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To:	Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject:	Black lives matter, Defund the police
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Hi,

My name is Allison and I am a resident of ward 4. I am writing to ask you to take action and to take accountability for the attack on the young black man at the courthouse on June 5th. He and the community need you to insist that this attack and attacks on our BIPOC community members be prosecuted. We insist that you withdraw the current budget proposal for over a new 19 million dollars towards police and only 2 million towards housing and community development. This does not reflect the desires and needs of the communities you represent. We are demanding a budget that falls in line with our community values, which is not more policing. We insist that these funds be reallocated towards funding for the mobile crisis response team, the affordable housing trust fund, substance abuse recovery programs, mental health services, domestic abuse survivor programs, emergency and transitional housing, and to promote racial equity in our schools.
We want ALL of our community members to have their basic human rights given to them. Many people need the kinds of supports that are mentioned above. I believe that as we meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members we will recognize that the role of the police has been overextended. THey cannot meet housing, mental health, recovery, and educational needs of our community. We have the ability to do that, so put the money where it needs to go.
Thank You,
Allison

Sent from my iPhone