
4649 Harcourt Rd Baltimore, MD 21214-3339 lauren.crabtree@gmail.com

From:

Rgross825@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bobby Gross < Rgross825

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Bobby Gross
300 E 30th St Baltimore, MD 21218-3952
Rgross825@gmail.com

From: saraweiss31@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sara Weiss <saraweiss31

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Sincerely,
Sara Weiss
817 W Barre St Baltimore, MD 21230-2402 saraweiss31@gmail.com

From:

allisonbyerscoleman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allison Coleman

<allisonbyerscoleman@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,

Allison Coleman

154 N Milton Ave Baltimore, MD 21224-1048 allisonbyerscoleman@gmail.com

From: minacheon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mina Cheon

<minacheon@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,

Dr. Mina Cheon

251 W Lafayette Ave Baltimore, MD 21217-4217 minacheon@gmail.com

From:

bentleyaddison28@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bentley Addison

<bentleyaddison28@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, Bentley Addison

104 W University Pkwy Apt 210 Baltimore, MD 21210-3418 bentleyaddison28@gmail.com

From: valentino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valentino Wiebel

<valentino@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Valentino Wiebel
614 E 31st St Baltimore, MD 21218-3530
valentino@riseup.net

From:

joangelblum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joan Gelblum

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Sincerely,
Joan Gelblum
5604 S Bend Rd Baltimore, MD 21209-4528 joangelblum@yahoo.com

From: deernerak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Reed

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Sincerely,
Ms Karen Reed
2623 Rockwood Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-4128 deernerak@live.com

From:

brasilia\_d.c@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ariel Foster

<brasilia\_d.c@everyactioncustom.com>

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Defunding the police is just the beginning to a long process of abolishing the police system in order to better invest in community-led restorative practices that are better suited to alleviate social problems and address the root causes of crime. These options look like: crisis intervention team that can handle civil disagreements or conflicts; unarmed urgent responder trained in behavioral health to care for someones irrational behaviors; a city employee who pulls over someone with a broken tail light and replaces it there on the spot for them to continue without potentially causing harm to other drivers. There is too much asked of police and not enough investment in city services that address homelessness, broken families from drug abuse, mental health, and economic and educational disparities that lead many young black men to support themselves via drug trade.

Sincerely,
Ariel Foster
803 Saint Paul St Baltimore, MD 21202-2427 brasilia\_d.c@hotmail.com

From: pwheeler40@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Perry Wheeler <pwheeler40

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Perry Wheeler
3604 Kimble Rd Baltimore, MD 21218-2026 pwheeler40@gmail.com

From: mcamlin1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Camlin <mcamlin1

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Sincerely,
Michael Camlin
3615 Lochearn Dr Baltimore, MD 21207-6353 mcamlin1@protonmail.com

blwm0812@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bobbie Monahan <blue>blwm0812 From:

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Sincerely, Mrs Bobbie Monahan 2686 Gatehouse Dr Baltimore, MD 21207-6616 blwm0812@gmail.com

From: tatevik.ke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tatevik Khoja-Eynatyan

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Sincerely,
Tatevik Khoja-Eynatyan
3134 Eastern Ave Apt 1 Baltimore, MD 21224-3965 tatevik.ke@gmail.com

From: jessiknowsgrace@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessi Ahart

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Sincerely,
Jessi Ahart
3106 Acton Rd Parkville, MD 21234-4713
jessiknowsgrace@gmail.com

From: kostispk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kostis Papadantonakis

<kostispk@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,

Dr. Kostis Papadantonakis

702 Colorado Ave Baltimore, MD 21210-2126 kostispk@gmail.com

From: mleiblum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marisha Leiblum

<mleiblum@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Marisha Leiblum
2804 Hemlock Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-1245 mleiblum@gmail.com

From: ashleyhoard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ashley Hoard

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ashley Hoard
917 Chestnut Hill Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-2017 ashleyhoard@gmail.com

From: Afeins2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Feins <Afeins2

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Sincerely, Anna Feins

788 Washington Blvd Apt 2 Baltimore, MD 21230-2364 Afeins2@gmail.com

From:

brittdeno@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brittany DeNovellis

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Sincerely,
Brittany DeNovellis
412 S Madeira St Baltimore, MD 21231-2744 brittdeno@gmail.com

From: stegmanre@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robyn Stegman

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Sincerely,
Robyn Stegman
2804 Huntingdon Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2921 stegmanre@gmail.com

From: e.jane.richardson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of E Jane Richardson

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Sincerely,

Dr. E Jane Richardson

5620 Pimlico Rd Baltimore, MD 21209-4337 e.jane.richardson@gmail.com

From: okrastar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vinnie Bevivino

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Sincerely,
Vinnie Bevivino
2708 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4415 okrastar@gmail.com

From:

mhirvin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melissa Irvin

<mhirvin@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Melissa Irvin
2634 Guilford Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-4611 mhirvin@gmail.com

From: gabyroffe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gabrielle Roffe

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Sincerely,
Miss Gabrielle Roffe
3000 Falls Rd Apt 101 Baltimore, MD 21211-2475 gabyroffe@gmail.com

From:

alyssa.rittenburg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of alyssa rittenburg

<alyssa.rittenburg@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely, alyssa rittenburg
325 S Durham St Baltimore, MD 21231-2519 alyssa.rittenburg@gmail.com

From: michael.stone92@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Stone <michael.stone92

@everyactioncustom.com>

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Sincerely,
Michael Stone
302 Kingston Rd Baltimore, MD 21229-3133 michael.stone92@gmail.com

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From: Brandon DeHart <stumpyjoe64@yahoo.com>

Sent:Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:34 PMTo:Currin, Marguerite (City Council)Subject:Comments on the FY2021 budget

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Dear Baltimore City Health Committee Marguerite Currin,

## Greetings!

It is a vast understatement to say the scope of services expected of the police is too broad. In its current state, a police officer is required to be a marriage counselor, a conflict negotiator, a traffic safety expert, a social worker, a therapist, a child advocate, a sexual assault specialist, and, yes, sometimes, a public safety officer authorized to use force.

But a cop doing his or her best work is a cop doing mediocre work as a therapist or a social worker. A good chunk of that police budget should go to therapists, social workers, teachers, and community programs.

Some police are essential, sure. Homicide detectives, for instance. But that reiterates the fact that the common scenario is police are called AFTER a crime has been committed. What will the BPD do with that \$550 million to fix the issues that CAUSE crime?

If my neighborhood Facebook group is a sample of other Baltimore city neighborhoods, then it is safe to say that more crime is prevented and solved not by police, but by security cameras and neighbors getting involved and helping each other. It seems like cutting the BPD budget to buy every house a ring doorbell would be more effective than whatever the BPD has planned with that astronomically inflated figure.

Armed, indoctrinated cops do not make us safer--there is ZERO reason why a person with a gun should roll up if someone calls about a loud neighbor or a homeless person sleeping on a corner. What makes us safer are community mutual aid networks who can unite other people with the resources they need to stay fed, clothed, housed, and safe. Mentally well people who feel safe rarely risk that safety to commit crime.

In about a year from now, Baltimore COULD have had an east-west light rail in the red line, but we know how that turned out. It hurts to imagine Baltimore as it could have been--with people getting to their jobs easier, going shopping in Canton or Fells easier, less cars to help combat climate change...the red line would have helped in numerous ways and brought the city closer together, but we'll never know.

This is the moment to make the RIGHT choice, so that five or six years from now we're not wondering (as an additional three foxtrots circle overhead) what life in Baltimore COULD have been if everyone got the help they needed--if everyone was lifted up and supported instead of living in a abusive relationship with those who are supposed to be helping us.

Personally I would like to see the Baltimore PD disbanded entirely and rebuilt as a community program, but this letter is in regards to the budget, so I will shelve that lofty idea, and simply request: please consider cutting the

BPD budget and re-allocating that money to those areas that will ACTUALLY mitigate crime by getting people the help they need so that they feel safer.

Not only would I like to see the police budget cut, I'd like to see investigations and transparency on why it's so damn high.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Brandon DeHart 801 FAGLEY ST BALTIMORE, MD 21224

From:

Kelsey Jackson < ikelsey14@qmail.com>

Sent:

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To:

Subject:

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Sincerely, Kelsey Jackson 1400 Weldon Pl S Baltimore, MD 21211

From:

Anne Michele Levasseur <amolevasseur@gmail.com>

Sent:

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While I appreciate the difficult challenges encountered by our police force, I do feel that it is time to reevaluate their role in our communities. I support redirecting funds intended for traditional policing to important public health and environmental services because we must focus on reducing the causes and misconceptions of criminal behaviors in order to improve our society. Reliance on force to eliminate crime has not worked and it is time to change.

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Sincerely, Anne Michele Levasseur 1454 Redfern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21211

From: Agustina Quesada <agustinaquesada1@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:44 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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#### Dear Mayor Young,

During this pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. For FY 2021, I urge you to listen to the people and defund the police and use those funds to invest in social services and education programs. Most crime happens because people are unable to meet their needs. To fight crime, we do not need police. Instead, we need more resources for people to turn to. 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.

The other day I was in DC, watching an unarmed, shirtless man stumbling into a crowd of police officers and the national guard. He was clearly experiencing some sort of trauma and needed mental health assistance. I feared for his life, as he taunted police officers with his words. He remained peaceful the entire time, but the situation ended in his arrest when he sat on the police car. I was wishing that there was some sort of mental health responders that us bystanders could call for the situation. The man clearly just needed someone to talk to, and arresting him just made matters worse for him.

We need to replace the police force with something that better serves the community. We could have more specialized teams to call on during emergencies, such as mental health responders and victim/survivor advocates. There could be a separate team to address violent crimes. Another team that handles making sure traffic regulations are followed. We don't need a system of policing in which police try to solve all the problems that come up. It makes more sense to rely on different teams of people who are specialized and well-trained. We are asking too much of the police, and putting them in situations that don't need guns. It inevitably results in corruption.

I hope you read this email and take it into consideration. Many people are calling for these changes.

Regards, Agustina Quesada

From: Guiomar Basualdo < Guiomar Basualdo @hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:25 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);

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Guiomar Basualdo. 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, Guiomar Basualdo

From: Sereena Knight <svpk2012@icloud.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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#### Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Sereena Knight. 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 of our Baltimore communities. By committing yourself to defunding the Baltimore Police Department, you can show the Black community in Baltimore that you truly care about, and value, our lives. You can show that you are willing to take the extra step of defunding the BPD to protect Black lives and make a true effort to dismantle systemic racism. You can take a step to be on the right side of history.

Best, Sereena Knight

From:

Catherine Brady <catherinebrady2497@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:54 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

To: Cc:

Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Stokes, Robert (City Council); Burnett, Kristerfer (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is catherine brady. 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,

Catherine Brady

From: Lemia Lynch <lemialynch10@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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#### Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Mia Lynch. 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, Mia Lynch

From: Brianna Murel <bri>dicloud.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:09 AM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Brianna Murel. 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,

Brianna Murel

From: Daniel Ramirez <dramirez616@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:03 AM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Daniel Ramirez. 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, Daniel Ramirez

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brittany Coverdale <bri>brittany.coverdale@icloud.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:57 AM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Brittany Coverdale. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality and systemic racism, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. I urge you to listen 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,

**Brittany Coverdale** 

From: JaShaun Roy <jashaunroy4@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:34 AM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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#### Dear Mayor Young,

My name is JaShaun Roy. In the midst of a pandemic and public outcry against police brutality, it is inappropriate to propose increases to the Baltimore Police Department budget. Police departments have been plagued with institutional corruption & systemic oppression of its citizens for long enough. 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. The betterment of our community does not fully rely on the BPD and our city's budget should be put into programs that will enhance the quality of life for it's people.

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

Best,

JaShaun Roy

From: Maria Androutsopoulos <maria.androutsopoulos@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:27 AM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Maria Androutsopoulos. 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, Maria Androutsopoulos

Enviado desde mi iPhone

From: Kenyon Moore <kenyon.moore@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:09 AM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Kenyon Christopher Moore. 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,

Sent from my iPhone

From: SYDNEE HUGHES <sydneehughes@aol.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:29 AM **To:** Currin, Marquerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Sydnee Hughes. 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, Sydnee Hughes #BLM

From: Jessica Sellers <trystanmccarthy@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:09 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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#### Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Trystian McCarthy. 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,

Trystian McCarthy
Solar Energy Consultant

From: Cameron Brown <cheesehead\_711@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:32 AM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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Dear Mayor Young,

My name is Cameron Brown. 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,

From: Martha Davis <martha.w.davis@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:00 AM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; Clarke, MaryPat (City Council); Reisinger, Edward (City Council);

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Dear Mayor Young,

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

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

Best,

Martha

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Kelci Tillman <kelcithesmith@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:57 PM Currin, Marquerite (City Council)

To: Subject:

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Helio.

My name is Kelci Tillman. I am a resident of Batimore City, MD. With the final day of hearings taking place tomorrow, I have some demands that need your immediate attention before voting on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget takes place next week.

I demand an immediate divestment from the Baltimore Police Department. Baltimore has continued to fail while BPD's budget continues to grow. I believe that police do not actually keep us safe. Policing was established to maintain white supremacy (it's lineage dates back to slave patrols). Policing also diverts money from education, health, mental health, parks and recreation, and other programs that would improve communities.

I demand that 50% of BPD's 2020 operating budget be invested in Baltimore's Black communities. That means \$268,188,238 needs to be invested in infrastructure, health care, education, housing, and other social services. Our communities deserve investment and can't be expected to thrive without it.

I demand the immediate abolishment of LEOBoR. The "Bill of Rights" hinders transparency and accountability. Under LEOBoR, officers charged with crimes are protected from public reckoning. We refuse the continued protection of officers that enact egregious violence on our communities.

I demand the city gains control of the Baltimore Police Department. The BPD has been a state agency for 159 years since 1861. We reject the "need" for outside actors to determine what public safety looks like for our city. We affirm the skills and values of Baltimore's residents to handle issues of safety and wellness.

Thank you, Kelci Tillman

From: Elizabeth Comer <ecomer@eacarchaeology.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: As a Baltimore City business and property owner I demand to be heard

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Dear Ms. Currin,

I am writing to demand divestment from the Baltimore Police Department. The millions of tax dollars that we spend on violent and ineffective policing would be far better spent on social services like healthcare (including mental health), education, and infrastructure. Redirecting this money is our only path towards securing a prosperous, safe future for every one of Baltimore's citizens. I also support diverting at least \$268 million (half of the BPD's annual budget) annually to services for Baltimore's Black population, who have been overwhelmingly harmed by interactions with police and other structurally racist institutions. LEOBoR must be immediately abolished; police cannot continue to harm our citizens without due accountability and justice. Finally, the City of Baltimore, not the State of Maryland, should have control and oversight of its own police forces. As a longtime Baltimore taxpayer and voter, I hope you will consider these demands seriously and act in the name of justice for all Baltimore citizens.

Elizabeth A. Comer, Principal EAC/Archaeology, Inc. 4303 North Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21218-1054 Office 410-243-6767 Fax 410-243-8383 Cell 443-463-6437 www.eacarchaeology.com

From:

jogadsby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Gadsby

<jogadsby@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:37 AM

To:

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject:

An important message

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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 Baltimore City 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.

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 will continue to fight alongside the organizations that are working 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,
Joanna Gadsby
3759 Beech Ave Baltimore, MD 21211-2273 jogadsby@gmail.com

From: jenamann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Amann

<jenamann@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: An Equitable, Just Budget for Baltimore - 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:

As a Baltimore resident, I respectfully 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.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the BPD does not work to protect and serve all Baltimore residents equally, has mismanaged its already bloated budget (as evidenced by the overtime pay scandal), and continues to employee officers that lack real concern and respect for the people of the City and their own duty as police officers. Now is not the time to pour even more funding into BPD's budget, when funding for other critical city services face proposed budget cuts. City funds should be invested in our Black communities that have suffered from chronic underinvestment for far too long.

I support the demands of Organizing Black and their 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,
Jennifer Amann
215 S Washington St Baltimore, MD 21231-2620 jenamann@mac.com

From: jwalsh3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanna Clifton < jwalsh3

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:17 AM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Against more BPD Funding - Public Comment

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Sincerely, Joanna Clifton 703 Berry St Baltimore, MD 21211-2527 jwalsh3@gmail.com

From: vpass81@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Victoria Pass <vpass81

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:25 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Addressing Racial Justice in the Budget - Public Comment

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Sincerely,
Prof. Victoria Pass
113 Cross Keys Rd Unit F Baltimore, MD 21210-1537 vpass81@gmail.com

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From: Sara Zawalick <sarazawalick7@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc: Bernard C Jack Young; 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)

Subject: Divest Money from BPD to Much Needed Social Services

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Thank you, Sara Zawalick

From:

Sara Zawalick <sarazawalick7@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:00 AM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc:

Bernard C Jack Young; 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);

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Thank you, Sara Zawalick

From: Margaret Comer <margaret.a.comer@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Subject: Demanding Divestment and Justice

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#### Dear Ms Currin,

I am writing to demand divestment from the Baltimore Police Department. The millions of tax dollars that we spend on violent and ineffective policing would be far better spent on social services like healthcare (including mental health), education, and infrastructure. Redirecting this money is our only path towards securing a prosperous, safe future for every one of Baltimore's citizens. I also support diverting at least \$268 million (half of the BPD's annual budget) annually to services for Baltimore's Black population, who have been overwhelmingly harmed by interactions with police and other structurally racist institutions. LEOBoR must be immediately abolished; police cannot continue to harm our citizens without due accountability and justice. Finally, the City of Baltimore, not the State of Maryland, should have control and oversight of its own police forces.

As a longtime Baltimore taxpayer and voter, I hope you will consider these demands seriously and act in the name of justice for all Baltimore citizens.

Sincerely, Margaret Comer 4303 North Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218

Dr Margaret Comer, MPhil, PhD
Postdoctoral Member, Cambridge Heritage Research Centre
Research Assistant, 'Safeguarding Sites: The IHRA Charter for Best Practice'
<a href="https://www.heritage.arch.cam.ac.uk/people/mac201">https://www.heritage.arch.cam.ac.uk/people/mac201</a>

From: Nicole Campion < nicole.a.campion@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:34 PM

To: Bullock, John (City Council); Bernard C Jack Young; City Council President; Currin,

Marguerite (City Council); Costello, Eric (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council);

Schleifer, Isaac (City Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council)

Subject: Demand for a budget that prioritizes PEOPLE over PROPERTY

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To Mayor Jack Young and the members of the City Council Budget and Taxation Committee:

My name is Nicole Campion Dialo. I live in the Hollins Market neighborhood in District 9, represented by councilman Bullock. I am writing to join my voice with others demanding that the Baltimore City Police Department be immediately defunded, with the re-direction of these funds to critical infrastructure, education, health, and housing needs in our city, especially our predominantly Black communities. I would like this written testimony to be included at tomorrow's police budget hearing.

I recently graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine with degrees in medicine and public health, and am about to start Internal Medicine Primary Care residency at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Before medical school, I served as an AmeriCorps volunteer for one year at Bon Secours Hospital. For all 6 years, I have lived in West Baltimore, where I have experienced the anxiety of seeing people overdose on the sidewalks in my neighborhood and hearing gunshots at night. A greater anxiety, though, is wondering whether or not I should call the police when I witness these things because I don't want to be the reason an officer shows up and kills or injures one of my neighbors.

As a medical and public health professional, of course I know that we need a system of public safety that can respond to emergencies but this need not be a militarized system that makes citizens fear for their own safety from the very people who are supposed to protect them. We must start over. We must deconstruct the current Baltimore City Police Department and reimagine a healthier, safer, fairer system that prevents crime by investing in PEOPLE. Fund our schools. Fund community health centers. Fund recreations centers. Fund youth mentoring programs. But do NOT fund weapons and terrorism against our own communities.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely, Nicole Campion Dialo, MD, MPH

From: Aaron Litz <litz.progress@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:49 PM

To: Reisinger, Edward (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council); Bernard C Jack

Young; phylicia@porter4baltimore.com

Subject: Defund the Police, Fund Services

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Hello,

I call on the Baltimore City Council to reject the proposed increase to the BPD budget. Instead, work to implement significant and permanent reductions to this department. These funds should be allocated to services that do not terrorize our neighbors and communities. Fund services that support people. The police have never been designed to support.

The budget is a mess. I am shocked the police get so much money to do so much harm. Harm, not only in their actions in my community, but also in the missed opportunity to fund more effective services.

I am shocked because this is the first I am learning just how disproportionate is the budget for policing when compared to civil rights, housing, education, public health, and parks. Now that I know, if changes are not made, I will not be shocked; I will be angry.

There is no one else that we need rely on to see our city become safer, healthier, and more connected. We can do it here, now. Defund the police so we can fund our future.

Thank you, Aaron Litz

From:

fm <freda.mohr@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:59 AM

To:

Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Cc:

Henry, Bill (email)

Subject:

Defund the police now

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Good morning, I live in 21218 and am writing to you to say that it would benefit our community immensely to immediately divest from the Baltimore Police Department.

50% of their budget could easily be cut and used to invest in our Black community that is severely underserved. I do not understand why schools, housing, and other necessary programs are so grossly underfunded while an ineffective, reckless, dangerous police department gets the majority of the city's budget.

Leobor should be disbanded as it gets no results.

Finally, Baltimore needs to regain control of its police department as it is clear that the state government does not have Baltimore itself as a priority beyond punishment.

It has been shown time and again that investing in the community resolves many of the issues that we think police are needed for. You have to give people the chance to survive and having a large police force to terrorize folks is counter productive. That's what the protests are about.

Sincerely, Freda Mohr

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From: chassyfam@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aaron Chassy

<chassyfam@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:40 PM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Defund the Police

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

I am writing as your constituent and a member of Jews United for Justice 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 and reallocate the cost savings to other critical social welfare services that actually address the drivers of violence and thus prevent crime in our city.

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. Moreover, piecemeal reforms - e.g., body cameras, outlawing deadly choke holds, etc. - are unlikely to be successful unless coupled with a top-down re-engineering and repurposing of the police force so that there is genuine culture change and institutional reform.

Jews United for Justice supports Organizing Black and our 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.

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.

Sincerely, Mr. Aaron Chassy

2811 Bayonne Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-1765 chassyfam@aol.com

From:

Claire Knezevic <clairekn3@mac.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:25 PM

To:

Costello, Eric (City Council); Pinkett, Leon2 (City Council); Middleton, Sharon (City

Council); Henry, Bill (email); McCray, Danielle (City Council); Schleifer, Isaac (City

Council); Sneed, Shannon (City Council); Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject:

DEFUND the BPD!

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Dear Baltimore City Budget and Taxation Committee:

It is far past time to stop defunding our communities and to finally defund the ineffective BPD. Baltimore spends significantly more per resident on police than most if not all cities -- about twice that of Minneapolis and Los Angeles and 25% more than New York, cities now pledging to defund their police.

Our budget is a moral document. We must change it to reflect our values. For every dollar spent on the Police and Sheriff's Departments, the pending city budget allocates 50 cents on Baltimore City Public Schools; 17 cents on the Department of Housing and Community Development; 11 cents on the Office of Homeless Services, 6 cents on the Office of Employment Development, and less than 1 cent on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health.

Police budgets have expanded to areas in which law enforcement has no legitimate role and their involvement makes things worse. Criminalizing students, persons without housing, or those with mental illness or addictions does not increase public safety. Killing with impunity is not law and order.

The police cannot be reformed. We cannot increase their budget while our communities are struggling with the massive impact of COVID-19. We must invest instead in alternatives to our current "public safety" system. We must invest in our youth and our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this issue,

Claire Knezevic

800 E 35th St

Baltimore, MD 21218

From:

hanaclemens@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hana Clemens

<hanaclemens@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:00 PM

To:

Currin, Marquerite (City Council)

Subject:

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Sincerely, Hana Clemens 5815 Stuart Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-4161 hanaclemens@gmail.com

From: bctanke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Benjamin Tankersley

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bctanke@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:23 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

**Subject:** Defund Now - increase community investments

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Sincerely,
Benjamin Tankersley
3015 Iona Ter Baltimore, MD 21214-3413
bctanke@gmail.com

From: Sara Zawalick <sarazawalick7@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:00 AM

To: Bernard C Jack Young

Cc: Currin, Marguerite (City Council); City Council President; Cohen, Zeke (City Council);

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Council); Clarke, MaryPat (City Council)

Subject: Defund BPD, Reallocate Funds to Social Services

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Thank you, Sara Zawalick

From:

Chelsea Cosner < chelsea.r.cosner@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:17 PM

To:

City Council President

Subject:

Defund BPD

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Hello,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Chelsea Cosner

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Sarah Wilson <swilsong729@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:50 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject:

Defund BPD

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Hello,

I am writing to urge Baltimore City to cut police funding based on the proposed budget being more than double the proposed education budget.

Sarah

From:

Chelsea Gleason < chelsea.gleason@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:43 PM Currin, Marquerite (City Council)

Subject:

**Defund BPD** 

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

My name is Chelsea Gleason and I am a resident of the 12th district. I write to express my outrage at the murder of George Floyd by the police, and the countless other murders of Black people that have occurred by police in this country. I write with the same outrage at the killing of Freddie Grey by the Baltimore Police in 2015, which ignited an uprising in our city that was met with a failure to deliver justice for Freddie Grey, for his family, nor for the city of Baltimore. Time and time again, police reform, consent decrees, and incremental changes have proven ineffective and simply not enough. Policing in America is not about a few bad apples or few bad cops, but rather is systemically flawed, racist, and traced back to slavery.

We must abolish the police, and though long overdue, the time is now. All over the county, people are rising up and demanding a defunding of the police and an investment in Black communities and services. I write to push forward the demands of Organizing Black <a href="https://secure-push.com/

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93APtDhRbvK4bOC mq3AMb Q2VHmjLQif7jDXb0ysvIhAUGPZJF8/https%3A%2F%2Forganizingblack.or g%2Four-demands and ask that tomorrow you do the right thing by divesting from BPD, putting 50% of BPD's 2020 operating budget to be invested in Baltimore's Black communities, abolishing the law enforcement officers' bill of rights, and putting BPD in local control of the city of Baltimore.

I urge you to stand up for what's right and act for real change for the Black community, for Baltimore, and for the nation.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Gleason 1721 Guilford Avenue Apt. 3 Baltimore, MD 21202

Chelsea Gleason (she/her) Masters in Social Work, Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)

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From: lizzyunger1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lizzy unger lizzyunger1

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:27 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Decrease BPD Funding, Reinvest in Communities - Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

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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.

It is unacceptable that the large budget cuts due to the COVID-19 crisis have come out of other social services while the BPD budget has continued to grow. Please dramatically reduce the amount budgeted to BPD and reinvest that funding in health care, treatment, housing, employment opportunities and education.

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,

Ms. Lizzy unger 210 E Chase St Baltimore, MD 21202-3808 lizzyunger1@gmail.com

From: jencheslock@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Cheslock

<jencheslock@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Cut the BPD budget--invest in our community!

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Cheslock

5815 Ethelbert Ave Baltimore, MD 21215-3905 jencheslock@gmail.com

From: enwillia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ebonie Williams

<enwillia@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:33 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Cut Funding For the FY 2021 BPD Budget - Public Comment

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

Hello,

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

I am Ebonie Williams, a concerned resident of Baltimore's District 9. I am a member of United Workers and the Fair Development Roundtable.

I ask that you vote No on the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department budget.

The Baltimore Police Department's budget needs to be reduced, not increased. The Police Department needs to be reformed to protect all residents equally. Critical city services including education, housing, and health need more funding to handle the COVID-19 recovery and address the needs we had before the pandemic. However there are suggested cuts to these services. That is unacceptable.

Increasing the BPD budget will not help city residents. The end goal should be to invest in more education, housing, and health services that addresses the city's needs (of both the housed and homeless equally). Budget cuts to these services is the wrong way here.

Sincerely,
Ebonie Williams
1106 W Lombard St Baltimore, MD 21223-2635 enwillia@gmail.com

From: arenal01@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arenal Haut <arenal01

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:45 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: CUT Funding for the Baltimore Police Department

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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 resident of Baltimore to demand that you vote against the proposal to increase the Baltimore Police Department's budget. I understand that City Council cannot re-allocate costs, but it IS fully within your power to cut funding.

The BPD is not serving our community, and they should not receive more money. They do NOT protect Baltimore residents equally, and there are critical services having their funding cut.

YOU have the power to make a difference. Make Baltimore a better place.

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Do not let your community down.

Sincerely,
Arenal Haut
10 Ruby Field Ct Baltimore, MD 21209-1559 arenal01@hotmail.com

From: ilana.ginsberg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ilana Ginsberg

<ilana.ginsberg@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 1:29 AM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: CUT BUDGET for BPD - we cannot wait - Public Comment

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Sincerely,
Ilana Ginsberg
2936 Keswick Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-2732 ilana.ginsberg@gmail.com

From: emmareisinger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emma Reisinger

<emmareisinger@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:05 PM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Cut BPD funding!

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Dear Marguerite Currin,

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.

As a Baltimore City resident, I have had my car broken into numerous times (including one unsuccessful hotwiring), and the house where I have lived was broken into multiple times while people were home. My boyfriend and I were also mugged at gunpoint outside his house on a summer Sunday evening. Having an excessively funded police department did nothing in any of those situations, either to prevent or to handle crime.

I would like to see more funding going towards school infrastructure improvements, recreation centers, public land use (such as parks and park programming, particularly in majority-Black neighborhoods), and small business incentives and support (NOT mega corporation tax breaks). I would also propose additional funding to essential services provided by the City such as yard waste and recycling collection. I realize there is a limited ability for you to reallocate funding away from the BPD, but with this measure at least you can stop the bloat.

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.

Sincerely, Emma Reisinger 4415 Mary Ave Baltimore, MD 21206-2803 emmareisinger@gmail.com

From:

diana.peisach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diana Solomon

<diana.peisach@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:37 AM

To: Subject: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)
Cut BPD Funding!

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Diana Solomon

1454 Stevenson St Baltimore, MD 21230-5109 diana.peisach@gmail.com

From: zoegensh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of zoe g

<zoegensh@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:03 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Cut BPD Funding NOW - Public Comment

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Sincerely, zoe g 2239 Kirk Ave Baltimore, MD 21218-6204 zoegensh@gmail.com Thomas of the foundation of the council

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From:

Jenny Sorel < jennysorel@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:03 PM

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 After-school programs that will help us build a healthier, safer, and more climate-resilient Baltimore.

Sincerely, Jenny Sorel 3412 Oakenshaw Pl. Baltimore, MD 21218

From:

Elizabeth Hirsch < lizandkurt@hotmail.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:58 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject:

Comments on the FY2021 budget

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Sincerely, Elizabeth Hirsch 5729 Ridgedale Rd Baltimore, MD 21209

From: Elizabeth P Gaither <epgaither@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:23 PM

To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

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Dear City Council Leaders,

As a voter and 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. At this time when our nation is grappling with the ongoing impact of police brutality and our Police Department is under a consent decree to resolve the decades-long pattern and practice of conduct that violates Baltimore's citizen's First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights, adding funding to the Police Department budget while cutting the fundamental health, education, and civil services that build strong, inclusive and healthy communities is not the way to go about this work.

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 Community Schools and 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 -- all of these are more vital than adding to the police department budget!

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To Mayor Young: please reallocate that money to Education, Transportation, Recreation and Parks, Health, Housing, and other departments that will help us build a healthier, safer, and more climate-resilient Baltimore.

Thank you, Elizabeth Pailin Gaither

Sincerely, Elizabeth P Gaither 633 St Johns Rd Baltimore, MD 21210

From:

Sarah Howell <sarah.f.howell@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:15 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

To: Subject:

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Dear Baltimore City Health Committee Marguerite Currin,

Good morning Councilman Schleifer, Council President Scott, Mayor Young:

As a resident of Baltimore (in Councilperson Schleifer's district), 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.

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Thank you, Sarah Howell

Sincerely, Sarah Howell 1701 Sulgrave Ave #4 Baltimore, MD 21209

From: Dorothy Bright-Whitson dorrit@gmail.com>

Sent:Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:55 PMTo:Currin, Marguerite (City Council)Subject:Comments on the FY2021 budget

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Thank you for your ear and your difficult work, Dorothy Bright-Whitson

Sincerely, Dorothy Bright-Whitson 5602 Belle Vista Ave Baltimore, MD 21206

From:

Rosemary Mountain <rosemary.mountain@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:24 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

To: Subject:

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Sincerely, Rosemary Mountain 5501 HUNTLEY SQ BALTIMORE, MD 21210

From: lindsay.m.davis22@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lindsay Davis

davis22@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:39 PM **To:** Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: Comment to Cut BDPs budget

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Sincerely, Lindsay Davis

7789 Arundel Mills Blvd Hanover, MD 21076-1996 lindsay.m.davis22@gmail.com

From:

Jon Sussman < jonmsussman@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:56 AM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

To: Subject:

Comment re BPD Budget

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing To submit comment on the BPD budget. I urge Mayor and City Council to immediately begin the process of stripping funding from the Baltimore Police Department. BPD has done very little to protect our city's residents, actively hurts and kills the most vulnerable among us (Black people, the poor, the house less), and diverts funding from programs that would actually make this a better place to live (affordable housing, lead paint remediation, education). The City government must take steps right now to cut the BPD budget and invest in life-sustaining work.

Thank you, Jon Sussman

From: lan Power <ianhpower@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:40 PM
To: Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject: comment on BPD from a D10 resident

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I am asking you to please consider defunding the Baltimore Police Department.

Their hold over the budget of this city is shameful. I've lived here for 8 years, and their budget rises right alongside the homicide rate. What are we paying for?

Broken windows policing is a dead ideology. To the extent that we need police in this city, their duties should be restricted to violence intervention. Please defund their patrol, their weapons, their recruitment, their OT, which of course is often totally fraudulent. Between the OT scandals and the GTTF, I'm not sure why people think it's a good idea to give them more money. Are city officials afraid of the police? That's all I can think of.

I was violently attacked in Ridgely's Delight in June 2014 by a group of boys. I received a concussion and several abrasions and they made off with my cell phone. I called the police. I regret it. They picked me up, drove me up to a kid they had on the sidewalk and asked if he was the guy. He wasn't. Also, aren't one-man lineups unconstitutional? Then, on the drive to the station, the white officer pointed out to random black kids, probably around 12-13, walking down the street, and said (trigger warning) "look at those faggots. if you weren't here, i'd have them on the sidewalk so fast." At the station, they coached me on my statement, then told me not to buy a new phone for two weeks while they investigated. When I called two weeks later, no one could find any record of my case.

I understand that this is one anecdote. But why should I believe that general interactions with BPD are any different? What evidence is there? Not to mention that this interaction certainly turned me off ever calling them again. I decided I could deal with problems better myself. This is a department that is under federal consent decree for unconstitutional policing. That killed Freddie Gray and tried to kill Keith Davis Jr.

Again, I beg you, put money where it is needed: housing, parks, arts, youth and community development. There are very few jobs BPD does that could not be done better and more equitably by someone else. Make Baltimore a leader in urban life. I love this city more than any other. Please, please, get their knee from off of its neck.

Ian Power
Professor & Director, Integrated Arts, University of Baltimore
District 10 Resident

From:

Denisse Herrera < DHerrera@pppcs.org >

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:15 PM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject:

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Good evening,

As we are entering a time of revolution and a rebellion against the evils and systems of oppression that disproportionately violate black folx and folx of color, I echo the demands of the black activism organization 'Organizing Black' and countless other black voices demanding their voices be heard.

"We demand an immediate divestment from the Baltimore Police Department."

There is no need to be spending hundreds of millions of dollars on an agency that brutalizes its community, instead of serving and protecting its community. We know that the police force stems from racism, lives off racism and perpetuates racism. We do not need it.

"We demand 50% of BPD's 2020 operating budget to be invested in Baltimore's Black Communities." If hundreds of millions of dollars went into uplifting and creating stability and security for black communities, we would be living in a completely different Baltimore. Baltimore's black communities have been overlooked and neglected. Baltimore's black neighborhoods need support with infrastructure, medical buildings, adequate school systems, housing, grocery stores and food access. Black communities have had their resources removed for centuries, it is time to return it to them.

We do not need to see more development groups serving white interests and protecting white property. Baltimore has a beautiful and rich Black history that is slowly but surely being neglecting and forgotten due to deliberate choices on the hands of those making government budgets.

Not only do we need to consider funding black communities, neighborhoods and organizations. But we need to think about the trans community. The trans community has been completely dismissed in this and so many cities. What are we without our trans brothers and sisters? Nothing. We need to be supporting trans communities, especially black trans communities, because they are facing violence and murder at appalling proportions. We need to invest in spaces that are safe and celebratory of trans folx of color. We need adequate medical spaces, housing spaces, food access and schooling.

We need to be allocating funds towards harm reduction and education about substance use in Baltimore City. For too long we have gone without actually seeking to support out community, especially those who are in struggle, in crisis, in addiction, or in mental health crises. We need to invest in the livelihood of our community and that means each and every member of this community. We need to support ourselves as community because we are nothing without community. We don't need police forces. We need mutual aid and mutual understanding. We need structurally sound cities. We need a massive change that prioritizes black, LQGBTIA+ folx. period.

From:

Jessie Lamworth < jlamworth@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:35 AM Currin, Marguerite (City Council)

Subject:

City Council Budget - Invest in our schools

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Dear Councilman Scott,

My name is Jessie Lamworth and I am a resident of Baltimore. I am writing in regards to the current city council budget discussion. The proposed budget prioritizes the police force over our schools, which is sure to cause more harm in our neighborhoods and communities instead of improving them. Divesting in BPD and investing in our schools and social services is imperative if we want to see a safer, healthier, and happier environment for us and our community.

Thank you for your time. Jessie