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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 24, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: JULIE DRIMAKIS, CITY CLERK

**SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2020
AGENDA ITEM HEARINGS 12.A.**

The City has received approximately 454 public comments transmitted through e-mail regarding agenda item 12.A. Due to the volume of comments received, staff have attached a summary chart of all messages received up to 1:00 p.m. PST on the June 24, 2020. The 1:00 p.m. PST timeframe is to allow for staff to compile the blue memo in a timely manner prior to the start of the Council meeting. All messages have been compiled and will be printed in their entirety and available to view in the City Clerk's Office

Comments will continue to be compiled on this item for inclusion in the public record until 11:59 a.m. PST the day following the City Council Meeting, June 25, 2020. Members of the public are welcome to continue to communicate about this topic after that time.

Attachments
PDF – Summary Chart

Date	From	Subject
6/24/2020 12:58	Carolina Aldaco <aldacocarolina@yahoo.com>	BPD Budget
6/24/2020 12:52	Kevin Schaad <kdsopolitics@gmail.com>	City Budget FY 2020-2021
6/24/2020 12:50	Jasiree Yatco <jyadia0918@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/24/2020 12:49	Maira Rios <riosma86@gmail.com>	City Council Meeting Agenda Item 12
6/24/2020 12:47	Emma Scott <emmajordanscott@gmail.com>	We donâ€™t need more money for BPD
6/24/2020 12:42	Lezli Ballesteros <b.lezli19@gmail.com>	Adopt a Peopleâ€™s Budget
6/24/2020 12:41	Lezli Ballesteros <b.lezli19@gmail.com>	Adopt a Peopleâ€™s Budget
6/24/2020 12:31	Mirasol Gutierrez <mirasol.gutierrez9787@email.bakersfieldcity.org>	Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 Bakersfield City Council Meeting.
6/24/2020 12:30	Tiara King <tiara.k@cpamerica.com>	General Public Comment
6/24/2020 12:28	Justin Lewis <canadiancheerboy@gmail.com>	Budget for 2020-2021
6/24/2020 12:18	Mathew Stevenson <mstevenson1972@gmail.com>	Defund the Police, Vote NO
6/24/2020 12:13	Hector Cabrera <hectorcabrerajrGOP@outlook.com>	Pro Budget Public Comment: In Re: Agenda Item Number 12a, Fiscal Budget 2020-
6/24/2020 12:10	Kamea Flores <meaflo00@gmail.com>	Public Comment for Agenda Item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
6/24/2020 12:09	Victoria Larios <victorialarios89@gmail.com>	Public Comment Agenda Item 12a
6/24/2020 12:06	Jennifer Castaneda <jennifer.castaneda0923@email.bakersfieldcity.org>	Public Comment on Agenda Item #12
6/24/2020 12:00	Corissa Garcia <corissaaaa@gmail.com>	Budget for 2020-2021
6/24/2020 11:58	David Abbasi <davidabbasi777@gmail.com>	Follow People's Budget recommendations
6/24/2020 11:48	Gina <gyum11235@gmail.com>	12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/24/2020 11:43	Katy Merlos <katmerlos14@gmail.com>	Budget for 2020-2021
6/24/2020 11:40	School <crystal.alonso3232@email.bakersfieldcollege.edu>	Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 Bakersfield City Council Meeting
6/24/2020 11:19	Natalie Mansour <mansour.natalie10@gmail.com>	Budget for 2020-2021
6/24/2020 11:17	Yultzin Angeles <yultzin21@gmail.com>	Public Comment, Agenda Item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/24/2020 11:06	Gina <gyum11235@gmail.com>	Public statement on the fiscal year 2020-21 budget
6/24/2020 11:03	Zeke Rivera <Eriviera1002@bak.rr.com>	To the Honorable Mayor Karen K. Goh
6/24/2020 10:58	Sarah Sterner <sdssterner@gmail.com>	Public comment agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget
6/24/2020 10:56	Zeke Rivera <Eriviera1002@bak.rr.com>	Bob Smith
6/24/2020 10:46	Brenda Muhm <brendamuhm@gmail.com>	Comment on Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/24/2020 10:39	Angel W. <w216690@gmail.com>	BLM
6/24/2020 10:39	Angel W. <w216690@gmail.com>	BLM
6/24/2020 10:36	Mayra Miranda <miranda.mayra92@gmail.com>	Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 Bakersfield City Council Meeting.
6/24/2020 10:36	Jazmin Tapia <jazmin.r.tapia@gmail.com>	Reallocate egregious police budgets towards education, social services, and dismantling racial injustice
6/24/2020 10:32	Paula Silva <paulaaa123494@yahoo.com>	12a, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
6/24/2020 10:23	Sandra Mata <sandra.mata1901@gmail.com>	Public comment for Agenda Item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget

6/24/2020 10:11 Nick Ortiz <nortiz@bakochamber.com>	Chamber Comments - City FY20-21 Budget & PSVS Expenditures
6/24/2020 10:10 Shilah Jones <shilahjones@icloud.com>	BUDGET 2020 - 2021
6/24/2020 10:07 Alondra Flores <alondraglo@gmail.com>	People's Budget Bakersfield 2020-2021
6/24/2020 10:06 Haley Barter <haleybarter@aol.com>	City Budget
6/24/2020 9:56 Jazmin Rodriguez <jazmin.rodriguez2019@email.bakersfieldcollege.edu>	Agenda Item #12, 06/24/2020 Bakersfield City Council Meeting
6/24/2020 9:51 Yury Galvez <yury.galvez16@gmail.com>	Public Comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/24/2020 9:48 Jimmy Hollispeasy <jimmyhollispeasy@gmail.com>	Please Adopt People's Budget
6/24/2020 9:46 Tori Gordillo <tori_gordillo@yahoo.com>	2020-2021 Budget
6/24/2020 9:24 Nathan Smith <nathans1996@yahoo.com>	My comment is for agenda item 12a Fiscal year 2020-21 budget
6/24/2020 9:01 John Kaye <jkaye@arguscollege.com>	What is RHNA?
6/24/2020 8:39 Jasmine Magana <luckeyjasmine@gmail.com>	CITY BUDGET REORGANIZED
6/24/2020 7:56 Ashley Buford <ashley.buford2899@email.bakersfieldcollege.edu>	Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 - Bakersfield City Council Meeting
6/24/2020 7:48 Hannah McBride <hannahmcsick@yahoo.com>	Proposed General Fund 2020-21
6/24/2020 6:54 Yinka Glover <yinkaglover@yahoo.com>	Comment for city council meeting (June 24th)
6/24/2020 2:09 Trinity Farugie <tfarugie21@gmail.com>	2020-2021 Policing Budget
6/24/2020 1:57 Mazuengele Kulungu <mazuengelekulungu@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Needs You
6/24/2020 0:17 Eyrene Martin <eyerenemartin@gmail.com>	
6/23/2020 23:02 Nathan Smith <nathans1996@yahoo.com>	My comment is for agenda item 12a Fiscal year 2020-21 budget
6/23/2020 22:59 George Mora <george.mora9981@email.bakersfieldcollege.edu>	Agenda Item #12
6/23/2020 22:50 Stefanie La Febre <stefanie.lafebre@yahoo.com>	Council Budget Meeting
6/23/2020 22:43 Mauricio Torres <mxtorres1@gmail.com>	Fwd: Stop funding state sanctioned murder
6/23/2020 22:43 Mauricio Torres <mxtorres1@gmail.com>	Stop funding state sanctioned murder
6/23/2020 22:31 Prakhya Malyala <malyalaprakhya@gmail.com>	REALLOCATE FUNDS TO BLACK COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF OVER-POLICING
6/23/2020 22:20 Raiaam Natividad <raiaam_noel@yahoo.com>	Defund the Police
6/23/2020 22:19 Daniel Vega <danielrobertvega@gmail.com>	Nazis are running people over in your city!
6/23/2020 21:49 Hannah van Horn <hannahvanhorn123@gmail.com>	Invest in the low income communities and children rather than police!!
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6/23/2020 21:23 Emilie A <emahart17@gmail.com>	Proposed General Fund 2020-2021
6/23/2020 20:23 Janmar Cervantes <janmar.cervantes5275@email.bakersfieldcollege.edu>	Agenda Item #12
6/23/2020 19:33 Valerie Urso <valerie.urso@gmail.com>	Public Comment for Council Meeting: Agenda Item - City Budget
6/23/2020 18:38 Elizabeth Rodacker <karshon@gmail.com>	Police Budget
6/23/2020 18:25 Ravneet Dhillon <ravneetd0@gmail.com>	Bakersfield People's Budget
6/23/2020 17:32 Brandon Keithnew <gmail.com>	City budget
6/23/2020 17:25 Suzette Wright <suzettew47@gmail.com>	Pass the PEOPLE's BUDGET
6/23/2020 16:57 Rosa Lopez <RLopez@aclusocal.org>	RE: Proposed FY2020-2021 budget

6/23/2020 16:53 Kaylee Choe <kmchoe26@gmail.com>	Ward 5, DEFUND BPD
6/23/2020 16:53 "isaactorres17." <isaactorres17@gmail.com>	My public comments is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/23/2020 16:26 Jacob Ennis-Bailey <jacobbbbailey@gmail.com>	Defund BPD
6/23/2020 16:16 estela lopez <lopez.estela15@yahoo.com>	12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 16:09 Nichelle Medrano <nichellemedrano@gmail.com>	People's Budget for Bakersfield
6/23/2020 16:03 Tom Cochran <tcocoran@usmayors.org>	To The Mayor: June 23, 2020
6/23/2020 15:43 Sulem Hernandez <sulem_h@berkeley.edu>	Re: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
6/23/2020 15:41 brandi woolsey <branwoolsey1@gmail.com>	Re: Karen Goh
6/23/2020 15:40 brandi woolsey <branwoolsey1@gmail.com>	Re: Council member Freeman
6/23/2020 15:36 brandi woolsey <branwoolsey1@gmail.com>	Council member Freeman
6/23/2020 15:35 Sulem Hernandez <sulem_h@berkeley.edu>	Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
6/23/2020 15:29 Melanie Dollar <meljjoydollar@gmail.com>	my public comment is for agenda item: 12a, fiscal year 2020-21 budget
6/23/2020 15:27 Melanie Dollar <meljjoydollar@gmail.com>	POLICING OUR BUDGET
6/23/2020 15:26 Alejandra Sigala <asigala2012@gmail.com>	Agenda item 12A: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 15:17 Kara Hill <hillkara123@gmail.com>	Defund the police!
6/23/2020 15:17 Kara Hill <hillkara123@gmail.com>	Defund the police!!!
6/23/2020 15:13 Jennifer Duran <jenniferduran712@yahoo.com>	Adopt The Budget
6/23/2020 15:10 Anakaren Martinez <karenmtz16@gmail.com>	City Budget
6/23/2020 15:06 Eric Espinoza <eric_e4@hotmail.com>	Bakersfield budget
6/23/2020 15:00 Kaitlin Valenti <valenti.kgv@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/23/2020 14:59 cristianm445@gmail.com	Teachers for defunding police
6/23/2020 14:59 cristianm445@gmail.com	Teachers for defunding police
6/23/2020 14:59 cristianm445@gmail.com	Teachers for defunding police
6/23/2020 14:53 Kaitlin Valenti <valenti.kgv@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/23/2020 14:47 Alex Sigala <asigala@csu.edu>	Agenda item 12a: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 14:44 "L.L. Robinson" <lisarobinstone@gmail.com>	Reallocation of funding from BPD
6/23/2020 14:37 Anakaren Martinez <anakaren.m616@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Budget
6/23/2020 14:15 meevvaro@gmail.com	Demanding a budget that meets the needs of all Bakersfield residents
6/23/2020 14:15 meevvaro@gmail.com	Demanding a budget that meets the needs of all Bakersfield residents
6/23/2020 14:01 Emily Waite <emilykw8@gmail.com>	Realization of funding
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6/23/2020 13:26 haylee rayne <hayleerayne03@icloud.com>	My public comment is for agenda item 12a: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
6/23/2020 13:23 rebekah lindsey <lindsey_rebekah@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/23/2020 13:13 Shavon Ausbie <shavonausbie@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget

6/23/2020 13:08 Jennifer Martinez <corisel_36@yahoo.com>	My Public Comment is for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 13:04 Nigel Flores <nflores13@csu.edu>	MY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/23/2020 13:02 Griffin Peavler <griffin.peavler@berkeley.edu>	Agenda item 12a fiscal year 2020-21 budget
6/23/2020 13:00 Anna Pangilinan <atpangilinan@gmail.com>	Public comment for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:59 Nicholas Emilio <nickemilio661@gmail.com>	Nicholas Emilio - Budget
6/23/2020 12:59 Elizabeth Spavento <espavento@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/23/2020 12:58 Jonathan Rodriguez <jrusc01@icloud.com>	Bakersfield's *PROPER* Allocation of Funds
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6/23/2020 12:58 Mariana Sanchez <msan.interpreting@gmail.com>	Public Comment For Agenda Item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:58 Stephen Moffett <isqueek@yahoo.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:58 Ruth Moffett <ruthiemoffett@yahoo.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:55 Paulina Diaz <paulina.diaz.11@hotmail.com>	Public Comment: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:53 Ann Gallon <amgallon@atg1.com>	Comment on June 24 Meeting Agenda item
6/23/2020 12:52 Manooshree Patel <manooshreepatel@berkeley.edu>	6/24 Public Comment
6/23/2020 12:51 Roshini Nandakumar Ravi <rshini@stanford.edu>	Bakersfield City Council Meeting
6/23/2020 12:48 Ray McPherson <8rayray8@gmail.com>	Fiscal Budget 20-21 Comment
6/23/2020 12:44 Danielle Munoz <daniellekmunoz@gmail.com>	City Council Mtg Public Comment agenda item:12a fiscal year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:39 Reena Somani <reenasomani00@gmail.com>	Public Comment for Budget Proposal
6/23/2020 12:36 Alberto Ramirez <betoramirez1999@gmail.com>	DEFUND POLICE
6/23/2020 12:28 Jagreet Dhaliwal <jagreetdhaliwal98@gmail.com>	Public Comment for 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 12:27 Rebecca Romero <rsakiguchi1993@gmail.com>	People's Budget Bakersfield 2020-2021
6/23/2020 12:21 Graycie Monsibais <grayciem09@gmail.com>	Budget proposal
6/23/2020 12:21 Graycie Monsibais <grayciem09@gmail.com>	Budget proposal
6/23/2020 12:18 Graycie Monsibais <grayciem09@gmail.com>	Proposed Budget
6/23/2020 12:12 Jasmine Del Aguila <jdelaguila@leadershipcounsel.org>	Public Comment for Item 12a re: City Budget
6/23/2020 12:10 Valeria Garcia <garciavaleria916@gmail.com>	Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:58 Felix Colson <felixcolson1@gmail.com>	Public Comment
6/23/2020 11:53 Janette <janette.llerenas@gmail.com>	Public Comment for the 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:50 Ariel Dyer <poetoaster@gmail.com>	Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:47 Kayleigh <k.lei.q22@gmail.com>	Public Comment for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:45 Nadire Bringas <nadire712@gmail.com>	Allocate Funds for the Community
6/23/2020 11:45 Nadire Bringas <nadire712@gmail.com>	Allocate Funds for the Community
6/23/2020 11:38 Deron Jackson <IndigoChild23@outlook.com>	The People's Budget
6/23/2020 11:37 Al Mckenzie <albnice@gmail.com>	Public comment
6/23/2020 11:33 Faith Bradham <flbradham@gmail.com>	Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget

6/23/2020 11:30 Alysia Wyatt <alysiakw@gmail.com>	Public Comment for Agenda Item 12a: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:27 Meghan Simpson <meghan.simpson.22@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 20-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:25 Lorena Lara <lara171@gmail.com>	Public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:23 Pearlina Ojeda <pearlina09@yahoo.com>	My public comment for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:11 Spencer <garzaspencer@gmail.com>	Public comment for agenda item: 12a, fiscal year 2020-2021 budget
6/23/2020 11:06 Mandy DeSchutter <mandyd37@gmail.com>	Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
6/23/2020 11:03 Mary Webb <maryfwebb@bak.rr.com>	Willie Rivera, Andre Gonzales, Ken Weir, Bob Smith, Bruce Freeman, Jacquie Sullivan, ChrisParlier
6/23/2020 10:36 Amanda Cheney <amanda.j.cheney@gmail.com>	budget reallocation
6/23/2020 10:05 Operation HOPE <team@operationhope.org>	HOPE Inside Disaster Report Issue #9
6/23/2020 9:49 Shikha Srinivas <shikha22@stanford.edu>	Support Housing for Those Experiencing Homelessness, School Programs, and Public Health
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6/23/2020 7:48 Jared Haug <jhaug@csu.edu>	Public Comment for City Council
6/23/2020 7:46 Jared Haug <jaredhaug@gmail.com>	Public Comment for City Council
6/22/2020 22:04 Kara Hill <hillkara123@gmail.com>	Public comment
6/22/2020 20:44 Julia McGowan <julesmcg1@gmail.com>	Black Lives Matter
6/22/2020 20:44 Julia McGowan <julesmcg1@gmail.com>	Black Lives Matter
6/22/2020 19:34 Ernie Bentley <ernie@bak.rr.com>	RE: Ridiculous demand to divest BPD
6/22/2020 17:19 Kathleen Stiles <kathstiles@msn.com>	proposed police budget increase
6/22/2020 16:32 Karah Amos <karahamos@icloud.com>	Police and Fiscal Budget
6/22/2020 16:32 Karah Amos <karahamos@icloud.com>	Police and Fiscal Budget
6/22/2020 15:54 Kara Hill <hillkara123@gmail.com>	Defund the police!
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6/22/2020 15:15 Lutgarda Marasigan <luthmarasigan@icloud.com>	*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
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6/22/2020 14:51 Adrian Esquivias <adrianpe92@gmail.com>	My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
6/22/2020 13:56 Lucia X <luciaa2222@gmail.com>	Defund the police!
6/22/2020 13:56 Lucia X <luciaa2222@gmail.com>	Defund the police!
6/22/2020 13:51 Nikki Nathan <nnathan@ncschools.org>	Reduce police violence by 72%
6/22/2020 11:11 Josh Shackelford <kajshack1865@yahoo.com>	Defund the BPD
6/22/2020 9:38 Karen Goh <karengoh@yahoo.com>	FW: Deep Concerns about Measure N process and staff-recommended spending
6/21/2020 22:00 Elizabeth Ode <lizode2@me.com>	Support for Bakersfield Police
6/21/2020 19:07 David Schaad <davidws@pacbell.net>	website email

6/21/2020 17:15	David Schaad <davidws@pacbell.net>	budget discussions Me Weir
6/21/2020 12:22	Ernie Bentley <ernie@bak.rr.com>	FW: Ridiculous demand to divest BPD
6/21/2020 8:04	The Well News <ee@thewellnews.com>	ELECTORATE EMPOWERED Sunday, June 21
6/20/2020 23:46	Anmol Dhaliwal <anmol98dhaliwal@yahoo.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/20/2020 23:46	Anmol Dhaliwal <anmol98dhaliwal@yahoo.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/20/2020 23:37	Alexis Armstrong <alexisarlene@icloud.com>	Call to Action to Defund Bakersfield Police
6/20/2020 19:30	rebekah lindsey <lindsey_rebekah@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/20/2020 19:29	rebekah lindsey <lindsey_rebekah@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/20/2020 19:28	rebekah lindsey <lindsey_rebekah@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/20/2020 19:25	rebekah lindsey <lindsey_rebekah@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/20/2020 18:13	Gabbie parragarcia <g_parragarcia@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/20/2020 18:01	Andrea Salazar <salazarandreaa81@icloud.com>	DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6/20/2020 16:30	Kelly Dozier <kelly.dozier@icloud.com>	Reallocate funds from the Police Department to develop black and other minority communities.
6/20/2020 15:00	Ernie Bentley <ernie@bak.rr.com>	Ridiculous demand to divest BPD
6/20/2020 14:15	Victoria Vargas <victoria.vargas4560@icloud.com>	Distribute Funds Fairly
6/20/2020 14:15	Victoria Vargas <victoria.vargas4560@icloud.com>	Distribute Funds Fairly
6/20/2020 12:52	Megan Cullor <mcullor@icloud.com>	Updating Community Standards
6/20/2020 10:49	Pam Greenleaf <grammypammy1@aol.com>	Police Budget
6/20/2020 9:31	Nuelbella Sandoval <nuelbella.sandoval.736@my.csun.edu>	CONCERN IN MY COMMUNITY
6/19/2020 18:25	Mary Munoz <marym419@gmail.com>	Defund Bakersfield PD
6/19/2020 17:57	Amanda Katherine Zavala <zamanda77@gmail.com>	People's Budget
6/19/2020 17:57	Amanda Katherine Zavala <zamanda77@gmail.com>	People's Budget
6/19/2020 16:02	Deborah Sawyer <allisonh2000@icloud.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/19/2020 15:14	Kathleen Hanson <khanson4@csu.edu>	City budget
6/19/2020 14:32	Alejandra Arrieta <lejandra.arrieta@gmail.com>	Defunding the police
6/19/2020 14:15	Suzanne Wade <wade.suzy@gmail.com>	Reinvest: Defund Bakersfield Police
6/19/2020 14:15	Suzanne Wade <wade.suzy@gmail.com>	Reinvest: Defund Bakersfield Police
6/19/2020 13:56	Wesley Teal <wteal@fastmail.com>	Justice for Robert Forbes
6/19/2020 13:41	Karen Bayne <baynek@icloud.com>	Defunding the police
6/19/2020 11:19	Quinn Wilson <qwilson@bakersfield.com>	Re: FW: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
6/19/2020 11:09	R M <v.gun1979@gmail.com>	Bakersfield proposed general fund 20-21
6/19/2020 9:21	Quinn Wilson <qwilson@bakersfield.com>	Re: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
6/19/2020 9:20	Carolina Paz <carolinapaz96@icloud.com>	BPD Funding
6/19/2020 9:20	Carolina Paz <carolinapaz96@icloud.com>	BPD Funding

6/19/2020 9:16	Allie Webb <alliemwebb@gmail.com>	People's Budget Bakersfield
6/19/2020 9:01	Allie Webb <alliemwebb@gmail.com>	People's Budget Bakersfield
6/18/2020 20:11	David Press <david@kern1.com>	To Councilmember Bob Smith Regarding The City Budget
6/18/2020 19:34	Julia Martin <julia.rose.23.05@gmail.com>	Itâ€™s time to make change
6/18/2020 19:34	Julia Martin <julia.rose.23.05@gmail.com>	Itâ€™s time to make change
6/18/2020 18:33	Molly Johnson <mollykatjohnson@gmail.com>	Defund BPD, Invest in Community Wellbeing
6/18/2020 16:10	Quinn Wilson <qwilson@bakersfield.com>	Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
6/18/2020 15:58	Nikki Nathan <nnathan@ncschools.org>	It is so simple to do the right thing. WHY ARE YOU NOT????
6/18/2020 15:38	sharris@bak.rr.com	I support law enforcement
6/18/2020 15:33	Shannon Harris <shharris@wuesd.org>	I support law enforcement
6/18/2020 14:52	Gaby Scully <fyizcs@yahoo.com>	Education Bonds and the BPD
6/18/2020 13:37	Ronn Pullantes <ronnpullantes@gmail.com>	REPRESENT YOUR CONSTITUENTS
6/18/2020 13:37	Ronn Pullantes <ronnpullantes@gmail.com>	REPRESENT YOUR CONSTITUENTS
6/18/2020 13:23	Amenaida Salazar <franyimdematusalen@icloud.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/18/2020 13:23	Amenaida Salazar <franyimdematusalen@icloud.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/18/2020 12:40	"Bahadorzadeh, Isabela" <ibahadorzadeh@middlebury.edu>	DEFUND BPD OR GOH AWAY
6/18/2020 12:27	Quinn Wilson <qwilson@bakersfield.com>	Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
6/18/2020 9:01	SANS Institute <sans@email.sans.org>	Donâ€™t Miss Out: Discounted Pricing on SANS Training is Available for a Limited
6/18/2020 6:30	Gloria Totten via ActionNetwork.org <leadership@progres	Do Lives Matter, Demilitarization of Police, Revenue Shortfalls and More
6/17/2020 23:38	Kirk McGowan <kirkmcgowan1988@gmail.com>	Invest in our community
6/17/2020 21:17	madison carver <madison.carver1999@icloud.com>	DEFUND BPD
6/17/2020 18:39	Ruth Sorenson <ruthsorenson21@gmail.com>	MESSAGE TO KAREN GOH/DEFUND THE POLICE
6/17/2020 18:17	Renee Juarez <juarezrenee07@gmail.com>	I want the peace restore in my community.
6/17/2020 18:16	Reilly Borges <reillyborges@gmail.com>	BPD BUDGET NEEDS TO CHANGE
6/17/2020 18:07	Celeste Ramos <hcelester01@gmail.com>	I urge you to represent and protect us
6/17/2020 17:26	Anu Ayeni <aaa25@rice.edu>	[URGENT] PLEASE READ
6/17/2020 16:55	Kayla Eller <ellerkayla91@gmail.com>	Letâ€™s Make Bakersfield Safe
6/17/2020 15:50	Devin Broussard <Devster1996@gmail.com>	I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
6/17/2020 14:35	megan martinez <megmartinez1992@gmail.com>	Important
6/17/2020 14:25	emu eghre-bello <emueghrebello@gmail.com>	Defund The Police
6/17/2020 12:54	money <monetcardiel@gmail.com>	defund the police and give the money to the community!
6/17/2020 11:52	Samantha Jones <samanthamookie@gmail.com>	End the school to prison pipeline, defund the police
6/17/2020 10:00	Malaya Jackson <malaya14@icloud.com>	Get on it
6/17/2020 9:54	Ray McPherson <8rayray8@gmail.com>	Defund the Bakersfield PD
6/17/2020 9:36	Gabriela Mota <gabrielamota3@gmail.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]

6/17/2020 9:33	Kiki Rowles <kikirowles@gmail.com>	A petition to make change in the community.
6/17/2020 9:01	Sydney Hazel <sydneyhazel1997@gmail.com>	Support our community as a whole.
6/17/2020 7:30	Alex <lozano519@gmail.com>	Use money elsewhere
6/17/2020 7:08	Dan <slippingbackwards@gmail.com>	Asking you to be on the right side of history
6/17/2020 6:49	Carly Conrad <threshingfledgling@gmail.com>	Policing budget
6/17/2020 2:41	Manuel Barrientos <mb708264@icloud.com>	IMPORTANT
6/16/2020 20:32	Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>	Defunding the Police
6/16/2020 16:52	Eileen Morales <eileenmorales229@gmail.com>	Defund Bakersfield PD
6/16/2020 16:32	Kate <floodriley@gmail.com>	put money to better use defund police
6/16/2020 15:23	Celeste Osborne <raysmama95@gmail.com>	I Want to Feel Safer In My Own Neighborhood
6/16/2020 14:42	Aldo Rodriguez <aldorod64@gmail.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/16/2020 14:10	Jay Cazal <contactjaycazal@gmail.com>	Defund PD Tax the Rich Fund Community Wellbeing
6/15/2020 23:47	Noemi Cisneros <mini_cisneros@me.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/15/2020 20:08	Candace Sluder <cannedsluder@gmail.com>	City budget concerns
6/15/2020 19:19	Ashlyn Skyler <ashlynskyler96@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Police Department
6/15/2020 16:33	Gemma Marchetti <gemma.e.marchetti@gmail.com>	BPD Funding
6/15/2020 13:59	Nikki Nathan <nnathan@ncschools.org>	JUSTICE
6/15/2020 12:14	"C. Jane Datinguino" <chelojane.da@gmail.com>	Defund Bakersfield PD
6/15/2020 11:30	Liza Miller <lzmiller4@gmail.com>	DEFUND POLICE
6/15/2020 9:59	Kara Hill <hillkara123@gmail.com>	Reallocation of funding!! Please revise budget!
6/15/2020 9:57	Kara Hill <hillkara123@gmail.com>	Please revise the city's budget immediately!
6/15/2020 9:22	Amanda Graff <amandalmgraff@gmail.com>	Defund Bakersfield Police
6/15/2020 1:34	Riddhi Patel <riddhipatel1011@icloud.com>	DEFUND BPD
6/14/2020 23:25	Marioese_o Sanchez <marioese13@gmail.com>	Important
6/14/2020 23:20	paulina velazquez <paulinavelazquez68@gmail.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/14/2020 23:15	Jazmine Salinas <jazminesalinas14@icloud.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/14/2020 23:15	Jazmine Salinas <jazminesalinas14@icloud.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/14/2020 23:12	Asia Halliman <asiafelice132@icloud.com>	[*** Defund the police ***]
6/14/2020 18:59	Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>	Rethinking Police Budget
6/14/2020 18:41	Emmanuel Sioria <emmanuel.sioria1@gmail.com>	Defund Bakersfield Police
6/14/2020 17:56	Jessica Mc Adams <jessica.sundlie@icloud.com>	Teachers for Change!!! End Police Brutality
6/14/2020 11:10	jorge perez <jorgeaperez1469@yahoo.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
6/14/2020 10:41	Robin Augustine <robynopulous1700@gmail.com>	I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
6/14/2020 10:12	andrea pham <sincerelydrea3@gmail.com>	Mitigating Systemic Racism
6/14/2020 10:12	andrea pham <sincerelydrea3@gmail.com>	Mitigating Systemic Racism

6/14/2020 9:55 Q <quinnbee1998@gmail.com>	REALLOCATION
6/14/2020 8:58 Nick H <nickolashage@gmail.com>	Bakersfield can't be a haven for white supremacy
6/14/2020 7:46 Manjit Kaur Khalsa <nirmalasunr@gmail.com>	Black Lives and Systemic Racism
6/14/2020 7:46 Manjit Kaur Khalsa <nirmalasunr@gmail.com>	Black Lives and Systemic Racism
6/14/2020 4:19 dafnieee <dafniepionilla83@gmail.com>	Defunding of the police department
6/14/2020 2:04 emilie.pichot@gmail.com	Please Defund the Police Department
6/13/2020 23:24 Leila Etamad <leilaetamad7@gmail.com>	DEFUND THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE
6/13/2020 16:20 Mike Golleher <mgolleher@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/13/2020 15:56 Emily Boone <e.m.boone5@gmail.com>	PD Funding Reallocation
6/13/2020 15:37 Alex Koch <alexkoch@gmail.com>	City Budget Meeting - Reduce Police Funding
6/13/2020 14:27 chelsea mendoza <chelseaxo143@yahoo.com>	WE NEED REFORM
6/13/2020 13:39 Dj Sandler <sandlerdj@gmail.com>	Defund BPD
6/13/2020 11:59 Selena Matranga <selenamatranga@gmail.com>	I NEED YOUR HELP TO DEFUND POLICE
6/13/2020 11:22 Matthew Berman <matthewberman18@icloud.com>	PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING
6/13/2020 11:16 Heaven Martin <n4rut0e@icloud.com>	DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
6/13/2020 11:10 Kion Noori <kion150@yahoo.com>	Demanding Justice
6/13/2020 8:42 "Stiles, Matt" <matt.stiles@latimes.com>	CPRA request...
6/13/2020 1:15 Kamryn Mcneese <turtleterrorllama@gmail.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/12/2020 20:28 Melissa Kroe <kroemelissa@gmail.com>	FUND YOUR PEOPLE
6/12/2020 19:17 "Stella \"Lago\" Jones" <lago@bravespacellc.com>	It is crucial that we defund the police now.
6/12/2020 19:17 Chikamso Udonsi <princematita@gmail.com>	DEFUND BPD
6/12/2020 19:00 Svillalobos25@yahoo.com	Defunding Police Department
6/12/2020 18:43 rorozco92@hotmail.com	Current Resident Concerns
6/12/2020 18:27 Giovanni Saldutti <giovanni.saldutti@icloud.com>	Mitigating Systemic Racism
6/12/2020 18:27 Giovanni Saldutti <giovanni.saldutti@icloud.com>	Mitigating Systemic Racism
6/12/2020 17:48 Is43@protonmail.com	INCREASE \$ FOR THE POLICE!!!!
6/12/2020 17:16 Alberto Ramirez <betoramirez1999@gmail.com>	DEFUND BPD NOW
6/12/2020 17:11 Maia Kaimakliotis <maia132@icloud.com>	WHERE TO PUT YOUR MONEY AFTER DEFUNDING/DEMILITARIZING YOUR POLICE
6/12/2020 15:09 Dean Rosenthal <dean.m.rosenthal@gmail.com>	Allaying Systemic Racism & Preventing Police Brutality
6/12/2020 15:09 Dean Rosenthal <dean.m.rosenthal@gmail.com>	Allaying Systemic Racism & Preventing Police Brutality
6/12/2020 14:45 John Orcutt <jlorcutt@gmail.com>	Bakersfield is better than this budget
6/12/2020 14:33 Devin Kapalla <devin.kapalla@gmail.com>	Defund BPD Now!
6/12/2020 14:26 Doreen Sandman <gsandman2001@gmail.com>	Utilize your money wisely
6/12/2020 13:23 Chuck Jordin <chuck.jordin@yahoo.com>	All

6/12/2020 13:13	Simrit Khalsa <simritkhalsa@gmail.com>	George Floyd, Felix Kumi, Jordan Edwards, Nathaniel Harris Pickett, Tamir Rice...and So Many Others
6/12/2020 13:13	Simrit Khalsa <simritkhalsa@gmail.com>	George Floyd, Felix Kumi, Jordan Edwards, Nathaniel Harris Pickett, Tamir Rice...and So Many Others
6/12/2020 13:09	Clifford Darden <eldarden@yahoo.com>	I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
6/12/2020 12:25	Rachael Harvey <rachharv@gmail.com>	Do the right thing please!
6/12/2020 12:24	mjtwins <mjtwins@gmail.com>	"ALL"
6/12/2020 12:14	Heena Doshi <heena.rdoshi@gmail.com>	Re: Police Reform
6/12/2020 11:06	samy zagara <samyzagara@yahoo.com>	Open for a happy surprise
6/12/2020 11:00	"Jonathan Tapia (JonJon)" <jon.tapia27@gmail.com>	*** Safety of Bakersfield***
6/12/2020 10:30	Etta Robin <earob62@pacbell.net>	I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
6/12/2020 9:09	Julissa Montes <jemontes0812@gmail.com>	JUSTICE
6/12/2020 9:03	Justin Ricafort <nitsuj1295@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/12/2020 7:34	Jeff Mendoza <mendoj78his@icloud.com>	City Budget
6/12/2020 7:27	Steve Shelton <skshelton54@gmail.com>	Police Department
6/12/2020 5:09	Fred <fredklopper@att.net>	Support Police
6/12/2020 1:09	Marie Calhoun <valentine8219@gmail.com>	*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***
6/12/2020 1:09	Camryn Van zandt <peachiehippie@gmail.com>	Relocation of Funds
6/12/2020 1:03	mikki jenson <mikaela.jenson@icloud.com>	people are DYING and YOU are FUNDING IT
6/12/2020 1:00	J Chen <jny.715.chen@gmail.com>	George Floyd, Paterson Brown, Calin Roquemore, Antwon Rose II, Tony Robinson...
6/12/2020 1:00	J Chen <jny.715.chen@gmail.com>	George Floyd, Paterson Brown, Calin Roquemore, Antwon Rose II, Tony Robinson...
6/11/2020 23:04	fabiolaorozco1994@gmail.com	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 22:57	Brenda Resendiz <bresendiz47@icloud.com>	*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***
6/11/2020 21:26	Arlene Enriquez <arlene_enriquez004@yahoo.com>	*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***
6/11/2020 20:55	syd sings <echoedsong04@gmail.com>	Regarding the Police Force
6/11/2020 19:56	Maria Villegas <whatwouldjesusdo77@yahoo.com>	Bakersfield resident for NOT defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 19:25	Desi Lorelli <desi.lorelli@gmail.com>	READ THIS
6/11/2020 19:15	Emily Byers <ebyers95@gmail.com>	Plead for defunding and reinvention of the BPD
6/11/2020 18:56	Allison Pagano-Speers <allisonpaganospeers@gmail.com>	Defund the police and help the community
6/11/2020 18:36	Rik <rikvio@aol.com>	Do Not Defund BPD or KCSO - Support Law Enforcement.
6/11/2020 18:24	Marco Flores <marcofloresmfcs@gmail.com>	
6/11/2020 16:45	Jacob Iarussi <iarussijacob@gmail.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/11/2020 16:15	Nikki Nathan <nathan@ncschools.org>	Your city is NOT DOING ENOUGH
6/11/2020 16:00	Used Oil HHW <UsedOilHHW@CalRecycle.ca.gov>	Used Oil Payment Program (OPP11) - Application Open and Funding Reduction
6/11/2020 15:50	Sally Lucchesi <sallylucchesi@me.com>	Bakersfield Needs to Change!

6/11/2020 15:44	Trisha Burnett <trishaburnett@aol.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 15:44	Trisha Burnett <trishaburnett@aol.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 15:44	Trisha Burnett <trishaburnett@aol.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 15:44	Trisha Burnett <trishaburnett@aol.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 15:44	Trisha Burnett <trishaburnett@aol.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 15:43	Natalie Frieson <natalief97@yahoo.com>	I voted for you.
6/11/2020 15:38	Madeline Knopf <maddy123@icloud.com>	Funding Concerns
6/11/2020 15:33	stacey robes <moandstacey@gmail.com>	Defend 12
6/11/2020 15:22	Mayors Innovation Project <ejmota=mayorsinnovation.org>	Moving forward on racial justice
6/11/2020 14:57	kristen.shaffer2580@gmail.com	Defund BPD
6/11/2020 14:52	kristen.shaffer2580@gmail.com	defund BPD
6/11/2020 14:14	Alyssa Garcia <alyssa114126@gmail.com>	DEMAND TO DEFUND BPD
6/11/2020 14:13	Emmalee Horn <emmalee.ruth21@gmail.com>	DEFUND THE POLICE
6/11/2020 14:07	dwg2@rice.edu	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/11/2020 13:49	Jamie Abraham <lotuslife23@gmail.com>	DEFUND BPD NOW
6/11/2020 13:49	Jamie Abraham <lotuslife23@gmail.com>	DEFUND THE BPD NOW
6/11/2020 13:40	Julissa Montes <jemontes0812@gmail.com>	Reduce police violence by 72%
6/11/2020 13:02	samy zagara <samyzagara@yahoo.com>	Open for a happy surprise
6/11/2020 12:49	Isabella Borda <isabellamarieborda@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 12:43	Bryan Young <youngbryan97@gmail.com>	Police Reform Policy Proposal
6/11/2020 12:41	Brianne Vollmer <bvollm02@gmail.com>	Fwd: Bakersfield resident for not defunding the Bakersfield police department
6/11/2020 12:39	Gerardo Rosel <gerardo_rosel67@icloud.com>	DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
6/11/2020 12:39	Mio Hino <mhino888@gmail.com>	BUDGET REFORM æ“ DEFUND NOW!!!
6/11/2020 12:01	dwg2@rice.edu	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/11/2020 11:52	Claire Young <claire_jt_young@yahoo.com>	Refund Public Services
6/11/2020 11:50	greghardy1985@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/11/2020 11:49	Fatima Perez <fatima0718perez@gmail.com>	DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
6/11/2020 11:47	Dominick Gonzales <trxnck9@gmail.com>	Defunding of the Bakersfield police department
6/11/2020 11:35	Alban Dixon <alban.dixon@icloud.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/11/2020 11:31	Katrina Coughenour <katcoughenour@gmail.com>	Bakersfield resident for not defunding the Bakersfield police department
6/11/2020 11:16	Citlaly Marquez <rosegoldbeauty0523@icloud.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 10:43	Mark DeVries <mark@Thinkmonarch.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 10:43	Mark DeVries <mark@Thinkmonarch.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 10:43	Mark DeVries <mark@Thinkmonarch.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 10:43	Mark DeVries <mark@Thinkmonarch.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department

6/11/2020 10:43	Mark DeVries <mark@Thinkmonarch.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department Defund BPD!! Putting people into jail for petty things like traffic stops is not what my tax money should be going to.
6/11/2020 10:25	Amanpreet Sarai <amanpreetsarai@yahoo.com>	
6/11/2020 10:12	Christine Avetisian <munefa54gmail@icloud.com>	
6/11/2020 9:59	Christopher Bencomo <christopherbencomo@live.com>	8 Can't Wait [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***] I urge you to DEFUND THE POLICE. I urge you to DEFUND THE POLICE.
6/11/2020 9:57	Jasmin Huynh <jasmin8299@gmail.com>	8 Can't Wait
6/11/2020 9:50	Albanie Nierenberg <ali.f.nierenberg@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 9:50	Albanie Nierenberg <ali.f.nierenberg@gmail.com>	Police Use of Force Policy #8CANTWAIT Divest and Reinvest Police Funds in Bakersfield
6/11/2020 9:43	Stefaney Lucas <slucas0126@gmail.com>	PLEASE MAKE CHANGES ENACT AND ENFORCE Defund police
6/11/2020 8:17	Jessica Truong <jessicatruong0397@gmail.com>	Reallocate PD funds
6/11/2020 7:26	Jessica Daniels <daniels,jessica13@gmail.com>	In regards to the funding of the BPD DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
6/11/2020 7:11	Jericho Fulgencio <jfulgenc@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/11/2020 7:09	Kazka Reitz McCray <munkie716@gmail.com>	Black Lives and Systemic Racism
6/11/2020 6:40	Donna Choe <DonnaChoe@achievementfirst.org>	Black Lives and Systemic Racism
6/11/2020 6:36	kemet_maat@yahoo.com	DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6/11/2020 6:17	Jonathan Legorreta <dustinpdroia17@yahoo.com>	Defund the Police
6/11/2020 6:11	Jamie De rouen <jayderouen@ymail.com>	Clean up Bakersfield
6/11/2020 3:07	Alexis Marie <alexislucas0302@gmail.com>	Saw black man run over Defund the BPD
6/11/2020 0:00	Chris Aboud <Chrision2009@hotmail.com>	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 23:47	Lindsey Jessen <Lindseyjessen@outlook.com>	The corruption must end
6/10/2020 23:47	Lindsey Jessen <Lindseyjessen@outlook.com>	Demand for relocation of assets from the BPD
6/10/2020 23:10	Ali Stancheva <alistancheva@gmail.com>	Reduce funding to BPD
6/10/2020 22:58	Vanessa Gomez <vgomez015@gmail.com>	End the Violence Please
6/10/2020 22:34	Jacqueline Sanchez <jackiems6152@icloud.com>	[*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***] [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***] Police Budget
6/10/2020 22:31	Alex Sandoval <floralexmejia@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 22:21	Marvela Santos <marvelasantos@icloud.com>	
6/10/2020 22:09	leleosasha@gmail.com	
6/10/2020 21:19	Blue Charles <emeraldaine1996@gmail.com>	
6/10/2020 21:17	Geena Olague <geenaelyseolague@gmail.com>	
6/10/2020 21:15	Alex Koch <alexrkoch@gmail.com>	
6/10/2020 21:01	Abraham Rodriguez <honest.abe.91@gmail.com>	
6/10/2020 20:02	Julie Schober <julieeschober@gmail.com>	
6/10/2020 19:51	X D <alyzerico@icloud.com>	
6/10/2020 19:48	Richard Ying <ryingg@gmail.com>	
6/10/2020 19:41	Kaitlin Valenti <valenti.kgv@gmail.com>	

6/10/2020 19:14	lisandy118@gmail.com	No More Racist Police
6/10/2020 19:08	lisandy118@gmail.com	No More Racist Police
6/10/2020 18:15	Doc Ervin <ervind@bcsd.com>	Re: Teacher (Cherish King)
6/10/2020 18:04	Lizbeth Rodriguez <lizbethbelieve14@icloud.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 17:57	Jackie Gutierrez <gutierrez_jackie94@yahoo.com>	*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***
6/10/2020 17:33	benwins1210@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 17:29	Victoria Barrington <vpbarrington@gmail.com>	2021 BPD Funding
6/10/2020 17:23	benwins1210@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 17:12	rc880505@gmail.com	Mitigating Systemic Racism and Preventing Police Brutality
6/10/2020 17:08	rc880505@gmail.com	Mitigating Systemic Racism
6/10/2020 17:05	dgwork1998@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 17:01	sage glover <sageglover@yahoo.com>	Defund BPD
6/10/2020 16:58	Quin Sotelo <quinsotelo@gmail.com>	Redirect funds to Community
6/10/2020 16:51	Tom Houston <ddlobo2000@yahoo.com>	Do Not Defund the BPD
6/10/2020 16:47	Tom Houston <ddlobo2000@yahoo.com>	DO NOT DEFUND THE BPD
6/10/2020 16:46	Maria Tejeda <gigitjd@gmail.com>	Defund BPD- Take care of our Black and Brown Communities.
6/10/2020 16:46	gerry@bakersfieldpd.us	RE: Lynette Russo - Police Brutality and Policy Reform - Request for Meeting
6/10/2020 16:35	Ellison Snider <ellisonsnider@gmail.com>	BUDGET REFORM - DEFUND NOW!!!
6/10/2020 16:09	Ross Dalke <rossdalke@gmail.com>	Bakersfield City Budget in regards to BPD
6/10/2020 16:06	Marissa Amavizca <marissaamavizca@gmail.com>	*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***
6/10/2020 15:57	benwins1210@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 15:55	Alee Gonzalez <algo8742@gmail.com>	To Ensure the Safety and Wellbeing of Our Community
6/10/2020 15:50	Sara Cooper <sara.cooper.46@my.csun.edu>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 15:44	Daniella Gutierrez <daniellagutierrez1676@gmail.com>	Comment
6/10/2020 15:39	Alberto Ramirez <betoramirez1999@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 15:20	greghardy1985@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 15:13	fj9751@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 15:11	Andy Guerrero <aguerrero413@hotmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 14:53	fj9751@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 14:53	klank@aol.com	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 14:50	Char Campos <crcampos39@gmail.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 14:47	jacky.alamillo@gmail.com	Concerns within our community
6/10/2020 14:46	dman6582@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 14:41	dman6582@gmail.com	Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
6/10/2020 14:32	"Cat, Brenten & Fred Starling" <starlings5@yahoo.com>	A Plea to NOT Defund the Bakersfield Police Department

6/10/2020 14:30	Brian Elliott <brian@haranditeam.com>	Please DO NOT Defund the Bakersfield Police Dept
6/10/2020 14:23	Stephanie Norman <stephanie.y.norman92@gmail.com>	Defund the Police Department
6/10/2020 14:21	Adilene Herrera <adileneherrera82@icloud.com>	Defund BPD
6/10/2020 14:07	Lauren Hollenbeck <lo.hollaback@icloud.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 13:50	Nick Kelly <nickelly@1791.com>	Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
6/10/2020 13:35	Tom Cochran <tcochran@usmayors.org>	To The Mayor: June 10, 2020
6/10/2020 13:05	sandy welch <sandybeach203@yahoo.com>	website email
6/10/2020 13:00	jcoronado@tdhintl.net	City Council Meeting Comments
		Public Comments for Hearing B (Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020-21
		Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets)
6/10/2020 13:00	Riddhi Patel <riddhipatel1011@gmail.com>	

From: jcoronado@tdhintl.net
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: [thightower](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting Comments
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:00:37 PM
Attachments: [TDH_City_Budget_Letter.pdf](#)

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To City Clerk:

Please see attached for comments to the city budget.

Best,
Johanna Coronado

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Johanna Coronado
Public Affairs Associate
TDH Associates International
Email: jcoronado@tdhintl.net

From: [Riddhi Patel](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comments for Hearing B (Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets)
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I believe that it starts with funding. A city's budget is a moral document. In a capitalist society, value is determined based on how much money you spend and where. I am encouraging you to consider re-allocating the \$10 million planned to go to the Bakersfield Police Department in 2021 to other initiatives, businesses and organizations that will advocate for the health and safety of our citizens, particularly Bakersfield's Black community and other communities of color along with the tens of millions from Measure N.

If this seems like an outlandish concept to you, it shouldn't. There are decades of research, advocacy, data and even the implementation of similar policies in other cities that prove that these methods both decrease police brutality and increase public safety.

Why am I, a 24-year-old with a Neuroscience degree having to email to tell you this? Because you are failing to do your jobs.

First and foremost, this is a public issue, and I am encouraging you to keep the dialogue open to the community. There should absolutely be a citizens review board for law enforcement oversight; I know personally of individuals who have been advocating for this since 2014, *a year before* Bakersfield Police was deemed the deadliest in the country as reported in [The Guardian](#) and [Vanity Fair](#), among other publications. I hope that in the six years you have had to consider this matter and the current demonstrations happening in our city and across every single state in the country will encourage you to act (finally) on this important issue.

Furthermore, [studies prove that defunding, not incremental police reform provides a long term solution to reducing police brutality](#). What Bakersfield PD has done since 2015 to change the culture of violence among the force does not go unnoticed, but it is still a far cry from the kinds of significant change that the city's citizens are demanding at this moment. As you may know, the history of policing in America is deeply rooted into its apartheid history. [Police enforcement came out of the white supremacist movement to capture those escaping enslavement](#). Race was and continues to be a defining criteria in law enforcement practices. Combined with the incredibly low bar for police training -- [these statistics from the Department of Justice demonstrate that a refrigerator repair technician spends more time in training than a police officer and that of the time police officers spend in training, most of it is spent on firearms skills](#) -- it is no surprise that police brutality continues to this day.

The trending [#8CantWait](#) campaign offers suggestions on how to minimize loss of life, but these are the *very least* reforms that can be enacted here in our city to make a difference. I would encourage all of those on the City Council to reflect on this moment and acknowledge that each of you is called both by the citizens of Bakersfield that elected you to office and by the millions of voices across America who have been asking for these changes and have been waiting, in some cases for 400 years for systematic equality to take a priority in the way that

we govern.

I am asking you today to make a commitment to:

- Prosecuting police officers who falsify information in the course of an investigation
- Establish an independent review board that investigates and prosecutes all police shootings
- Reallocate the proposed \$10 million and the tens of millions from Measure N set aside for policing and/or incarceration in the 20201 budget to long-term safety strategies such as education, local restorative justice services, and employment programs
- Establish a citizen's review board for law enforcement oversight that includes participation in the budgeting process
- LISTEN to and SUPPORT the black people in this community who deserve the full rights and privileges that you experience in your daily life. Many of them have been working on these issues for decades with little or no funding and without the support of law enforcement.

These demands should not be perceived as revolutionary. They are simply bringing us into the present moment and responding to the reality that is happening all around. These issues and Bakersfield's citizens cannot be ignored anymore. This is a historic moment that is calling you to truly evaluate what it means to be in service to the public and to act in full consciousness to support the lives and dignity of black people.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to speaking with you more about this issue.

These statements from above are written by my dear friend Elizabeth Spavento as well, who is much smarter than I am.

For those of you who do not know where to start, even though it is a simple Google search, and I should not be spoon feeding this to you, here you go.

<https://t.co/HDbELnNMUI>

<http://m4bl.org> (a coalition of Black organizations from around the nation that list demands on what you need to do)

I HIGHLY recommend the writings of Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Mariame Kaba, and Angela Davis to educate yourselves.

Sincerely,

an angry citizen,

Riddhi S. Patel

From: sandy_welch
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: website email
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:05:38 PM

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We do not want to defund the police department or change anything about it. The officers who work for the department know what policies work and which ones don't. If you are not in the occupation and have not been on the streets on the front lines, you do not know how to do the job or what it takes. Why would you allow a few people in the city try and dictate what policies are followed in the police department. You give a group, no matter who it is, a few things and then they will want more. When does it stop. When they take over or no longer have any laws or consequences to their actions. We are tired of the protestors. We have quit listening to them. They have went on long enough. We listened the first. Few days but are finished. And no I don't condone what happened to George Floyd. He should not have died, however, we can't let a few people tell us how to run the city.

Thank you,

Sandy Welch

From: [Tom Cochran](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: To The Mayor: June 10, 2020
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:35:04 PM

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June 10, 2020
Washington, D.C.

Police Reform and Racial Justice Working Group of Mayors and Police Chiefs Reach Out to Work With Congress

The United States Conference of Mayors' Working Group on Police Reform and Racial Justice met yesterday to discuss policy and administrative recommendations that will be developed and presented to the Executive Committee of the Conference of Mayors to adopt as official policy.

As the mayors and police chiefs came together, in Washington the House and Senate Democratic Leadership along with the Congressional Black Caucus released the Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

At Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's suggestion, the mayors and police chiefs, along with me and former Chief Charles Ramsey, sent a letter to the House and Senate leadership stating that "We stand ready to meet with you, the bill's sponsors or other Congressional leaders as part of the legislative process.

[Click here to read the letter.](#)

On the Senate side, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) asked Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) to come forth with a plan for police reform.

A draft of the Justice Act was circulated after White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and President Donald Trump's son-in-law Senior Advisor Jared Kushner went to meet with Senator Scott on Capitol Hill yesterday. The draft is made up of ten sections focusing on reporting, accountability, training, and police relations. Some of the sections are still being designed with Senator Scott, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Kushner, and other administration officials.

Our working group of mayors and police chiefs will meet again soon as we develop recommendations for the Executive Committee.

As we are meeting, it's good to know that both in the Senate and the House of Representatives, both party leaders have stepped up to propose federal law to assist in police reform and racial justice.

Here's a Fact.

The Insurrection Act of 1807 empowers the President of the United States to deploy U.S. military and federalized National Guard troops within the United States in particular circumstances, such as to suppress civil disorder, insurrection, and rebellion. This act provides the "major exception" to the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which limits the use of military personnel under federal command for law enforcement purposes within the United States.

Many Presidents have invoked the act. Here are a few:

- Andrew Jackson invoked the act on the Nat Turner slave rebellion in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Grover Cleveland in Chicago on Pullman Strike.
- Eisenhower in 1957 to protect the Little Rock Nine.
- Kennedy in Tuscaloosa in 1962, stood in the schoolhouse door and again in 1963 to enforce desegregation in Alabama Public Schools.
- Lyndon B. Johnson, four times to quell riots in 1967 in Detroit, 1968 in Washington, DC, 1968 in Baltimore, and 1968 in Chicago.
- George H.W. Bush in 1992 for the Los Angeles riots.

Tom

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From: [Nick Kelly](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:50:47 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Nick Kelly and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with BPD and I am appalled by the violence and Rioting seen across the nation and at home.

The Bakersfield Police Department has a few bad officers and violent history
We do not judge all our police officers with the actions of one.

The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to not defund, demilitarize, and take away funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities.

Here is a breakdown of the specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

Do NOT DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to CONTINUE TO SUPPORT the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested. The reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. .

We demand that the Bakersfield City Council give more supplies to the Bakersfield Police Department. We want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. To serve the community which will continue to grow in violence

It proves that the purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring safety and keep our communities from violence and cause harm. like it did in minnesota

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council invest funding from other Depts and fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. And build a bridge between law enforcement and community.

Funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of all crimes in Bakersfield. Especially the gangs we deal with and robberies in our community.

It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by
Not defunding our police dept and allowing community members to build bridges across all races and economic

backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Nick Kelly, a Bakersfield resident

From: [Lauren Hollenbeck](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:07:03 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Lauren Hollenbeck, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Lauren Hollenbeck, a Bakersfield Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Adilene Herrera](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:21:30 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Adilene Herrera, I am a resident of South Bakersfield, We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Adilene Herrera
9112 Morning Harvest Ave
lennnny204@gmail.com
661-377-5766

From: [Stephanie Norman](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:23:23 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Stephanie, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie N.

From: [Brian Elliott](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Please DO NOT Defund the Bakersfield Police Dept
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:30:48 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Brian Elliott, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior.

I stand in solidarity with BPD. I am appalled by the violence, rioting, looting and killings we've seen across the nation.

We do not judge all our police officers with the actions of one. Just like no other professions, for instance Physicians, should ever be judged by the action of one.

The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to NOT DEFUND, and take away any funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities.

Here is a breakdown of the specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

Do NOT DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to CONTINUE TO SUPPORT the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested. The reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. .

We demand that the Bakersfield City Council give more supplies to the Bakersfield Police Department. We want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. To serve the community which will continue to grow in violence

It proves that the purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring safety and keep our communities from violence and cause harm, like it did in Minnesota. If you do not have a great law enforcement presence, you will have anarchy.

I support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of all crimes in Bakersfield. Especially the gangs we deal with and robberies in our community.

It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by NOT DEFUNDING our police dept and allowing community members to build bridges across all races and economic backgrounds.

I have spoken with people from Korea and India, when I was an active law enforcement officer wearing my full uniform, that told me they could only wish they, in their home countries, could have law enforcement agencies like we have in the United States and in our community, that we so take for granted.

Sincerely,

Brian Elliott, a Bakersfield resident, and a retired law enforcement officer, who loves our community

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To: [City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us](#);
[AdminMgr@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us](#)
Subject: A Plea to NOT Defund the Bakersfield Police Department
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Attachments: [To Mayor Karen Goh.docx](#)

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Please read the attached letter to fund rather than defund our police department.
Thank You,
Catherine Starling

From: dman6582@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:41:21 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is David Gan, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

David Gan

From: dman6582@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
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Thank you for your time,

David Gan

From: jacky.alamillo@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Concerns within our community
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:47:26 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jacky Alamillo. I am a resident of West Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Jacky Alamillo

From: [Char Campos](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:50:08 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Char Campos and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities. I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020: **DEFUND:** We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

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We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield. I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,

A Bakersfield Resident

From: kjlank@aol.com
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; admatt@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; assemblymember.fong@assembly.ca.gov; senator.grove@senate.ca.gov
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:53:00 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

Bakersfield DO NOT defund the bpd

My name is Kelly Lank, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests/riots demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with BPD and I am appalled by the violence and Rioting seen across the nation and at home.

The Bakersfield Police Department has had very few incidents which have been dealt with appropriately within the department. We do not judge all our police officers with the actions of one. The recent issues going on in the Nation did not involve our department or city and we should not allow outsiders to influence or circulate petitions to defund our Department that will effect community. You are all fully aware of the issues that we face here prior to the riots and protests coming to our town.

The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to not defund, demilitarize, and take away funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities.

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It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by Not defunding our police dept and allowing community members to build bridges across all races and economic backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Lank

A Bakersfield Resident

From: fj9751@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:53:33 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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Thank you for your time,

Fred Jones

From: [Andy Guerrero](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:11:49 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Andy Guerrero and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of classist oppression that hurts our communities.

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What is being asked is not radical. It is justice. We've defunded our community services like education mental health the epa, etc etc. It is time to put money back into our people, to de-incentivize crime, and begin healing as a country. There is a better way and we can make it reality, together.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Andy Guerrero, a Bakersfield Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: fj9751@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
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Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:13:14 PM

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From: greghardy1985@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:20:39 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Greg Hardy, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry???'s exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Greg Hardy

From: [Alberto Ramirez](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:39:16 PM

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My name is Alberto, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

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I have firsthand witnessed the racial harassment that comes from within your department several years ago when I was a teenager. Reforms will not work. It's time that we reinvest that money into programs that will tackle the root causes of crime

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Alberto, a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Daniella Gutierrez](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Comment
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:44:48 PM

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Dear Bakersfield City Council,

My name is Daniella Gutierrez and I am a concerned community member of Bakersfield, the city you swore to serve and protect. We the people have become aware of the misallocation of our taxpayer money. For years we have demanded that more money be invested in our local communities to **increase the quality of life**, yet the City Council has failed repeatedly to distribute money fairly. Nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary and I do not think over-policing and militarizing our police department is a successful way to increase the quality of life, especially in all of the underserved communities and people of Bakersfield. The Bakersfield Police Department has been named one of the deadliest in our nation and that is not something to be proud of.

In recent history, 34% of the Measure N budget has gone to local law enforcement, and the amount of money being invested into the BPD continues to increase substantially. By funding BPD, we as a community are failing to ensure "public safety" because officers in our hometown are killing our people in the streets or allowing killers to roam free, followed by little to no ramifications. To give a recent example, Robert Forbes, was run over by a vehicle and killed while he exercised his first amendment. Furthermore, there is video evidence that the man who committed this crime was peacefully guarded by police officers while he had a smoke after the incident. I believe that this is a huge problem. Both the man that drove the vehicle that killed Robert Forbes and the police officers that did nothing in response to that should be faced with a serious investigation and conviction that will serve Forbes' justice, may he Rest In Peace.

In the past until present, officers have not been held accountable for their violent abuse of power and for that reason, we cannot, in good conscience, continue to fund the police department. All we see is the police using our tax dollars to arm themselves and persecute and murder members of the community unjustly. **WE ARE TIRED OF IT.**

As the representatives of the people of Bakersfield, we urge you to prioritize the safety of the people instead of the pockets of our oppressors. We demand you **DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department**. We demand that police release their disciplinary records to the public, face the proper consequences for taking a person's life (or being involved or complacent in that), and to remove them from our schools, hospitals, and other places where they make us feel unsafe.

Thank you,

A Bakersfield Resident

From: [Sara Cooper](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:50:50 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Sara Cooper, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

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This is more than just saving lives, it's to make violence nonexistent as a goal to actually accomplish for the Bakersfield community. Seeing family and friends that have been negatively affected by the Bakersfield PD shows that there are many others that feel the same as I do.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Sara Cooper, a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Alee Gonzalez](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: To Ensure the Safety and Wellbeing of Our Community
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:55:00 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

From: benwins1210@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:57:05 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ben Winston, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Ben Winston

From: [Marissa Amavizca](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:06:33 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Marissa Amavizca, I am a resident of Downtown, Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Marissa Amavizca

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ross Dalke](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield City Budget in regards to BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:09:03 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ross Dalke, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents.

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Thank you for your time,

Ross Dalke
7305 Calle Los Batiquitos
rossdalke@gmail.com
661 858 7710

From: [Ellison Snider](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: BUDGET REFORM - DEFUND NOW!!!
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:35:31 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ellison, I am a resident of Bakersfield. I demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Ellison

From: gterry@bakersfieldpd.us
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; cclegg@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: vgennaro@bakersfieldcity.us; dmabon@bakersfieldcity.us; bwoolard@bakersfieldpd.us
Subject: RE: Lynette Russo - Police Brutality and Policy Reform - Request for Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:46:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Internal Affairs has been working with her for some time. I will work with Ginny and IA to prepare a response.

From: bakersfield mayor <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Christian Clegg <cclegg@bakersfieldcity.us>; Greg Terry <gterry@bakersfieldpd.us>
Cc: Virginia "Ginny" Gennaro <vgennaro@bakersfieldcity.us>; Danielle Mabon <dmabon@bakersfieldcity.us>
Subject: FW: Lynette Russo - Police Brutality and Policy Reform - Request for Meeting

Christian and Chief,

Please see the attached emails from Lynette Russo about her personal experiences with BPD.

Thanks.

Karen



Karen Goh | Mayor

City of Bakersfield
email: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
web: www.bakersfieldcity.us
phone: 661-326-3770



From: Danielle Mabon
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 2:51 PM
To: bakersfield mayor <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us>
Cc: Danielle Mabon <dmabon@bakersfieldcity.us>
Subject: Lynette Russo - Police Brutality and Policy Reform - Request for Meeting

Karen,

Attached are e-mails and documents personally hand delivered by Ms. Lynette Russo, allegedly detailing her experiences with BPD and the use of excessive force.

Ms. Russo hand delivered the attached documents on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 and advised that she would like to schedule a meeting and be a part of the conversations for police reform.

She advised that she can be reached by phone at (661) 564-4183 or via e-mail at lynetterusso04@gmail.com.



Danielle Mabon | Administrative Assistant

Office of Mayor Karen K. Goh

City of Bakersfield

email: dmabon@bakersfieldcity.us

web: www.bakersfieldcity.us

phone: 661-326-3770



From: [Maria Tejeda](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD- Take care of our Black and Brown Communities.
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:46:57 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Maria Tejeda, I am a resident of Southwest Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Maria Tejeda
3413 Dell Ct
Gigitjd@gmail.com
(661)404-0765

From: [Tom Houston](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us;
AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DO NOT DEFUND THE BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:47:40 PM

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Do not defund the BPD. Bakersfield is growing to fast. We need MORE police.

Tommy Houston
7850 White Lane E-108
Bakersfield Ca. 93309

From: [Tom Houston](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Do Not Defund the BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:51:26 PM

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Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department

To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Tommy Houston, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with BPD and I am appalled by the violence and Rioting seen across the nation and at home.

The Bakersfield Police Department has a few bad officers and violent history

We do not judge all our police officers with the actions of one.

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Sincerely,

Tommy Houston

7850 White Lane E-108

Bakersfield Ca. 93309

From: [Quin Sotelo](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Redirect funds to Community
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:58:03 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Quin Sotelo, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time.

Quin Sotelo

From: sage.glover
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:01:02 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Sage Glover, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Sage Glover
5913 Panorama
sageglover@yahoo.com
661 330 2744

Sent from my iPhone

From: dgwork1998@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:05:54 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Daniel Grey, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry???'s exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Daniel Grey

From: rc880505@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Mitigating Systemic Racism
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:08:07 PM

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Hi Mayor Karen Goh,

As a concerned US resident, I am reaching out to you because I am immensely concerned by what I have seen recently regarding the atrocities against the African-American community by police nationwide.

I would like to ask what policies our police departments have in place to prevent violations of human rights by officers, and what commitments you will make to protect black lives. Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed to
o many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police?

These policies must be put into place to protect American rights and lives. As a taxpayer, I do not want my taxes being used to fund police departments that perpetuate institutional racism and violence. I would like to redirect funding to increased funding for nutrition and food access programs public education, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, mental health professionals, scientific research, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents crisis de-escalators, to name only a few.

Your attention to my concerns is very appreciated. I hope to hear back from you soon.

Signed,
Rachel C.

From: rc880505@gmail.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Mitigating Systemic Racism and Preventing Police Brutality
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:12:19 PM

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Greetings Councilmembers,

I am contacting you because of the greatly disturbing cases of violence against African-Americans by law enforcement officers across the country.

I would like to inquire what safeguards our police departments have in place to prevent exploitations of human rights by officers, and what efforts you will make to protect black lives. How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police?

If these provisions are not in place, then they definitely should be. The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how law is enforced and funded in this country. I do not approve of my local taxes being used to fund law enforcement agencies that perpetuate racism and violence. I would like to redirect funding to scientific research, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs crisis de-escalators, public education, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, mental health professionals, to name only a few.

Your attention to my concerns is very appreciated. I hope to hear back from you soon.

From,
Rachel C.

From: benwins1210@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:23:15 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ben Winston, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Ben Winston

From: [Victoria Barrington](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 2021 BPD Funding
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:29:43 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Victoria Barrington , I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Victoria Barrington

From: benwins1210@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:33:19 PM

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Thank you for your time,

Ben Winston

From: [Jackie Gutierrez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:57:39 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is [YOUR NAME], I am a resident of [YOUR WARD/NEIGHBORHOOD]. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR EMAIL]
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lizbeth Rodriguez](mailto:Lizbeth.Rodriguez@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:04:04 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Lizbeth and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We don't need to continue funding a fundamentally racist institution! Bakersfield Police department NEEDS to be defunded and school should be given those resources instead!!!
PS. REMOVE POLICE FROM SCHOOLS!!

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
[YOUR NAME], a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Doc Ervin](#)
To: [bakersfield_mayor](#)
Cc: [Danielle Mabon](#)
Subject: Re: Teacher (Cherish King)
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:15:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

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Thanks Karen...

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2020, at 2:06 PM, bakersfield mayor <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us> wrote:

Hello, Doc,

I hope you're doing well. I'm forwarding an email from Cherish King.

Best regards,

Karen

[<image001.png>](#)

Karen Goh | Mayor

City of Bakersfield

email: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us

web: www.bakersfieldcity.us

phone: 661-326-3770

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From: Cherishking24@gmail.com [mailto:Cherishking24@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:36 PM

To: bakersfield mayor <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us>

Subject: Teacher

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This email is a request to fire Carrie Maxwell. She is the exact reason that racism exists today. As parents in California with children in the public school system, we expect better of our teachers. Her show of ugliness is unacceptable. We look to you, TO YOU! To do something about this horrible show of her character! Do Better! Be Better! Show California that you know what's right. Fire Carrie Maxwell & she deserves no compensation or retirement fund. She deserves nothing.

Thank you for your time,

Cherish King

Orange County, California

From: lisandy118@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: No More Racist Police
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:08:01 PM

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Greetings Mayor Karen Goh,

The current law enforcement system is a disaster. I am reaching out to you because I am extremely troubled by the unjust treatment of African-Americans by police across the nation.

I would like to inquire what safeguards our police departments have in place to prevent occurrences of racism by officers, and what commitments you will make to protect black lives. How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police?

These provisions must be put into place to protect American rights and lives. As a taxpayer, I do not want my taxes being used to fund public institutions that perpetuate institutional racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, crisis de-escalators, public education, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs mental health professionals, scientific research, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents to name only a few.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I'm hoping to hear back from you soon.

Best,
Sandy Li

From: lisandy118@gmail.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: No More Racist Police
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:14:26 PM

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Hello Councilmembers,

As a concerned US resident, I am contacting you because I am deeply troubled by what I have seen recently regarding the blatant racism against African-Americans by police throughout the country.

As a public servant, what efforts will you make to protect black lives? In addition, what provisions are in place to prevent violations of human rights by officers? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members?

If these policies are not in place, then they certainly should be. The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how law is enforced and funded in this country. I do not support my local taxes being used to fund law enforcement agencies that perpetuate racism and violence. I would like to redirect funding to mental health professionals, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents increased funding for nutrition and food access programs public education, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, scientific research, crisis de-escalators, to name only a few.

Thanks for taking the time to read my message. I'm hoping to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,
Sandy Li

From: [Kaitlin Valenti](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:41:31 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield,

My name is Kat Valenti, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities. I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home.

The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality.

Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020: **DEFUND:** We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change. **DEMILITARIZE:** We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm. **DIVEST:** We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield. I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department.

Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development. Many times have we called upon the help of our BPD only to be assumed a culprit or hold ulterior motives for something as simple as turn in a lost purse, and have had close loved ones pulled over to be

frisked and their car searched for drugs without any documentation or report. This is only bare inconveniences compared to the many traumatizing stories local citizens come forth with. We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely, Kat Valenti, a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Richard Ying](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Police Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:48:28 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Richard Ying, I am a resident of [YOUR WARD/NEIGHBORHOOD]. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,
Richard Ying

From: [X.D](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:51:41 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alyzé Valle, I am a resident of Lindsay. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time

From: [Julie Schober](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:02:54 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is [YOUR NAME], I am a resident of [YOUR WARD/NEIGHBORHOOD]. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR EMAIL]
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Abraham Rodriguez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: End the Violence Please
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:01:18 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Abraham Rodriguez Jr, I am a resident of Ward 3. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Abraham Rodriguez Jr
4340 Columbus St, Bakersfield, CA 93306
honest.abe.91@gmail.com
661-331-3986

From: [Alex Koch](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reduce funding to BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:15:07 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alex Koch, I am a resident of SW Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Alex Koch
8201 Camino Media, Bakersfield, CA 93311
alexrkoch@gmail.com
919-749-3667

From: [Geena Olague](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Demand for relocation of assets from the BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:17:04 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Geena Olague, I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA 93306. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Geena Olague
7703 Panorama Dr
661-578-7152

From: [Blue Charles](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: The corruption must end
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:19:07 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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Thank you for your time,

Blake Charles Henley
2105 parkway Bakersfield ca

6619104955

From: leoleosasha@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:09:46 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Leo Sasha, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry???s exorbitant salary.

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Leo Sasha

From: [Marvela Santos](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:21:23 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Marvela Santos, I am a resident of Wasco, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Marvela Santos
Wasco Ca
marvelasantos@icloud.com
(661)446-9766

From: [Alex Sandoval](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Saw black man run over
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:31:36 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,
I LOVE THE POLICE

SIKE NO I DONT

My name is ALEX SANDOVAL. I am a resident of BAKERSFIELD, CA. Ridgeview district. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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ALEX SANDOVAL
4301 SPAULDING CT
FLORALEXMEJIA@GMAIL.COM
(661)858-6012

From: [Jacqueline Sanchez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Clean up Bakersfield
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:34:38 PM

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Thank you for your time,

Jackie Sanchez

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vanessa Gomez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the Police
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:58:44 PM

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My name is Vanessa Gomez, I am a resident of your neighborhood. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Vanessa Gomez
vgomez015@gmail.com
(661) 910-1991

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ali Stancheva](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:10:11 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ali, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Ali

From: [Lindsey Jessen](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Black Lives and Systemic Racism
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:47:22 PM

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Hi,

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I would like to ask what safeguards our police departments have in place to prevent occurrences of racism by officers, and what efforts you will make to protect black lives. Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? Have you pledged to never again support increased police funding? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video?

If these policies are not in place, then they certainly should be. The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how law is enforced and funded in this country. I do not support my local taxes being used to fund police departments that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: scientific research, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs public education, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents mental health professionals, crisis de-escalators, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, to name only a few.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I'm hoping to hear back from you soon.

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Regards,

Lindsey Jessen

From: [Chris Aboud](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:00:13 AM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Christian Aboud and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

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If it means anything, the chief of police was caught saying “It’s easier to kill the person than to injure them” because of costs to repair the injuries. That tells you something about the city unfortunately. We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Christian Aboud a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Alexis Marie](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; BPDCommunity@bakersfieldpd.us
Subject: DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:07:30 AM

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To the City of Bakersfield elected officials:

I, Alexis Lucas am writing to you today to express my absolute outrage regarding the Bakersfield Police Department 2020-2021 Budget of \$119,972,666. This astronomical police budget is unacceptable and requires serious action. I call upon our elected officials to start divesting from the inherently violent institution that is the Bakersfield Police Department immediately.

I am asking that you, as an elected official, pledge to do the following:

1. To never again vote to increase the Bakersfield Police Department budget.
2. To prioritize the expansion of community-led health and safety initiatives over future financial investment into the Bakersfield Police Department.

In the face of cyclical police violence happening throughout North America right now, there is no better time to commit ourselves to change. What we need in Bakersfield is leadership that can initiate reform that aims towards the eventual abolition of police and prisons - and, in turn, the immense police violence that targets our most marginalized people.

Increased police presence does not keep us safe, rather it directly threatens the lives of our most vulnerable community members (Black, Indigenous, people of colour, transgender, Two-Spirit, queer, unhoused people in the DTES, street-based sex workers, people with disabilities, people experiencing poverty, etc). It is impossible to effectively reform the police to protect the marginalized communities they were designed to target, therefore, we must choose to transition towards abolition.

In order to do this, I call on you and the City Council to reduce funding in these ways:

- * Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in excessive force cases
- * Require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements
- * Reduce the size of the police force, and stop sending armed/uniformed cops on mental health-related calls.

Instead of investing in the police, our city must prioritize alternatives like education, increased mental health services, housing initiatives, income security, harm reduction services, accessible rehabilitation, arts and cultural programs, social workers, conflict resolution services, transformative justice, and other vital community-based support systems. These initiatives must support our most vulnerable communities and centre the experiences of Black and Indigenous peoples in Bakersfield.

I urge you all to reach out to redistribute our tax dollars and effect actual change in keeping communities safe by consulting directly with, funding, and otherwise supporting organizations like:

- ACLU (213-977-9500 / <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/contact-us>)
- FAAM (First And Always Melanin) (<https://www.firstandalwaysmelanin.com/contact>)
- Food Not Bombs (bakersfield chapter) @bakersfieldfoodnotbombs on instagram
- boys and girls club (<https://www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org>)>Send mail

From: [Jamie De rouen](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: In regards to the funding of the BPD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:11:49 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jamie Derouen, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Jamie Derouen
Haggin Oaks, Bakersfield CA
derouenjm@gmail.com

From: [Jonathan Legorreta](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate PD funds
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:17:51 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jonathan I am a resident of Bakersfield We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Jonathan legorreta
11209 Vista del Christo dr
Dustinpedroia17@yahoo.com
6613716316

From: kemet_maat@yahoo.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund police
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:36:35 AM

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I feel as if funds should be directed away from the Bakersfield Police Department and be directed into one Community programs

From: [Donna Choe](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ENACT AND ENFORCE
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:40:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hello Mayor Karen Goh,

My name is Donna Choe and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted AND ENFORCED in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1. Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2. Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire.

Donna Choe

Donna Choe
4th grade ELA teacher
Grade Level Leader
Achievement First Linden Elementary School
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646-724-2249
DonnaChoe@achievementfirst.org



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From: [Kazka Reitz McCray](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: PLEASE MAKE CHANGES
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:09:46 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kazimiera Mccray, I am a resident of Los Angeles County. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Kazimiera Mccray

1135 S. Dolphin Street

Kazkamccray@gmail.com

From: [Jericho Fulgencio](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Divest and Reinvest Police Funds in Bakersfield
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:11:54 AM

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With Optimism,
Jericho Fulgencio

jfulgenc@gmail.com | (714) 673-7966

From: [Jessica Daniels](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Police Use of Force Policy #8CANTWAIT
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:26:04 AM
Attachments: [Police+Use+of+Force+Report.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Goh,

My name is Jessica Daniels and I am a resident of Brooklyn, NY.

Though I am not a current member of the community in which you serve, until all communities enact policies that promote the mental and physical health, safety, security and well being of its members, no one should rest comfortably with the current inequities of racial justice.

Through **Campaign Zero's** commitment to the work, to the research and to bringing change, the #8CANTWAIT campaign informs us that police departments have the capacity to **decrease police violence by 72%** by implementing 8 policies regarding use of force.

As an official who has taken a sworn oath of office to lead and serve your community, for those whose voices have been stolen, silenced and repressed, I am holding you accountable for enacting change within these policies.

I see Kern has implemented **NONE** of these 8 policies.

From **Campaign Zero's** data, "**each additional use of force policy was associated with a 15% reduction in killings** for the average police department."

"Since the average police department had already implemented three of these policies, implementing all eight use of force restrictions would be associated with a **54% reduction in killings** for the average police department."

You have the obligation to please implement all 8 policy measures.

From **Campaign Zero's** data:

- "Police departments with more restrictive use of force policies **kill fewer people per 100,000 arrests.**"

- "Police departments with more restrictive use of force policies **kill fewer people per population.**"

- "**Officers** within police departments with more restrictive use of force policies **are less likely to be assaulted in the line of duty.**"

- "**Officers** within police departments with more restrictive use of force policies **are less likely to be killed in the line of duty.**"

Please visit: <https://8cantwait.org>

Please read: Police Use of Force Report (attached)

Thank you for choosing to promote the life and safety of the citizens of, and communities within Kern.

Thank you for engaging in dialogue regarding relocating funds from the police budget into community programming around youth engagement, job readiness, mental health services, school services and advocate services. Thank you for understanding that policing doesn't solve lack of access to services, and it is with access comes opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jessica

From: [Jessica Truong](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
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Sincerely,
Jessica Truong, a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Stefaney Lucas](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:43:27 AM

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Mayor Goh,

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From: [Albanie Nierenberg](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: i urge you to DEFUND THE POLICE.
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:50:18 AM

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Dear City Leadership,

My name is Albanie, and I am a concerned citizen. This past week, our nation and community have been gripped by protests calling for an end to racism and anti-Blackness and a complete overhaul in our approach to criminal justice in America. I am demanding that our voices be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources.

The fact that the police force encompasses over 895 million dollars of the county's general fund is shameful and unproductive. Research shows that a living wage, access to holistic health services and treatment, educational opportunity, and stable housing are far more successful at reducing crime than police or prisons (Source: Popular Democracy).

There is not just a need for police reform, but police defunding and abolition, because the entire structure of the police force is inherently corrupt and ineffective. The average police recruit spends 58 hours learning how to shoot and only 8 hours learning how to de-escalate (Source: Campaign Zero). They are not trained or equipped to react to the vast majority of crises. Phillip McHarris (doctoral candidate focusing on race), argues that we must work towards a reality in which healthcare workers and emergency response teams handle substance abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, or mental health cases. Policies to "improve the police" are not enough, as there's no evidence that implicit bias training or community relations initiatives help with reducing the abuses of policing (The Nation). We need to reimagine public safety to prioritize alternatives to conflict rather than defaulting to violence.

I demand the immediate freezing of budget increases to the police force, cancelling of cadet classes, demilitarization of our forces, and **reallocation of funds from police to community-led health and safety strategies.**

Please **do not vote to increase police funding.** Do not be complicit in the disproportionate targeting of people of color. Propose and vote to expand on its current efforts in healthcare, affordable housing, and restorative justice. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to revise the Santa Clara County budget for the next fiscal year, and to fund the police. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Thank you for your time,

Albanie Nierenberg
Ali.f.nierenberg@gmail.com
3607219215

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From: [Jasmin Huynh](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:57:33 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jasmin Huynh, I am a resident of Southwest Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,
Jasmin Huynh

From: [Christopher Bencomo](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:59:37 AM

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Mayor Goh,

My name is Christopher Bencomo. I am a resident of Los Angeles and I am emailing today to demand steps are taken immediately to instate policies to end police violence.

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From: [Christine Avetisian](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:12:21 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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From: [Amanpreet Sarai](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD!! Putting people into jail for petty things like traffic stops is not what my tax money should be going to.
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:25:05 AM

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To: [Mark DeVries](#)
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
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From: [Citlaly Marquez](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:16:03 AM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Aly, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Aly, a Bakersfield Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Katrina Coughenour](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; admatt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield resident for not defunding the Bakersfield police department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:31:20 AM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Katrina Coughenour and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

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From: [Alban Dixon](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
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To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defunding of the Bakersfield police department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:47:35 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Dominick Gonzales, I am a resident of thousands oaks. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time.

Dominick Gonzales, 8512 scotch pine court, trxnick9@gmail.com (661)448-0076

From: [Fatima Perez](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; BPDCommunity@bakersfieldpd.us
Subject: DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:49:09 AM

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To the City of Bakersfield elected officials: I, [] am writing to you today to express my absolute outrage regarding the Bakersfield Police Department 2020-2021 Budget of \$119,972,666. This astronomical police budget is unacceptable and requires serious action. I call upon our elected officials to start divesting from the inherently violent institution that is the Bakersfield Police Department immediately. I am asking that you, as an elected official, pledge to do the following: 1. To never again vote to increase the Bakersfield Police Department budget. 2. To prioritize the expansion of community-led health and safety initiatives over future financial investment into the Bakersfield Police Department. In the face of cyclical police violence happening throughout North America right now, there is no better time to commit ourselves to change. What we need in Bakersfield is leadership that can initiate reform that aims towards the eventual abolition of police and prisons - and, in turn, the immense police violence that targets our most marginalized people. Increased police presence does not keep us safe, rather it directly threatens the lives of our most vulnerable community members (Black, Indigenous, people of colour, transgender, Two-Spirit, queer, unhoused people in the DTES, street-based sex workers, people with disabilities, people experiencing poverty, etc). It is impossible to effectively reform the police to protect the marginalized communities they were designed to target, therefore, we must choose to transition towards abolition. In order to do this, I call on you and the City Council to reduce funding in these ways: * Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in excessive force cases * Require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements * Reduce the size of the police force, and stop sending armed/uniformed cops on mental health-related calls. Instead of investing in the police, our city must prioritize alternatives like education, increased mental health services, housing initiatives, income security, harm reduction services, accessible rehabilitation, arts and cultural programs, social workers, conflict resolution services, transformative justice, and other vital community-based support systems. These initiatives must support our most vulnerable communities and centre the experiences of Black and Indigenous peoples in Bakersfield. I urge you all to reach out to redistribute our tax dollars and effect actual change in keeping communities safe by consulting directly with, funding, and otherwise supporting organizations like: - ACLU (213-977-9500 / <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/contact-us>) - FAAM (First And Always Melanin) (<https://www.firstandalwaysmelanin.com/contact>) - Food Not Bombs (bakersfield chapter) @bakersfieldfoodnotbombs on instagram - boys and girls club (<https://www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org>)>Send mail

From: greghardy1985@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:50:30 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Greg Hardy, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry???'s exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Greg Hardy

From: [Claire Young](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Refund Public Services
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:52:23 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Claire Young, I am a resident of Belle Terrace, Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Claire Young
2312 Belle Terrace, Bakersfield CA
claire_jt_young@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: dwg2@rice.edu
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:01:24 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is David Gan, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

David Gan

From: [Mio Hino](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: BUDGET REFORM – DEFUND NOW!!!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:39:34 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Mio, I am a resident of Bakersfield. I demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Mio H.

From: [Gerardo Rosel](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; BPDCommunity@bakersfieldpd.us
Subject: DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:39:54 PM

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I, Gerardo Rosel am writing to you today to express my absolute outrage regarding the Bakersfield Police Department 2020-2021 Budget of \$119,972,666. This astronomical police budget is unacceptable and requires serious action. I call upon our elected officials to start divesting from the inherently violent institution that is the Bakersfield Police Department immediately.

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In the face of cyclical police violence happening throughout North America right now, there is no better time to commit ourselves to change. What we need in Bakersfield is leadership that can initiate reform that aims towards the eventual abolition of police and prisons - and, in turn, the immense police violence that targets our most marginalized people.

Increased police presence does not keep us safe, rather it directly threatens the lives of our most vulnerable community members (Black, Indigenous, people of colour, transgender, Two-Spirit, queer, unhoused people in the DTES, street-based sex workers, people with disabilities, people experiencing poverty, etc). It is impossible to effectively reform the police to protect the marginalized communities they were designed to target, therefore, we must choose to transition towards abolition.

In order to do this, I call on you and the City Council to reduce funding in these ways:

- * Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in excessive force cases
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Instead of investing in the police, our city must prioritize alternatives like education, increased mental health services, housing initiatives, income security, harm reduction services, accessible rehabilitation, arts and cultural programs, social workers, conflict resolution services, transformative justice, and other vital community-based support systems. These initiatives must support our most vulnerable communities and centre the experiences of Black and Indigenous peoples in Bakersfield.

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From: [Brianne Vollmer](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; admatt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Fwd: Bakersfield resident for not defunding the Bakersfield police department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:41:25 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Bakersfield resident for not defunding the Bakersfield police department

To: <city_council@bakersfieldcity.us>, <city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us>, <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us>, <admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us>, <admatt@bakersfieldcity.us>

To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Brianne Vollmer and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with BPD and I am appalled by the violence and Rioting seen across the nation and at home.

The Bakersfield Police Department has a few bad officers and violent history
We do not judge all our police officers with the actions of one.

The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to not defund, demilitarize, and take away funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities.

Here is a breakdown of the specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

Do NOT DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to CONTINUE TO SUPPORT the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested. The reforms include specific legislation, more/longer

training, and more technology, such as body cameras. .

We demand that the Bakersfield City Council give more supplies to the Bakersfield Police Department. We want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. To serve the community which will continue to grow in violence

It proves that the purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring safety and keep our communities from violence and cause harm. like it did in Minnesota

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council invest funding from other Depts and fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. And build a bridge between law enforcement and community.

Funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of all crimes in Bakersfield. Especially the gangs we deal with and robberies in our community.

It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by Not defunding our police dept and allowing community members to build bridges across all races and economic backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Brianne Vollmer, a Bakersfield resident

From: [Bryan Young](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Police Reform Policy Proposal
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:43:19 PM

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Hello,

My name is Bryan Young. I'm a 22-year old black American from Mountain View, CA, and an author. I'm sure that we are all aware of the issues facing the black community and that long history of racism and injustice that has culminated in protests and calls for change. While I do support the protests and feel that it's a necessary mechanism for a community to vent their frustrations, I also believe we need immediate policy change.

While I applaud those who have verbally supported the cause, words aren't good enough. Making one policy of banning a chokehold or donating to a BLM fund doesn't help fight the fundamentally broken system or change the officers' discriminatory views.

As a black man who is deeply invested in these issues, I've spent a lot of time thinking about what steps would combat these problems. Here I want to lay out some of my proposals. I understand that you may not be able to take action on some of these, but remember, you have friends in government, you know people who know people, you can propose things and hopefully get them moved up the chain of power or start a conversation.

If you genuinely care about these issues, I urge you to consider what I'm saying and take the time to discuss if any of these are feasible. We need real substantive change, and the only way to do that is to make reforms in a system we all know could be much better.

Proposals:

-Hold officers accountable for crimes committed against people. If there's evidence an officer did something to harm or endanger another person, charges must be brought against them. We can't continue to let officers slide when they hurt people because it emboldens others into thinking that they can get away bad behavior.

-Require all officers to wear body cameras and require that the camera is on at all times. Officers should also wear a separate mic or camera that is always on in case the primary body camera is turned off. I understand many officers turn off their cameras, and this should be a heavily frowned upon practice and investigated. There should be no reason for a camera to be turned off. An officer could argue for their primary camera being obstructed, but for it to be completely shut off, especially during an arrest or stop is unlikely.

-Mandatory police volunteer hours and community service in the cities they work in and required attendance at community events dressed as civilians. As I see it, you can't police a neighborhood you don't engage with. I understand the constraints of overtime pay, but I think you can have a scenario during training or during a regular shift, an officer spends part of their time being with the local community to get to know the people they're working with better.

We have to keep in mind that we're dealing with people, and people vary depending on location. The needs of one community may be different from the requirements of another. And you can't know someone's needs until you spend time around them. I think creating this bond would increase trust in the police and confidence in the people.

- Require officers to fill out a card stating who, what, when, where, and why every time they stop someone. In the instance something goes wrong; this allows for a full review into the details of the stop and creates a record for officers who may be stopping people for ridiculous reasons. The information on the card would have to be substantiated by body camera or car camera recordings.

- Train officers in crisis intervention and first aid.

- Create a police misconduct division separate from the actual police to investigate police misconduct and recommend charges to courts when necessary. Having body camera footage, audio from mics, and first-hand statements from the card would aid in these investigations. I understand that internal affairs exists, but I think we have to determine if police policing themselves is objectively an effective way of dealing with issues. Internal Affairs being part of the police gives them an incentive not to be as hard on real problems as they should be. An independent group would have no such bias (Also, it would be a good way of creating jobs and would provide an avenue for people to report on police issues to an organization without fear of retribution.)

- Require all officers to take a Sociology course on Race Relations for a quarter at a local community college during training. I think it's one thing to have a week-long diversity training on a computer where you click through some program, and it's another to be actively involved in a class where you have to learn about the history of race in this country. Having that context and understanding of their position and history will lead to more empathy and a greater ability to correctly police people of color.

- Banning chokeholds (Again I mentioned doing this alone won't solve the problem but we should at least cut out things that can kill people)

- Require warning before shooting.

- Ban shooting at moving vehicles.

- Require de-escalation.

- Require non-lethal force before restoring to shooting.

- Require officers to intervene when they see another officer using excessive force.

- More stringent police screening in the form of psychological evaluations or implicit bias tests.

- De-criminalize drugs or remove extra funding for drug arrests. This will eliminate a large number of unjust arrests. Many police departments are motivated to go into poor communities and arrest people that they know either can't or won't fight a drug charge because they get extra money for making those arrests. I know it's a controversial subject, but I think we need to ask ourselves, is drug possession a matter of morals, criminal behavior, or health? Should

someone's life be ruined for having drugs on them? Does being put in prison contribute to them getting better, or does rehab do that? If it is a matter of criminality and imprisonment is the answer, why aren't police raiding college campuses and high schools all day every day? Why are poor black people targeted for drugs at much higher rates, but rich white kids freely talk about their weed, coke, and psychedelics use? How are there people sitting in jail for marijuana right now, but you go online and see others freely promoting their various weed businesses? We need to take a side with this. If it's wrong, then tell *everyone* it's wrong and act accordingly. If it's acceptable, then tell *everyone* it's acceptable and act accordingly. We can't target communities of color, throw people in jail, break up families, and destroy future employment options because of a record of drug use, etc., but then let white people use the same drugs with no consequence. How fair is it to tell one person, "Kids will be kids" while telling another "You're under arrest?" We need to tackle this critical source of police conflict because, as you read this, another black person is having their life ruined over something white people do daily with no real consequence.

-De-criminalize prostitution. Of all the proposals, this is probably the most controversial. But I don't think it makes sense that a person can legally have sex on camera for money, but the second it's off-camera, it's illegal. Again, let's give the police fewer reasons to put people in jail. Let's also allow these people to come forward about people that harm them sexually or physically without being afraid of being arrested themselves.

-Significant increase in funding for public schools in poor black neighborhoods and creating programs that focus on STEM and law. The best way out of poverty is education, and our society benefits from more educated people. More doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, creators, etc., will always be good for us, and if we care about our progression as a species, we can't let that potential rot. If you want you to help the police problem, invest in the school's ability for these kids to live better lives so that they don't feel like they have to go out and commit crimes to survive. Maybe they come back and help build up their communities, which ends up being better for everyone involved. At the end of the day, if you build up the broken communities that have been ravished by poverty, people will commit fewer crimes, and there will be less need for police to potentially get involved with someone. The way it currently works in many communities now is that the schools don't have enough money and break down, young people know the schools are terrible and do illegal stuff to make ends meet (Because most people where they're from doing graduate high school let alone go to college and get a good job), crime goes up because of these people, we respond with more cops which means even less money and attention to schools (More people going to prison too), and the cycle repeats itself.

-Investment in black-owned businesses in underprivileged neighborhoods. Similar logic to the previous point in that if you help uplift a struggling community, you give them less reason to resort to illegal activity to support themselves. Many people are trying to do great things, but they don't have the support necessary to accomplish their ideas. Give us that support, and we can pay you back in kind. But again, you can't just let a community rot and expect things ever to be okay. If you want to help the police problem, black communities need uplifting economically.

-Universal Basic Income (UBI) for those at the poverty line. This is also in the same vein as the last two points. If someone is struggling, how would you expect them to support themselves? As the old saying goes, desperate times call for desperate measures, and many people undertake those desperate measures to get by and end up in confrontations with the police. If you help those people out, they contribute to the local economy, have a better ability

to help themselves, and are less likely to do illegal things to get out of a bad situation.

-Raising minimum wage to the living wage in your city as an alternative to the UBI. Again, if you want to decrease the number of crimes in your city, you have to ensure that people can live off work. If I'm working two jobs and still can't afford the basics, there's a problem. Each job should at least pay an amount that'll allow me to afford rent, food, utilities, and internet (You may say this is unnecessary, but it's 2020, and we live in a world where it's essential for a lot of things. If you don't believe me, try living without the internet and phone for three months in today's world and see how well your life functions). Get a committee together and outline how much someone would realistically need to make to afford an apartment and life essentials, talk to landlords, talk to tenants, do your research and find out what would be best for the people.

-Declare hate groups such as the KKK as terrorists.

I want to point out that I don't expect all of these policies to go into effect immediately, but I think that they're all worth the discussion, and I believe that even if one or two could be implemented in some form, then that means we're moving forward.

But what can't happen is a response back saying something along the lines of "Our city is doing great things already! We don't need change, but we believe in the cause!" Because that's not being willing to admit that there's an issue. I know it's uncomfortable. I know it's something that many people still need to do their research on. Putting your head in the sand and not taking real action will lead to more hate, more death, and more distrust. I urge you to consider these ideas, talk to people in your community, talk to people you're connected to, see what can work. Do your research into these issues, and try and see what can be championed.

I will gladly discuss any of these policies with anyone who wants to talk about them. If you're within a reasonable distance, I'm even willing to do it in person. For further discussion on any of these proposals, you can reach me here:

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Email: youngbryan97@gmail.com
youngbryan97@yahoo.com

From: [Isabella Borda](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:49:28 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Isabella Borda, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of the specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,

Isabella Borda, a Bakersfield resident

From: samy.zagara
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Open for a happy surprise
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:02:58 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Samy Zagara , I am a resident of Lagrange Illinois . We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Samy Zagara

From: [Julissa Montes](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reduce police violence by 72%
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:40:12 PM

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Hello Mayor Karen Goh,

My name is Julissa and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1.
Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2.
Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire.

Julissa

From: [Jamie Abraham](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND BPD NOW
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Sincerely,
Jamie Abraham, a Bakersfield Resident

From: [Jamie Abraham](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND THE BPD NOW
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:49:33 PM

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From: dwg2@rice.edu
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate Funding for the Bakersfield PD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:07:27 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is David Gan, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

David Gan

From: [Emmalee Horn](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:13:40 PM

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My name is Emmalee Horn, I am a resident of Southern California. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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From: [Alyssa Garcia](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEMAND TO DEFUND BPD
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Alyssa Garcia
2220 Gale Avenue
Alyssa114126@gmail.com
661-563-7379

Sent from my iPhone

From: kristen.shafer2580@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: defund BPD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:52:49 PM

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Thank you for your time, Kristen Shafer, 3100 Ashe Rd. #34, kristen.shafer2580@gmail.com, 661-699-9283

From: kristen.shafer2580@gmail.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD
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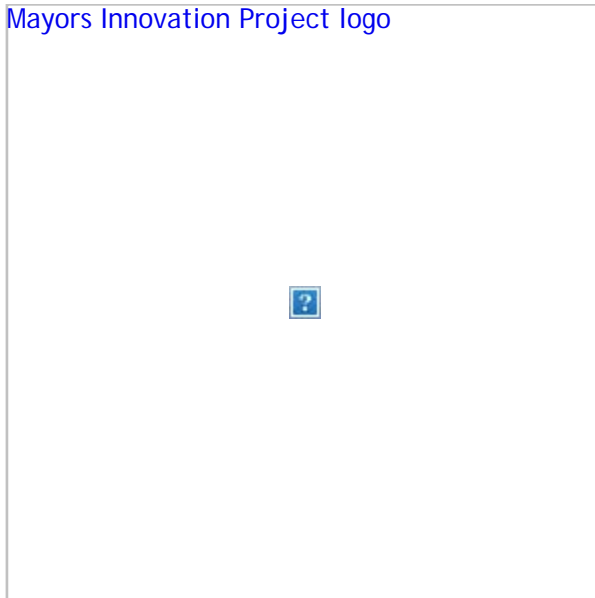
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From: [Mayors Innovation Project](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Moving forward on racial justice
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:22:58 PM

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City Leadership in Addressing Racial Inequities

Over the last week, many mayors and police departments have strongly and publicly condemned the actions by the police involved in George Floyd's death and the violence and aggression shown towards people of color. What else can city leaders do to advance needed racial justice reforms in policing, in light of the momentum generated by the protests? Several proposed frameworks can guide immediate action, including [President Obama's Commit to Action](#), [NAACP's criminal justice demands](#), and [8 to Abolition](#). A nationwide conversation about efforts to defund the police is now underway: [here's what it really means and why city leaders should pay attention](#).

Public commitments demonstrate leadership priorities, but making immediate policy change will shift the conversation to action. Below are recent actions taken by local elected officials and agencies to reform policing practices. While not an exhaustive list, we aim to provide mayors with guidance on the policy levers that support systems change and ultimately end police brutality and structural racism in criminal justice. We look forward to sharing other examples of leadership within

our network soon (stay tuned), and we welcome additional resources and solutions that we can amplify.

[The cities, states and countries finally putting an end to police neck restraints](#)

CNN

Cities like Minneapolis, Washington, DC and Houston have banned or are in the process of banning the controversial practice of neck restraints.

[Saint Paul Police Department announces updates to use of force policy](#)

City of Saint Paul, MN

Mayor Melvin Carter, along with input from a wide array of community stakeholders, has updated the City's use of force policies. The policies address a number of concerns but, notably, will help the police department distinguish between passive and aggressive resistance, more clearly define an officer's duty to intervene, and increases the instances when medics must be called to a scene.

[Mayor Miro Weinberger and Chief Jennifer Morrison Release Updated Use of Force Policy and Urge Swift Adoption](#)

City of Burlington, VT

Burlington, VT leaders drafted new use of force policies that include the recommendations made by their [Special Committee to Review Policing Policies](#) as well as all eight of the #8CantWait reforms. The new policy incorporates clear requirements for de-escalation, duty to intervene, verbal warnings, and reporting all uses of force.

[A painful week pushed Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney toward a historic decision](#)

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Mayor Stoney accepted an invitation to join marchers and embraced activists' demands, including tapping mental health professionals as the first responders for people in mental health crises, not police. He also is establishing an independent civilian review board to oversee Richmond police.

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From: [stacey_robles](mailto:stacey_robles@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defend 12
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:33:11 PM

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Thank you for your time,

Stacey Robles
10601 Quiet Breeze Lane
Moandstacey@gmail.com
661.316.8699

From: [Madeline Knopf](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Funding Concerns
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:38:29 PM

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Bakersfield, CA
mlknopf1@gmail.com
4157639250

From: [Natalie Frieson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I voted for you.
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:43:21 PM

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Dear Karen Goh and City Council,

My name is Natalie, I am a resident of Bakersfield NW. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Natalie Frieson

From: [Trisha Burnett](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:44:03 PM

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We demand justice and action for the many victims of all crimes in Bakersfield. Especially the gangs we deal with and robberies in our community. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by

NOT defunding our police department and allowing community members to build bridges across all races and economic backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Trisha Burnett, a concerned Bakersfield resident.

From: [Trisha Burnett](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:44:04 PM

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From: [Sally Lucchesi](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Needs to Change!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:50:31 PM

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Thank you for your time,

Sally Lucchesi

From: [Used Oil HHW](#)
To: admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Used Oil Payment Program (OPP11) - Application Open and Funding Reduction
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:00:51 PM

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Dear OPP Recipients,

The Used Oil Payment Program FY2020-2021 Cycle 11 (OPP11) is now open for applications.
<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/lgpayers/11thcycle>

Login to the LoGOPP system to complete and submit an application by July 9, 2020.
<https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/LoGOPP/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fLoGOPP%2f>

Review the Guidelines for OPP11 requirements.
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/117567>

The revenue in the Used Oil Recycling Fund (Fund) has been decreasing due to multiple factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic, car owners going longer intervals between oil changes and increased use of electric vehicles. When the reserve is depleted, and the \$11 million for the OPP cannot be fully funded, a minimum of 50 percent of funds remaining after mandatory expenditures are accounted for must go to the OPP program, as directed by statute. The amount reflected in the Governor's budget for the Oil Payment Program for FY 2020-21 is \$6,000,000. This is a minimum amount based on previous projections, but could increase by \$1.1 million if revenues increase. The projection in the Budget for OPP funding is based on conservative estimates of revenues, liberal expenditure estimates and on the statutory requirement that the minimum funding amount for OPP is half of the funds remaining after mandatory expenditures (PRC 48653(a)(3)(B)(i)).

If you have concerns and/or questions please reach out to your Program Advisor.

Sincerely,
Used Oil Team

From: [Nikki Nathan](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Your city is NOT DOING ENOUGH
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:15:41 PM

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Hello Mayor,

My name is Nikki and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1.
Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2.
Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire.

Nikki Nathan
Westchester, New York

From: [Jacob Iarussi](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:45:34 PM

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Mayor Goh,

My name is Jacob Iarussi. I am a resident of New York City and I am emailing today to demand steps are taken immediately to instate policies to end police violence.

Campaign Zero has provided 8 policies that, at your discretion, could be enacted today. These 8 policies have demonstrated the ability to decrease police violence by 72%. The 8 policies are as follows: ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all other means before shooting, duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting. In the city of Bakersfield, currently only 2 of these policies are in place. For more information, you can visit <https://8cantwait.org/>.

This is one of the many pathways toward reforming our broken systems. Please don't choose between this and your efforts to defund, prosecute, etc. This is not an "either/or," but a "both/and." Whatever it is you are doing at this time, do this too.

There is a role in the good fight for everybody. I urge you to act today.

Sincerely,
Jacob Iarussi

From: [Marco Flores](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:24:03 PM

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Relocate 75 percent of the police budget into public health, drug rehab, homeless problem. fix the roads quick. Put solar panels up.

Thank you

Marco Flores Jr.

From: [Rik](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Do Not Defund BPD or KCSO - Support Law Enforcement.
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:36:47 PM

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Councilman Weir - Our family and my associates are against defunding the BPD or the KCSO. Don't cater to the radical elements who want to defund them. Instead, support the law enforcement organizations in Bakersfield and Kern County.

Sincerely - Rik Vio, Bakersfield, CA 93306

From: [Allison Pagano-Speers](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the police and help the community
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:56:05 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Allison Pagano. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Allison Pagano

From: [Emily Byers](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Plead for defunding and reinvention of the BPD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:15:02 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emily Byers, I am a resident of the Rosedale region of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Emily Byers

From: [Desi Lorelli](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: READ THIS
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:25:13 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is [YOUR NAME], I am a resident of [YOUR WARD/NEIGHBORHOOD]. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Desiree Lorelli
2709 Hempstead Lane
desi.lorelli@gmail.com
6616195834

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maria Villegas](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield resident for NOT defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:56:34 PM

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PETITION I SUPPORT THE BPD

To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

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I support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department.

I am grateful to all of those police officers the put their life on the line to keep our families safe, I disagree 100% with all those that choose to criticize, humiliate and generalize all of our officers. I understand that crimes have occurred, but all our Police Department should not have to suffer the consequences of the bad doing, criminal act of those few officers. Let's put all our energy in defending our Police Department.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of all crimes in Bakersfield. Especially the gangs we deal with and robberies in our community.

It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by Not defunding our police dept and allowing community members to build bridges across all races and economic backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Maria Villegas a Bakersfield resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: syd.sings
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Regarding the Police Force
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:55:54 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Sydney L. Stitt, I am a resident of Rosedale. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Sydney L. Stitt
(661) 578-1377

From: [Arlene Enriquez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:26:26 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Arlene Enriquez-Rizo, I am a resident of East Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Arlene Enriquez-Rizo
1046 Washington St., Bakersfield CA 93307
arlene_enriquez004@yahoo.com
(323) 391-5534

From: [Brenda Resendiz](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:57:51 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Brenda Resendiz. I am a resident of Porterville, Ca. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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From: fabiolaorozco1994@gmail.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:04:10 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Fabiola, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Fabiola, a Bakersfield Resident

From: [J.Chen](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: George Floyd, Paterson Brown, Calin Roquemore, Antwon Rose II, Tony Robinson...
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:00:33 AM

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Greetings,

The current law enforcement system is a disaster. I am contacting you because I am immensely concerned by the blatant racism against African-Americans by police across the nation.

I would like to inquire what safeguards our police departments have in place to prevent exploitations of human rights by officers, and what commitments you will make to protect black lives.

Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? Have you pledged to never again support increased police funding? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions?

If these policies are not in place, then they certainly should be. This issue is nothing new. The frequency of these incidents suggest that law enforcement is a force of violence, not public safety, in our country. I do not support my local taxes being used to fund law enforcement agencies that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: public education, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, mental health professionals, scientific research, crisis de-escalators, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents to name only a few. Thanks for taking the time to read my message. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Jingyu Chen

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Jingyu Chen

From: mikki.jenson
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: people are DYING and YOU are FUNDING IT
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:03:14 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Mikaela Jenson, I am a resident of the Rosedale area. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Mikaela Jenson
9611 big bear lake court
mikaela.jenson@icloud.com
(661)333-6053

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Camryn Van zandt](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Relocation of Funds
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:09:15 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Camryn, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Camryn
(661) 447-5354

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marie Calhoun](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:09:37 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Valentine Calhoun, I am a resident of the 1sr Ward. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Valentine Calhoun
605 Cinder Cone Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93307
Valentine8219@gmail.com

From: [Fred](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Support Police
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 5:09:13 AM

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Honorable Mayor Goh,

Article headline in today's paper read, ...to Increase Police Budget. YES, we pray and support all of our law enforcement. Thank you for your discernment and godly leadership of our city.

Praying,

Fred and Jeri Kloepper

From: [Steve Shelton](#)
To: AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Police Department
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:27:51 AM

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I am a part of the silent majority that disagrees with the completely ridiculous calls to “Defund the Police”. I read again in today’s Bakersfield Californian about the amount of emails the city staff are getting regarding this issue. I know that a very vocal few can make it seem like everyone believes that law enforcement is bad and that drastic measures need to be taken immediately. Not true. Every organization has a few substandard members that shouldn’t be a part of their team and I’m sure it is no different at BPD. I have faith your leaders work hard to remove these few negative characters. My family supports law enforcement and appreciates the very difficult job they do. Instead of defunding the police we support more resources for our police to help them do their job keeping our community safe.

Steve Shelton

From: [Jeff Mendoza](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Budget
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:34:40 AM

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Dear Mr Rivera:

I support moving ahead with an increased budget for the BPD. We passed measure N for a reason. That reason still exists. Please do not listen to the radical demands of a few. It is one thing to improve BPD service methods. It is quite another to deny funding at the very point our city needs it the most. Full speed ahead. Increase the BPD budget!

Jeff Mendoza

From: [Justin Ricafort](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:03:22 AM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Justin a RICAFORT and I am a resident of Los Angeles, observing adjacent to the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

A Black disabled man was murdered by a false alarm from a neighbor in front of his deaf wife in Los Angeles yesterday. Anywhere where police are present, these stories are similar. Police without impunity stealing the lives and futures of Black, Indigenous, and people of color. We cannot continue to grieve without justice. We cannot continue to grieve without accountability. We cannot continue to grieve while the police get more money than our communities. Community care is the answer; why is it easier to divest from the people's needs for social work, housing, and education and easier to expand the ineffective, murderous, violent actions of the police? I urge you to divest from the police and their union. Now is not the time to give more freedom to the police. Maybe not ever.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and

protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Justin Ricafort, a Los Angeles Resident

From: [Julissa Montes](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: JUSTICE
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 9:09:45 AM

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Hello Mayor Karen Goh,

My name is Julissa and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1. Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2. Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire.

Julissa

From: [Etta Robin](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 10:30:46 AM

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Dear Bakersfield Mayor Karen K. Goh,

More than ever California leaders must lead and stand up for a different future for our communities. A future where we stand up for and value black lives. And a future where we prioritize the care and wellbeing of our families.

That's why I'm contacting you today to ask that you prioritize the following principles in our community:

1. Prioritize care NOT policing in our city budget and legislation.
2. Commit to investing in world-class schools in our neighborhoods, NOT prisons.
3. Support and endorse policies, like the Schools & Communities First initiative, that put people before profit and would bring much needed resources to our communities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Etta Robin
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Bakersfield, CA 93312
United States

From: [Jonathan Tapia \(JonJon\)](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** Safety of Bakersfield***]
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:00:13 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jonathan Tapia, I am a resident of East Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Jonathan Tapia
1322 Williams Street
jon.tapia27@gmail.com
661-379-3853

From: samy.zagara
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Open for a happy surprise
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:06:24 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Samy Zagara , I am a resident of Lagrange Illinois . We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Samy Zagara

From: [Heena Doshi](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Re: Police Reform
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:14:30 PM

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Hello,

Circling back to see if you've had the opportunity to think about what I've noted in this email. I hope to engage with you soon.

Best,
Heena

On Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 7:25 AM Heena Doshi <heena.rdoshi@gmail.com> wrote:

To: Bakersfield City Council

As you know, Americans (and many allies around the world) are outraged at the murder of yet another Black man by a police officer. While the issue of police brutality has been present for a very long time, it's finally reached a boiling point -- criminal justice reform and budget reallocation is long overdue.

As a constituent of Bakersfield, I would like to speak with you about policing tactics in our city. Specifically, I would like to point you to the reforms suggested by Campaign Zero's [8 Can't Wait](#) initiative. While Bakersfield has enforced two of the eight reforms, this is not nearly enough. The other six reforms include: bans on chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require exhausting other means before shooting, ban shooting at moving vehicles, have use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting.

There are many studies that prove the harms of aggressive policing and the benefits of police reform. What we are seeing unfold before us is -- and has been -- [a public health crisis](#) that must be addressed. This cannot be looked at as a partisan issue. It cannot be based on outdated budgets that prioritize violence over actual public safety. It cannot wait until yet another Black man is murdered before our eyes.

My family has called Bakersfield home for nearly 40 years; this city means a lot to us. I would like to do more than vote for change -- I want to help you create it. That said, I will gladly utilize my educational background as a Master of Public Health to play an active roll in ensuring that our city makes the necessary changes to address this crisis.

I look forward to hearing back.

Sincerely,
Heena Doshi

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| heena.rdoshi@gmail.com | (661) 472-4086

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From: mjwttwins
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: "ALL"
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:24:26 PM

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I read the article in the paper and am requesting that you DO NOT Defund the Police! The police are here for our protection and we need them. I am in favor of having training sessions annually on how to handle various situations but I also feel strongly that our community also needs training on how to treat the police in a civil way when we are involved in a traffic stop or some other situation. I also feel that training and educating kids starting at 1st grade about respecting their teachers and the police should be done on an on going basis. Thank you for listening.
Marilyn Wilson

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Rachael Harvey](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Do the right thing please!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:25:12 PM

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Dear Mayor Karen Goh,

My name is Rachael Harvey and the purpose of this email to ensure that these policies are enacted in your city. These policies are listed below:

- Bans chokeholds and strangleholds
- Requires de-escalation
- Requires exhausting other means before shooting
- Ban shooting at moving vehicles
- Has use of force continuum
- Requires comprehensive reporting

By enacting the policies, you will be doing two-fold:

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If your city enacts these policies, violence can be reduced by 72%.

The killings of innocent people, police violence, and brutality are still happening to this day. Breonna Taylor's murderers have still NOT been arrested for killing her in cold blood while she was sound asleep. Justice needs to be served and we cannot idly stand by anymore.

I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Community investment is needed more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs. This includes but is not limited to hospitals, schools and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and I'm sure you will hear from me again!

~Rachael Harvey

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Rachael Harvey
Assistant Director, Camp Airy
410-466-9010 | airylouise.org

From: [Clifford Darden](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:09:24 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Clifford Darden
eldarden@yahoo.com

4008 Desert Sand Way
Bakersfield, CA 93311
United States

From: [Simrit Khalsa](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: George Floyd, Felix Kumi, Jordan Edwards, Nathaniel Harris Pickett, Tamir Rice...and So Many Others
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:13:58 PM

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Greetings,

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Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? What have YOU done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? Will YOU develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers?

If these policies are not in place, when will they be? The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how the law is enforced and funded in our country. I do not want my local taxes being used to fund police departments that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: public education, crisis de-escalators, scientific research, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, mental health professionals, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents increased funding for nutrition and food access programs to name only a few.

Your attention to my concerns are very appreciated. I'm hoping to hear back from you soon.

Best,

Simrit Khalsa
Tucson, AZ

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Best,

Simrit Khalsa
Tucson, AZ

From: [Chuck Jordin](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: All
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 1:23:07 PM

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Please do not defund our Police Department, we need protection in our community. I stand behind them 100%.

Charles R. Jordin.

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus.

Hebrews 12: 1b - 2a

From: [Doreen Sandman](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Utilize your money wisely
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 2:26:06 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Grace, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Grace Sandman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Devin Kapalla](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD Now!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 2:33:43 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Devin Kapalla, I am a California resident in neighboring Cuyama Valley. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Devin Kapalla

From: [John Orcutt](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield is better than this budget
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 2:45:20 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am not a resident of Bakersfield, but as a resident of the surrounding rural area, I and most of my neighbors in the Cuyama Valley consider Bakersfield to be our city. I am disgusted to see nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities.

I wish to continue my relationship with Bakersfield, but I actually live equidistant from Bakersfield and Santa Maria, but until there is an adequate response from the BPD I will be conducting business/shopping in Santa Maria due to Chief Terry's deliberate inaction in response to the murder of one of our community members. I have also begun to organize others in the Cuyama Valley who have the choice of which city to do business in to make the switch.

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Thank you for your time,

John Orcutt
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Maricopa, CA 93252
805-886-7239
jlorcutt@gmail.com

From: [Dean Rosenthal](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Allaying Systemic Racism & Preventing Police Brutality
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 3:09:36 PM

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Hello, As a concerned resident of the US, I am sending you this message because I am greatly disturbed by what I have seen recently regarding the unfair treatment of African-Americans by police throughout the nation. I would like to know what provisions our police departments have in place to prevent occurrences of racism by officers, and what efforts you will make to protect black lives. How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? Have you pledged to never again support increased police funding? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? If these provisions are not in place, then they certainly should be. The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how law is enforced and funded in this country. I do not want my local taxes being used to fund government institutions that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: scientific research, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, public education, crisis de-escalators, mental health professionals, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents to name only a few. Your attention to my concerns are very appreciated. I hope to hear back from you soon. Regards, Dean Rosenthal

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From: [Maia Kaimakliotis](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: WHERE TO PUT YOUR MONEY AFTER DEFUNDING/DEMILITARIZING YOUR POLICE
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 5:11:25 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Maia Kaimakliotis, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

MAIA KAIMAKLIOTIS
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MAIA132@GMAIL.COM
561-222-6108

From: [Alberto Ramirez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND BPD NOW
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 5:16:49 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alberto Ramirez, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Alberto R.

From: ls43@protonmail.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: INCREASE \$ FOR THE POLICE!!!!
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 5:48:18 PM

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Do NOT defund the police!!!! That is the stupidest idea anyone ever came up with!!! It was lack of funding that resulted in poor training for the Minneapolis Police Department. With all the BS Bakersfield Police had to put up with with all the so-called "Peaceful" protests (Calling for the death of our police officers, and defacing public property, & dishonoring fallen police officers), please Increase funding for the Police Department!!!

From: [Giovanni Saldutti](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Mitigating Systemic Racism
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 6:27:33 PM

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Hi,

The current law enforcement system is in shambles. I am sending you this message because I am deeply disturbed by the unfair treatment of African-Americans by police across the nation.

I would like to ask what provisions our police departments have in place to prevent occurrences of racism by officers, and what efforts you will make to protect black lives. How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? Have you pledged to never again support increased police funding? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members?

If these provisions are not in place, then they certainly should be. The status quo is failing us. Reforms to law enforcement agencies, along with the redirection of funds, must be enacted. I do not approve of my local taxes being used to fund law enforcement agencies that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: crisis de-escalators, increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents increased funding for nutrition and food access programs support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, scientific research, public education, mental health professionals, to name only a few.

Your attention to my concerns are very appreciated. I hope to hear back from you soon.

Best,

Giovanni Saldutti

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Giovanni Saldutti](#)
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Best,

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From: rorozco92@hotmail.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@Bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Current Resident Concerns
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 6:43:16 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Rodrigo, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past few weeks our nation and our city have been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and

reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,
Rodrigo, a Bakersfield Resident

From: Svillalobos25@yahoo.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defunding Police Department
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:00:28 PM

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Please do not defund our police department. We need them. This all chaos and hatred towards them is wrong. We have lost something but this mistrust towards all police officers. Not all are bad and this hatred towards all is getting out of hand. We can't all hate just cause of some bad apples. We need to work with the police not punish them. They need help. Let us support them and not be against them. We are no better if we don't otherwise. I stand by our police force and do not support defunding or anything negative. They are people too

From: [Chikamso Udonsi](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND BPD
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:17:24 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Chikamso, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Chikamso Udonsi
11601 Clarion River Drive
kamsoudonsi@hotmail.com
661-472-9854

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stella "Lago" Jones](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: It is crucial that we defund the police now.
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 7:17:28 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Stella and I am an ally to the Bakersfield community. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Stella "Lago" Jones
They/them or She/her
Couple, Family, Individual Therapist
Brave Space, LLC
www.bravespacellc.com
front desk phone: 503-486-8936
direct line: 503-389-5892
fax: 503-894-6020

"Action on behalf of life transforms. Because the relationship between self and the world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting. As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us." - Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass

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From: [Melissa Kroe](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: FUND YOUR PEOPLE
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 8:28:47 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Melissa Kroe and I am writing you today to implore you to defund your overinflated and unjust police department and, for once, fund your people. The only correlation that comes with increased police presence is increased police brutality. Now that the people are speaking up and being heard, you are probably realizing that this country fears the very people who are undertrained and overpaid to “protect” them. You inflate the police department’s budget so as to militarize your police when a mere fraction of crime is violent. Have you considered preventing crime? Or, at the very least, using the ridiculous amount of money you set aside for guns on housing, education, or mental health resources instead? It’s time you stand on the right side of history. For once, listen to your people and fund the resources that allow your underprivileged people and people of color to thrive. Your cops don’t need a cent more. Please consider this.

Best,
Melissa Kroe

From: [Kamryn Mcneese](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 1:15:54 AM

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Mayor Goh, My name is [insert name]. I am a resident of [State/City] and I am emailing today to demand steps are taken immediately to instate policies to end police violence. Campaign Zero has provided 8 policies that, at your discretion, could be enacted today. These 8 policies have demonstrated the ability to decrease police violence by 72%. The 8 policies are as follows: ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all other means before shooting, duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting. In the city of Bakersfield, currently only 2 of these policies are in place. For more information, you can visit <https://8cantwait.org/>. This is one of the many pathways toward reforming our broken systems. Please don't choose between this and your efforts to defund, prosecute, etc. This is not an "either/or," but a "both/and." Whatever it is you are doing at this time, do this too. There is a role in the good fight for everybody. I urge you to act today. Sincerely, [your name]

From: [Chris Stiles](#)
To: [city clerk@bakfieldpolice.org](#)
Subject: CPRA request
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 8:42:00 AM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2020-06-13 at 8:41:18 AM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2020-06-13 at 8:41:20 AM.png](#)

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To whom it may concern:

I tried to submit this request online but there was a problem with the application or server (see attached). Please feel free to forward this to the appropriate official at the Bakersfield Police Department.

Under the California Public Information Act, I'm writing to request documents that would detail a few of the Bakersfield Police Department's purchases from the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency. These include 21 "IMAGE INTENSIFIER NIGHT VISION" sets, and "UNMANNED" vehicle, a "PACKBOT 510 WITH FASTAC REMOTELY CONTROLLED VEHICLE", and a "CAMOUFLAGE NET SYSTEM". The national stock numbers are in the attached list.

Specifically, I'm seeking copies of any invoices, receipts, meeting agenda items, memos and catalogs, among other documents, listing the purchases (and, if possible, the source of funds used for them). I'm also seeking any communications with the city elected officials or their staffs about the purchases.

In addition, I'm seeking digital copies of any internal pictures of the items since you've received them.

In general, I want to stress that I'm only seeking records that don't include any confidential law enforcement or purchasing information. I'm also only seeking summary-level documents about these purchases. I don't expect you to search through every employee's email, for example, but rather to locate readily available records stored by your procurement or purchasing or police command staff that would help me detail the expenditures and the source of funding used to make them.

If you feel some of the records responsive to this request are exempted from disclosure, or if you feel that it's too broad, please let me know. **I'm willing and eager to amend the scope of my request to speed the release of the records and reduce any burden on your staff.**

I'm happy to receive the documents and images via email. Please feel free to scan any paper records into PDF format, if it's convenient for you, to avoid printing costs

Please contact me anytime if you have questions. My mobile number is below.

Thanks!

Matt

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Matt Stiles
Los Angeles Times
Mobile: 310.529.8749
Signal: 202.670.8742
@stiles

agency	stock_number	item	year	value	quantity
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	5855-01-505-1442	IMAGE INTENSIFIER,NIGHT VISION	2017	\$792,000	12
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	1385-01-593-6219	PACKBOT 510 WITH FASTAC REMOTELY CONTROLLED VE...	2017	\$77,000	1
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	1385-01-592-8822	UNMANNED VEHICLE,GROUND	2020	\$39,942	1
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	5855-01-548-9651	IMAGE INTENSIFIER,NIGHT VISION	2017	\$34,704	9
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	1080-01-564-1690	CAMOUFLAGE NET SYSTEM,RADAR TRANSPARENT	2017	\$21,294	22
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	5855-01-524-4308	SIGHT,THERMAL	2018	\$16,000	2
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	5855-01-534-5931	ILLUMINATOR,INTEGRATED,SMALL ARMS	2017	\$2,610	32
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	5855-01-533-0555	ILLUMINATOR,INFRARED	2017	\$1,800	8
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	1240-01-620-2111	RANGE FINDER,LASER	2017	\$598	4
BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPT	1240-01-485-0441	SIGHT,HOLOGRAPHIC	2018	\$453	3

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From: [Kion Noori](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Demanding Justice
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:10:24 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kion Noori, I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Kion Noori
Bakersfield, NY

From: [Heaven Martin](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us; BPDCommunity@bakersfieldpd.us
Subject: DEFUND POLICE REFUND COMMUNITIES
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:16:10 AM

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To the City of Bakersfield elected officials:

I, Heaven Martin, am writing to you today to express my absolute outrage regarding the Bakersfield Police Department 2020-2021 Budget of \$119,972,666. This astronomical police budget is unacceptable and requires serious action. I call upon our elected officials to start divesting from the inherently violent institution that is the Bakersfield Police Department immediately.

I am asking that you, as an elected official, pledge to do the following:

1. To never again vote to increase the Bakersfield Police Department budget.
2. To prioritize the expansion of community-led health and safety initiatives over future financial investment into the Bakersfield Police Department.

In the face of cyclical police violence happening throughout North America right now, there is no better time to commit ourselves to change. What we need in Bakersfield is leadership that can initiate reform that aims towards the eventual abolition of police and prisons - and, in turn, the immense police violence that targets our most marginalized people.

Increased police presence does not keep us safe, rather it directly threatens the lives of our most vulnerable community members (Black, Indigenous, people of colour, transgender, Two-Spirit, queer, unhoused people in the DTES, street-based sex workers, people with disabilities, people experiencing poverty, etc). It is impossible to effectively reform the police to protect the marginalized communities they were designed to target, therefore, we must choose to transition towards abolition.

In order to do this, I call on you and the City Council to reduce funding in these ways:

- * Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in excessive force cases
- * Require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements
- * Reduce the size of the police force, and stop sending armed/uniformed cops on mental health-related calls.

Instead of investing in the police, our city must prioritize alternatives like education, increased mental health services, housing initiatives, income security, harm reduction services, accessible rehabilitation, arts and cultural programs, social workers, conflict resolution services, transformative justice, and other vital community-based support systems. These initiatives must support our most vulnerable communities and centre the experiences of Black and Indigenous peoples in Bakersfield.

I urge you all to reach out to redistribute our tax dollars and effect actual change in keeping communities safe by consulting directly with, funding, and otherwise supporting organizations like:

- ACLU (213-977-9500 / <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/contact-us>)
- FAAM (First And Always Melanin) (<https://www.firstandalwaysmelanin.com/contact>)
- Food Not Bombs (bakersfield chapter) @bakersfieldfoodnotbombs on instagram
- boys and girls club (<https://www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org>)>Send mail

From: [Matthew Berman](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:22:24 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Matthew Berman, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Thank you,
Matthew Berman
Mattberman30@gmail.com
(516) 306-5107

From: [Selena Matranga](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I NEED YOUR HELP TO DEFUND POLICE
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:59:23 AM

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My name is Selena Matranga, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Selena Matranga

From: [Dj Sandler](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 1:39:18 PM

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Thank you,
DJ Sandler
sandlerdj@gmail.com
802-771-5487

From: chelsea.mendoza
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: WE NEED REFORM
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 2:27:19 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Chelsea Mendoza, I am a resident in the rosedale area. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Chelsea Mendoza

From: [Alex Koch](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Budget Meeting - Reduce Police Funding
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 3:37:16 PM

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Hello City Clerk-

I am a bakersfield resident and taxpayer.

I have a comment on the city budget that I would like considered at the upcoming budget meeting for FY20-21.

The proposed budget allocates a **disproportionate** amount of money to the city's police department. Redirect that funding to community-oriented programs, such as: homeless care (not criminalization), education, infrastructure, public works, parks & rec, etc.. All of these things provide value to the community, and support and uplift marginalized groups, creating opportunity rather than taking it away.

Thank You,

Alex Koch
8201 Camino Media, Apt 133
Bakersfield, CA 93311
919-749-3667

From: [Emily Boone](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: PD Funding Reallocation
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 3:56:44 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emily Boone, I am a resident of Laurelglenn neighborhood. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Emily Boone
8311 Ipswich Way
E.m.boone5@gmail.com
509.339.3998

From: [Mike Golleher](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Resident for Not Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 4:20:22 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Mike Golleher, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you all have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests and rioters demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity and with confidence in the men and women of the Bakersfield Police Department. I am appalled by the violence and rioting seen across the nation and at home and I want to voice my feelings about the ridiculous "Defunding police departments" movement. It would only do more harm. The pro defund organizers want the the community leaders and population to believe the majority of the communities have lost confidence and faith in our system, its laws, and its law enforcement. But I don't believe that to be true.

The Bakersfield Police Department has had a few bad officers as with any police department or any other profession has far as that matters. We cannot judge all our police officers by the actions of one. As we would not judge every community leader because of one bad community leader. This will lead to disaster.

The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to not take away funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, that provides the safety and protection of our communities.

'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

Do NOT DEFUND: I ask that the Bakersfield City Council work to CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT of the Bakersfield Police Department. I want the BPD to receive funding to enact reform that is community oriented yet tough on violent crime. The reforms that include specific legislation, specific and racially diversified training, and more technology, such as body cameras that assist in accountability on both sides of the camera.

I ask that the Bakersfield City Council give the funds needed to provide the Bakersfield Police Department to keep the officers safe. I believe that a well trained and a well protected office will be a safer officer for their community. I want the BPD to receive funding in the future for protective weapons and the safety gear. To serve the community and stop violent crime from growing.

I believe in local law enforcement, that knows it's community's needs and is well trained to assist in meeting the community's need. This is the purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring safety and keep our communities from violence and causing harm to property like it did in Minnesota and Seattle.

DIVEST: I ask that the Bakersfield City Council invest funding from other departments to assist in positive community programs that would educate everyone in the diversity of our community. And continue to build a bridge between law enforcement and our community. In these stressful times I know funds are hard to find. But I remember not to long ago voting for an increase in tax revenue for the purpose of adding more officers to the police department. The majority of the voters were serious enough to vote more money out of their pockets for their community law enforcement. That should tell you something when you go to vote.

I support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the Police Services.

As with everyone else, I want justice and swift action for the many victims of all crimes in Bakersfield. Especially the gang violence and other violent crimes against people in our community.

It is time to stand up and protect our communities and implement the change by NOT defunding our police services, ask community members and churches to get involved build bridges across all races and economic backgrounds.

I have seen violent death first hand and every life does matter. Even the ones wearing blue several of them have been killed by violence in the past few weeks and hardly mentioned in the news.

Sincerely,
Mike Golleher, Bakersfield City Tax Payer

From: [Leila Etemad](mailto:Leila.Etemad@wesleyan.edu)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE
Date: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:24:35 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Leila Etemad and I am a resident of Marin County. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Leila Etemad
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Novato, CA 94949
415-786-0240
letemad@wesleyan.edu

From: emilie.pichot@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Please Defund the Police Department
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 2:04:20 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emilie Pichot. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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If Minneapolis City Council can do it, we can!

Thank you for your time,

Emilie Pichot

From: [dafnieee](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defunding of the police department
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 4:19:03 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Dafnie Pionilla, I am a citizen from the Philippines and even though I'm miles away, I'm emailing you to address some concerns and use my voice to help create a safer community for everyone. I might not be the most knowledgeable about the law enforcement and the policing there but I'm willing to help create a change for the community. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Riza Dafnie Pionilla
dafniepionilla83@gmail.com
+639231111919

From: [Manjit Kaur Khalsa](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Black Lives and Systemic Racism
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 7:46:52 AM

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Greetings, I am a resident of the United States and I am contacting you because I am extremely disturbed by what I have seen recently regarding the unfair treatment of African-Americans by police across the nation. As a public servant, what commitments will you make to protect black lives? In addition, what provisions are in place to prevent occurrences of racism by officers? Have you pledged to never again support increased police funding? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? If these safeguards are not in place, then they certainly should be. The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how law is enforced and funded in this country. I do not support my local taxes being used to fund public institutions that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: scientific research, crisis de-escalators, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, mental health professionals, public education, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents to name only a few. Thanks for taking the time to read my message. I hope to hear back from you soon. Regards, Manjit Kaur Khalsa

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From: [Nick H](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield can't be a haven for white supremacy
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 8:58:19 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Nick. I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

From: [Q](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: REALLOCATION
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:55:40 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Quinn Braselton, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Quinn Braselton

From: [andrea.pham](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Mitigating Systemic Racism
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:12:21 AM

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Hi, I am a resident of the United States and I am reaching out to you because I am extremely troubled by what I have seen recently regarding the unfair treatment of African-Americans by police throughout the nation. As a public servant, what efforts will you make to protect black lives? In addition, what policies are in place to prevent occurrences of racism by officers? How are you working on eliminating qualified immunity for police officers that has allowed too many incidents of police misconduct to disappear without consequence? What have you done to compel local law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members? Are all officers required to wear body cameras to record their responses to calls on video? How can the general public be ensured that incidences of racist violence by police are not simply swept under the rug? In particular, how can I be sure that police officers are held accountable for their actions? Do departments perform any form of anti-racism training for officers? How do internal affairs investigate and respond to reports of discrimination, racism, and unjust brutality? Will you protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police? Will you develop a plan for defunding law enforcement, and reallocate these funds to critical social services? Have you pledged to never again support increased police funding? If these provisions are not in place, then they certainly should be. The current system isn't working and changes must be made to how law is enforced and funded in this country. I do not approve of my local taxes being used to fund law enforcement agencies that perpetuate racism and violence. Services that I would rather see funded include: increased social services for formerly incarcerated residents crisis de-escalators, public education, support for victims of domestic abuse and addiction, mental health professionals, scientific research, increased funding for nutrition and food access programs to name only a few. Your attention to my concerns are very appreciated. I hope to hear back from you soon. Sincerely, Andrea Pham

From: [andrea.pham](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
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From: [Robin Augustine](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 10:41:33 AM

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Dear Bakersfield Mayor Karen K. Goh,

More than ever California leaders must lead and stand up for a different future for our communities. A future where we stand up for and value black lives. And a future where we prioritize the care and wellbeing of our families.

That's why I'm contacting you today to ask that you prioritize the following principles in our community:

1. Prioritize care NOT policing in our city budget and legislation.
2. Commit to investing in world-class schools in our neighborhoods, NOT prisons.
3. Support and endorse policies, like the Schools & Communities First initiative, that put people before profit and would bring much needed resources to our communities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Robin Augustine
robypoplous1700@gmail.com

2709 Villalovos Court
Bakersfield, CA 93304
United States

From: jorge.perez
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:10:20 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jorge Perez, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Jorge Perez
Jorgeaperez1469@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jessica Mc Adams](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Teachers for Change!!!! End Police Brutality
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 5:56:45 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jessica Mc Adams, I am a resident of Aliso Viejo, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Jessica Mc Adams
24061 Hollyoak apt L, Aliso Viejo, CA 92655
Jkmcadams25@gmail.com
714-702-0659

Sincerely,

Jessica Mc Adams

From: [Emmanuel Siordia](mailto:Emmanuel.Siordia@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund Bakersfield Police
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:41:42 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emmanuel Siordia, I am a resident of Bakersfield, California. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Emmanuel Siordia
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(661)448-0673

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jamie Reeves](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Rethinking Police Budget
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 6:59:40 PM

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Hello Local Officials,

I am asking for the complete and total defunding of the police. I am asking for you to halt using taxpayer dollars, provided by me and my neighbors, to sponsor a force that makes my Black neighbors live in fear.

I want our city to adopt a new model of public safety- one that serves not only our white populations, but our black and POC communities as well. Please care for our Black communities, and do your part! Speak up! Make change! Do anything!

Signed,
Jamie Reeves

From: [Asia Halliman](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** Defund the police ***]
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:12:07 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Asia Halliman , I am a resident of East Bakersfield . We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Asia Halliman
209-210-0662

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jazmine Salinas](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:15:19 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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Jazminesalinas14@gmail .com
6612055373

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jazmine Salinas](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:15:26 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: paulina.velazquez
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:20:11 PM

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Thank you for your time,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR EMAIL]
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marioese, o Sanchez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Important
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:25:08 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Mario Sanchez, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Mario Sanchez
724 meadows street
Marioese13@gmail.com
661-742-6245

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Riddhi Patel](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND BPD
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:34:31 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Riddhi S. Patel, I am a resident of Ward 5. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

A fed up citizen,
Riddhi S. Patel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amanda Graff](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund Bakersfield Police
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:22:53 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Amanda Graff, and I am a concerned, out of state citizen. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities and an end to endemic police brutality against Black Americans. I believe that changes will begin by defunding law enforcement and investing in community programs and infrastructure.

Police presence has been proven time and time again to be ineffective at protecting the citizens of the community. Often, police presence results in the death of a person of color, and particularly Black Americans. I am outraged by the incompetence of city officials and their lack of attention to the police department's use of excessive force against the people, especially POC. Police have terrorized the community for too long, and I am asking that you put a stop to it.

Research shows that a living wage, access to holistic health services and treatment, educational opportunity, and stable housing are far more successful at promoting community safety than police or prisons (Source: Popular Democracy). The funds that Bakersfield has budgeted for law enforcement and incarceration should be redirected into COVID-19 relief, affordable housing, education, healthcare, community centers, addiction treatment, and community-led organizations. Bakersfield would be better served by dedicating resources to programs that are more effective at promoting safety and social equity than policing and incarceration.

Ask yourself what side of history you want to be on. I hope that you choose the side of the people.

Black Lives Matter,

Amanda Graff
Indivisible Mass Coalition, Inc.
Director, Congressional District 7

From: [Kara Hill](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Please revise the city's budget immediately!
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:57:52 AM

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Dear Mayor Goh,

My name is Kara Hill, I am a resident of NW Bakersfield. I demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

I demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,
Kara Hill
805-284-1915
Hillkara123@gmail.com

From: [Kara Hill](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocation of funding!! Please revise budget!
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:59:48 AM

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Thank you for your time,
Kara Hill
805-284-1915
Hillkara123@gmail.com

From: [Liza Miller](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND POLICE
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:30:52 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Liza Miller. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Liza Miller

From: [C. Jane Datinguinoo](mailto:C_Jane_Datinguinoo)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund Bakersfield PD
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:14:21 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jane Datinguinoo, I am a resident of Northwest Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Jane Datinguinoo
11803 Dell Rapids Court, Bakersfield, CA 93312
chelojane.da@gmail.com

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Chelo Jane Datinguinoo

B.S. in Genetics with Minor in Spanish
College of Biological Sciences
University of California at Davis

From: [Nikki Nathan](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: JUSTICE
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 1:59:38 PM

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Hello Mayor Karen Goh,

My name is Nikki and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1.
Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2.
Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire.

Nikki Nathan
Westchester, New York

From: [Gemma Marchetti](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: BPD Funding
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 4:33:39 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Gemma Marchetti , I am a resident of Ward 2. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that BPD is asking for an increase in budget that accounts for nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Gemma Marchetti
2532 Cedar st.
gemma.e.marchetti@gmail.com
661-333-9227

From: [Ashlyn Skyler](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:19:04 PM

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Dear Karen Goh and City Council,

My name is Ashlyn Hamilton, I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Thank you for your time,

Ashlyn Hamilton
ashlynskyler96@gmail.com

From: [Candace Sluder](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City budget concerns
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:08:19 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council, My name is Candace I am a Bakersfield resident. It is deeply concerning that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, and I would like to see funding from BPD go to social services that the community relies on in Bakersfield. It is more important than ever in the midst of a pandemic with an economic depression on the horizon, to fund healthcare and housing for our people, among many other pressing needs. Following the examples of many other American cities, I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops.

Thank you for your time,
Candace Sluder

From: [Noemi Cisneros](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:47:04 PM

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Mayor Goh,

My name is Noemi Cisneros. I am a resident of Arvin, Ca and I am emailing today to demand steps are taken immediately to instate policies to end police violence.

Campaign Zero has provided 8 policies that, at your discretion, could be enacted today. These 8 policies have demonstrated the ability to decrease police violence by 72%. The 8 policies are as follows: ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all other means before shooting, duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting. In the city of Bakersfield, currently only 2 of these policies are in place. For more information, you can visit <https://8cantwait.org/>.

This is one of the many pathways toward reforming our broken systems. Please don't choose between this and your efforts to defund, prosecute, etc. This is not an "either/or," but a "both/and." Whatever it is you are doing at this time, do this too.

There is a role in the good fight for everybody. I urge you to act today.

Sincerely,
Noemi Cisneros

From: [Jay Cazal](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund PD Tax the Rich Fund Community Wellbeing
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:10:22 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jay and I grew up in Bakersfield. I implore you to defund the police department SIGNIFICANTLY this fiscal year and get on a path to replacing the police force entirely. These millions of dollars could and should go directly to programs that better the lives of your residents. In addition TAX your rich corporations and residents, create jobs with that money to fix up your community, to provide mental health care and substance use harm reduction/ treatment, fix the streets, free food and activity programs for kids, parks, helping the elderly live independantly.

Unarmed workers in their own neighborhoods trained in deescalation, mental healthcare and first aid, more city employed paramedics to respond to medical emergencies and car accidents (that are not employees of a company out to make a profit,) enough jobs with fair wages for your poor residents plus real funded programs for those who dont fit into the job market due to mental or other disability will literally solve all the problems that police respond to. I don't wanna hear it about gangs. The police are the biggest armed gang in our city, they are costing us lives and tens of millions of dollars each year. They do not have the support or respect of your constituency because they have lost it, or in the case of the great majority of poor people, black people and people of color —failed to ever earn it. I urge you to defund the Walnut Creek Police Department effective this quarter. See further information below.

Thanks for reading,
Jay

We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR EMAIL]
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

From: [Aldo Rodriguez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:42:18 PM

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Mayor Goh,

My name is [insert name]. I am a resident of [State/City] and I am emailing today to demand steps are taken immediately to instate policies to end police violence.

Campaign Zero has provided 8 policies that, at your discretion, could be enacted today. These 8 policies have demonstrated the ability to decrease police violence by 72%. The 8 policies are as follows: ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all other means before shooting, duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting. In the city of Bakersfield, currently only 2 of these policies are in place. For more information, you can visit <https://8cantwait.org/>.

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There is a role in the good fight for everybody. I urge you to act today.

Sincerely,
[your name]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Celeste Osborne](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I Want to Feel Safer In My Own Neighborhood
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:23:48 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Celeste, I am a resident of East Bakersfield We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me. Black Lives Matter!!!!

Thank you for your time, Celeste Osborne. Columbus Street, 93306. Cosborne1@csyb.edu
(661) 3802898

From: [Kate](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: put money to better use defund police
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:32:53 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kate, I am a resident of California We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Kate Riley FloodRiley@gmail.com

From: [Eileen Morales](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund Bakersfield PD
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:52:45 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Eileen Morakes, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Eileen Morales

From: [Jamie Reeves](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defunding the Police
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:32:20 PM

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Hello Mayor and Bakersfield City Council,

We need to change the way we view public safety, and move away from the era of policing. The modern law enforcement system is directly bred out of the slave patrols in the early 1700s.

The attempts to reform, or improve, the racist institution of policing may never be sufficient, and therefore I am calling to defund to police.

I would also like to ask you what you are personally doing to reduce police brutality, and if you are on the boat to defund the police?

Sincerely,
Jamie Reeves

From: [Manuel Barrientos](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: IMPORTANT
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:41:34 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Manuel B., and I am a resident in Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Manuel B.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carly Conrad](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Policing budget
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:49:19 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Campbell, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Campbell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dan](#)
To: citycouncil@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Asking you to be on the right side of history
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:08:54 AM

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Dear Mayor Goh and City Council,

My name is Dan, I am a resident here in East Bakersfield. I demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Dan Ramos

From: [Alex](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Use money elsewhere
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:30:58 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alejandra, I am a resident of Kern County. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Alejandra Lozano
2501 Paula St
Lozano519@yahoo.com
6618083532

From: [Sydnee Hazel](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Support our community as a whole.
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:01:14 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Sydnee Shaw, I am a resident of Bakersfield, California. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Sydnee Shaw

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kiki Rowles](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: A petition to make change in the community.
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:33:53 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kirsten Rowles, I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

-Kirsten Rowles, 11500 Lynepark, Dr
kiki.rowles@gmail.com, 301-6757.

From: [Gabriela Mota](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:36:23 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Gabriela Mota, I am a residency of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Gabriela Mota
2620 Chester Lane
Gabrielamota3@gmail.com
661-301-8793

From: [Ray McPherson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the Bakersfield PD
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:54:18 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ray, I am a resident of East Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Adopt the People's Budget.

Thank you for your time,

Ray McPherson
Edwards Ave, Bakersfield

From: [Malaya Jackson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Get on it
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:00:39 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Malaya, I am a resident of Rosedale. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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I yield my time,

Malaya

From: [Samantha Jones](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: End the school to prison pipeline, defund the police
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:52:35 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Samantha Jones, I am a resident of ward 1, although I have lived throughout Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand equity. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I saw the mayor stand with us on June 3rd. I've seen my community speak like never before and be the place I always hoped we were. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Samantha M Jones
626 Melba Lane
samanthamookie93@gmail.com
(661)809-7462

From: [money](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: defund the police and give the money to the community!
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 12:54:40 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Monet Cardiel, I am a resident of BAKERSFIELD West. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Monet Cardiel
812 Loch Lloyd Ln
monetcardiel@gmail.com
661-304-9689

Sent from my iPhone

From: emu.eghre-bello
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund The Police
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:25:07 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emu, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Emu Eghre-Bello
10220 Sirretta Peak Place
emueghrebello@gmail.com
661-384-5081

From: megan.martinez
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Important
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:35:36 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Megan Martinez I am a born and raised citizen of Bakersfield, CA . We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. In example the boys and girl club , parks , recreational centers for the east side. The west side looks brand new while the east side look just as it did when I was a little girl. Spread the wealth to the east side an. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. I was let down by Bakersfield police when I tried to make a report and the police officer left right in the middle of my report.- Literally I was mid sentence , . I heard the radio and he was getting another call from the dispatcher. If we have so much spending on the police department why couldn't another officer get to that other call. I still had bruises around my neck and the officer left and another officer came about 30 minutes after. My abuser left town and I have no justice. I had later found out he's abused two other woman before me. So my question is why spend so much money on a system that don't working. I don't feel safe and the police department does not make me feel safe. It is a waste of money in my experience.

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Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Devin Broussard](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I'm your constituent and I'm asking you to support the following
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:50:06 PM

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Dear Bakersfield Mayor Karen K. Goh,

More than ever California leaders must lead and stand up for a different future for our communities. A future where we stand up for and value black lives. And a future where we prioritize the care and wellbeing of our families.

That's why I'm contacting you today to ask that you prioritize the following principles in our community:

1. Prioritize care NOT policing in our city budget and legislation.
2. Commit to investing in world-class schools in our neighborhoods, NOT prisons.
3. Support and endorse policies, like the Schools & Communities First initiative, that put people before profit and would bring much needed resources to our communities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Devin Broussard
Devster1996@gmail.com

525 Kentucky Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305
United States

From: [Kayla Eller](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Let's Make Bakersfield Safe
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:55:03 PM

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My name is Kayla Eller, I am a resident of the Oleander-Sunset Neighborhood for the past 28 years. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Kayla Eller

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"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and the world better than you found it" - Marian Wright Edelman

Currently Reading: The Book of Longings By: Sue Monk Kidd

From: [Anu Ayeni](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: [URGENT] PLEASE READ
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 5:26:37 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Anuoluwa Ayeni and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA 93314. I am emailing you to demand **reallocation** of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It's such a shame that a city with one of the lowest literacy rates in CA is deciding to increase BDP's budget, instead of funding and supporting our communities' wellbeing in order to further empower them. It is **your duty** to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Anuoluwa Ayeni
aaa25@rice.edu
661-808-3378

From: [Celeste Ramos](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I urge you to represent and protect us
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:07:15 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Hilcia Ramos, I am a resident of West Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Hilcia Ramos
1811 La France Dr 93304
Hcelester01@gmail.com
661-497-1013

From: [Reilly Borges](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: BPD BUDGET NEEDS TO CHANGE
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:16:11 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Reilly Borges, and I am a resident of Bakersfield CA. I demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,
Reilly Borges

From: [Renee Juarez](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I want the peace restore in my community.
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:17:01 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Edith Mata I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Edith Mata
803 Rembrandt St.
edithmata80@gmail.com
661-869-4720

From: [Ruth Sorenson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: MESSAGE TO KAREN GOH/DEFUND THE POLICE
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:39:19 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ruth, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We all know and are aware of the brutality and unjust killings our police department perpetuates. Continuing to fund and allow them to go on this way is not right. We must use the extra funds towards our community.

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Thank you for your time,

Ruth S.

Sent from my iPhone

From: madison.carver
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:17:21 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Madison Carver, I am a resident of Kern County. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Madison Carver
(661)-427-6598
carvermadison1999@gmail.com

From: [Kirk McGowan](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Invest in our community
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:38:35 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kirk McGowan, I am a resident of Park Stockdale. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.

Kirk McGowan
5401 Lennox Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309

From: [Gloria Totten via ActionNetwork .org](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Do Lives Matter, Demilitarization of Police, Revenue Shortfalls and More
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:30:53 AM

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Demilitarization of Police Act: Many police departments have and use military equipment like machine guns, armored vehicles, night-vision scopes, camouflage fatigues and flash-bang grenades. The [Demilitarization of Police Act](#) requires law enforcement agencies to disclose and justify the need for such equipment they seek or own.



Do any lives matter to conservatives? At this moment, America faces two huge policy crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the denial of fundamental civil rights. Both are matters of right and wrong, struggles between good and evil. And in both cases, despite their slogan “all lives matter” as well as their long-time claim to be “pro-life,” conservative policy is most assuredly pro-death. It’s as if they believe no lives matter. For more, read [the latest IdeaLog](#), our blog intended to raise eyebrows and engage minds.



[Public sentiment on police reform has shifted dramatically. Will it matter?](#) This is the latest of the [Washington Post's podcasts on politics](#). It discusses both federal and local efforts to reform the police.



States Continue to Face Large Shortfalls Due to COVID-19 Effects: This is an analysis of current and future state revenue shortfalls from the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#). The upcoming 2020-21 fiscal year looks horrible while 2021-22 is not good either.

Police and Corrections Expenditures: The [Urban Institute](#) has created a page that links to resources and articles about how much state and local governments spend on police and corrections, how that has changed over time, and what can be done differently.



How to talk about issues of law enforcement: You already know the language that works with the progressive base, but what works with *persuadable* Americans? [Read this chapter](#) from PLI's messaging guide, *Voicing Our Values*.



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To: admmgr@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Don't Miss Out: Discounted Pricing on SANS Training is Available for a Limited Time!
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From: [Quinn Wilson](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:27:52 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am reaching out because there has been a recent movement of local organizers that released the "People's Budget Bako" just yesterday. (<https://peoplesbudgetbako.com/>)

The budget demands divesting unrestricted general funds to the police department and reinvesting them into other aspects of the community, including:

1. Housing Security
2. Mental Health and Wellness
3. Public Health and Healthcare
4. Food Security
5. Restorative Justice
6. Climate Emergency
7. Child and Youth Development
8. Public Transportation

The organization is asking that these demands be met before the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget is adopted on June 24th.

I was just wondering if you were aware of this campaign and if you had any thoughts, comments or statements that you would be able to provide on the matter.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Quinn Wilson
News Reporter
The Bakersfield Californian
(314) 223-7769

From: [Bahadorzadeh, Isabela](mailto:Bahadorzadeh.Isabela)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND BPD OR GOH AWAY
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:40:18 PM

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Dear Mayor Goh and City Council,

My name is Isabela Bahadorzadeh, I am a resident of southwest Bakersfield. I graduated from Stockdale High School in 2018. As a resident and of Bakersfield and as your constituent, I am making my voice heard and demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including **Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.**

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

And to Mayor Goh directly—your silence on Bakersfield's history of police brutality is at minimum, disappointing and disgusting. At maximum, it is literally costing people's LIVES. You *chose* to run for mayor; use your position wisely, not lazily. People like you—and this also speaks for others on our city council—are a threat to democracy when you do not listen to the people and chose to not act on our needs and wishes. Enough of this city council's 'Christian' bullshit and more action FOR the people. If you were all as actually Christian and you all think you are, you'd invest in community programs that actually **help** people, like affordable housing and homelessness services, our public libraries, and public + mental health services. **BAKERSFIELD POLICE ARE BAD FOR OUR HEALTH. Do your job and represent your people.**

Thank you for your time,

Isabela Bahadorzadeh
1926 Holt Rinehart Ave, Bakersfield CA
ibahadorzadeh@middlebury.edu
(661)378-8567

From: [Amenaida Salazar](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:23:22 PM

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Thank you for your time,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR EMAIL]
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

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From: [Amenaida Salazar](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
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Thank you for your time,

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]
[YOUR EMAIL]
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

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From: [Ronn Pullantes](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: ***SPAM*** REPRESENT YOUR CONSTITUENTS
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:37:41 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Ronn Pullantes, I am a resident of SW Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Ronn Pullantes
3525 S Half Moon Dr. , Bakersfield, CA
ronnpullantes@gmail.com
(661)281-4213

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Ronn Pullantes
3525 S Half Moon Dr. , Bakersfield, CA
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(661)281-4213

From: [Gaby Scully](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Education Bonds and the BPD
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 2:52:34 PM

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Dear Mayor Goh and City Council Members,

In yesterday's Bakersfield Californian there was an article about how the Kern High School District is considering placing a bond measure on the November ballot in order to ensure enough funds to keep up with the demands of the students we serve. At the same time, the City Council is weighing the municipal budget for next year, including increasing the BPD's allotment by almost ten percent.

Is that really where our priorities should lie? Do you remember the slogan, so popular, it appeared on countless posters, pins, and shirts, which read, "It will be a great day when the schools get all the money they need and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber"?

I urge you to read those words of protest once again, this time with the eyes of a community fed up with police violence, especially as it disproportionately affects Blacks in our society. Take in what it means to fully fund what the Guardian labeled the Deadliest Police Force in America, and compare that to the fact that our most vulnerable population, our CHILDREN, won't have the resources or the safety that they need to get through even the next year ahead.

Please. I am begging you. Reconsider the budget proposal you will be voting on in less than a week, and make the conscious choice to support what is right.

Sincerely,

Gaby Scully
Bakersfield, CA

From: [Shannon Harris](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I support law enforcement
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:33:41 PM

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I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I stand behind and support our local law enforcement. I will not support any elected officials who seek to defund our police and local sheriff's.

Sincerely,
Shannon Harris

Sent from my iPhone

From: sharris@bak.rr.com
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: I support law enforcement
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:38:16 PM

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I am taking this opportunity to express my support of our law enforcement officers both police and sheriff's officers. I will not support any elected official who seeks to defund or abolish these organizations and stand behind these fine men and women who risk their lives everyday!

From: [Nikki Nathan](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: It is so simple to do the right thing. WHY ARE YOU NOT?????
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:58:21 PM

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Hello Mayor,

My name is Nikki and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1.
Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2.
Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire. It is so easy to save lives, if only you would do something about it.

Nikki Nathan
Westchester, New York

From: [Quinn Wilson](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:10:37 PM

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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Quinn Wilson
News Reporter
The Bakersfield Californian
(314) 223-7769

From: [Molly Johnson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD, Invest in Community Wellbeing
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:33:16 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Molly Johnson and I am writing today in solidarity with anti-racism and police abolition. I urge you to reduce funding for the police in Artesia and adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing.

These past weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. We should be investing in community services, social programs, narrowing income inequality, and other forms of public safety that treat the systemic causes of harm in our communities, rather than punishing people of color and the poor.

It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,
Molly Johnson

From: [Julia Martin](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: It's time to make change
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:34:24 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Julia Martin, I am a resident of Bakersfield . We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is a disgrace that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your urgent duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

I appreciate your time,

Julia Martin
10808 Open Trail Road
Julia.rose.23.05@gmail.com
(661) 331-6186

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [David Press](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: To Councilmember Bob Smith Regarding The City Budget
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:11:11 PM

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Councilmember Smith:

I saw a very alarming report on TV 17 news this evening, where it was reported that a movement was underway to reduce the amount budgeted for the Bakersfield Police Department.

I am writing to express my position **AGAINST any reduction in the amount budgeted for the City of Bakersfield Police Department**. As you well know, a large number of uninformed voters approved Measure N not long ago, believing the representations of the proponents of the measure that the extra funds would be used for important things like law enforcement. I knew the proponents were lying at the time, and much of the money is already being wasted on fluff, but at least some of the funds were to be used for important community services such as the police.

We need our police now more than ever, and it would be a betrayal of the entire law-abiding community to reduce funding for police services.

Sincerely,

David Press
11326 Valletta Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93312
Phone: 661-747-4376

From: [Allie Webb](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: People's Budget Bakersfield
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:01:50 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Allison Cashman, and though I currently reside in Los Angeles County, I grew up in Bakersfield, and my parents still live there. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Allison Cashman

827 4th St. Apt. 304
Santa Monica, CA
90403
alliemwebb@gmail.com
661-333-0560

From: [Allie Webb](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: People's Budget Bakersfield
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Allison Cashman (formerly Webb)

827 4th St. Apt. 304
Santa Monica, CA
90403

Allie Webb

661-333-0560

alliemwebb@gmail.com

From: [Carolina Paz](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: BPD Funding
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:20:41 AM

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My name is Carolina Paz, I live in Bakersfield, CA. I and many other residents demand the reallocation of funding from BPD to education, as well as social and public programming for our communities. It is truly outrageous that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. Both of my parents are educators, and it is absolutely baffling how the chief of the deadliest police force in the country, which means he is doing his job extremely poorly, is paid astronomically more than our teachers; state employees who actually serve the community.

I demand that the City Council defund the BPD, once again, the deadliest police force in the entire nation. An absolute disgrace. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of ALL Bakersfield residents, prioritizing those at risk, such as our growing houseless population. This budget needs to be allocated to the protection of our most vulnerable constituents during this time of pandemic. So many livelihoods are on the line. I, and many others, demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart, and makes a living from murder.

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Carolina Paz

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To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
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From: [Quinn Wilson](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Re: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:21:42 AM

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Good morning,

I just wanted to follow up on this request as I have my deadline this afternoon on this story.

Best,

Quinn Wilson

On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 12:27 PM Quinn Wilson <qwilson@bakersfield.com> wrote:

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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Quinn Wilson
News Reporter
The Bakersfield Californian
(314) 223-7769

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Quinn Wilson
News Reporter
The Bakersfield Californian
(661) 395-7491

From: [R.M](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield proposed general fund 20-21
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:09:26 AM

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Dear Mayor Goh and the Bakersfield City Council,

My name is Roger McCrary and I am a resident of Bakersfield. I have lived in this community for over 30 years. I demand that you divest funds from B.P.D. and reallocate them to social programs and programs that actually invest in our community and make us safer. It is absolutely absurd that almost a quarter city funds for 2021 are being used for the police department. How can you justify that percentage being spent on one public department when it does nothing to actually keep us safe?

I am asking that you defund and abolish the Bakersfield police department. Nothing short of this will be acceptable. I am asking for a budget that reflects the needs of the residents of Bakersfield.

I would like to remind all of you, that it is your duty to represent your constituents. Please revise the 2021 budget to reflect the needs of all of us.

Thank you.

Roger McCrary
Bakersfield Resident
v.gun1979@gmail.com

From: [Quinn Wilson](#)
To: [Karen Goh](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Inquiry Regarding "People"s Budget Bako"
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:19:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

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No worries, I will do that.

Thanks,

Quinn

On Fri, Jun 19, 2020 at 11:14 AM Karen Goh <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us> wrote:

Quinn,

Sorry, I didn't finish my earlier email. You might want to contact our PIO Joe Conroy. I've copied him.

Best,

Karen



Karen Goh | Mayor

City of Bakersfield

email: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us

web: www.bakersfieldcity.us

phone: 661-326-3770



From: Karen Goh [mailto:mayor@bakersfieldcity.us]

Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:10 AM

To: 'Quinn Wilson' <qwilson@bakersfield.com>
Subject: RE: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"

Quinn,

So sorry for the delayed response. My assistant is out of the office and I'm in a board meeting through the afternoon.

Karen



Karen Goh | Mayor

City of Bakersfield

email: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us

web: www.bakersfieldcity.us

phone: 661-326-3770



From: Quinn Wilson [<mailto:qwilson@bakersfield.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:22 AM
To: bakersfield mayor <mayor@bakersfieldcity.us>
Subject: Re: Inquiry Regarding "People's Budget Bako"

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From: [Karen Bayne](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defunding the police
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 1:41:39 PM

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Please do not defund the police ! Without the police our city/country will destroy itself (as we are watching on tv due to irresponsible mayors and governors with their own agendas to destroy our country). We cannot trust humans to do the right thing all the time . If we have no police to enforce the law we will have our streets full of crime and violence .

There has already been an increase in auto thefts, illegal fireworks going off nightly and gun shots fired in my neighborhood. Just Tues night we had to call the police at 3am because someone was in our garage .

The current situation in our country is sending a message that lawlessness is ok . We don't need social workers to go to situations . The police are already trained to deescalate , negotiate and resolve conflicts . Law abiding citizens need protection! please do not defund the police if anything increase them !

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wesley Teal](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Justice for Robert Forbes
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 1:56:17 PM

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Hello,

My name is Wesley Teal. I am a resident of Ames, Iowa, and I am writing today to demand justice for the lynching of Robert Forbes committed by Timothy Keith Moore. Moore is a violent drug trafficker with a criminal record and unambiguous ties to the white supremacist movement. That he has not faced consequences for intentionally killing Robert Forbes is an appalling miscarriage of justice.

I demand that Timothy be charged with murder. I demand the Bakersfield Police department be investigated for their refusal to bring charges in a racially motivated killing. I demand Bakersfield reallocate most of its police budget toward community efforts and organizations working to stop racial injustice and making Bakersfield a safer community for black people.

Robert Forbes' life mattered.

Sincerely,

Wesley Teal

From: [Suzanne Wade](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reinvest: Defund Bakersfield Police
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:15:28 PM

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Dear Mayor Karen Goh and City Council,

My name is Suzanne Wade and my councilmember is Bruce Freeman. I work with the People's Budget Bako, which has compiled a comprehensive democratic survey of demands from the community. These points include infrastructure repair, healthcare, housing, and homelessness relief. It includes funds that go directly into our most marginalized and vulnerable communities. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. The Police Department has used increases in budget to militarize and to unfairly incarcerate/terrorize our citizens.

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<https://linktr.ee/pplsbudgetbako>

Thank you for your time,

Suzanne Wade

2509 Chinon Street, 93311
Wade.suzy@gmail.com
661-912-8938

From: [Suzanne Wade](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
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2509 Chinon Street, 93311

Wade.suzy@gmail.com
661-912-8938

From: [Alejandra Arrieta](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defunding the police
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:32:26 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alejandra Arrieta, I am a resident of ward 3. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Alejandra Arrieta
2913 Hollins St, Bakersfield, CA 93305
(661) 549-0383

From: [Kathleen Hanson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City budget
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:14:51 PM

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My name is Katy Hanson and I am a resident of Bakersfield.

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Thank you for your time,

Katy Hanson
(she, her, hers)
Lecturer, Religious Studies and Philosophy
California State University, Bakersfield

"When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak."--Audre Lorde

From: [Deborah Sawyer](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 8 Can't Wait
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 4:02:30 PM

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Mayor Goh,

My name is [insert name]. I am a resident of [State/City] and I am emailing today to demand steps are taken immediately to instate policies to end police violence.

Campaign Zero has provided 8 policies that, at your discretion, could be enacted today. These 8 policies have demonstrated the ability to decrease police violence by 72%. The 8 policies are as follows: ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require de-escalation, require warning before shooting, exhaust all other means before shooting, duty to intervene, ban shooting at moving vehicles, require use of force continuum, and require comprehensive reporting. In the city of Bakersfield, currently only 2 of these policies are in place. For more information, you can visit <https://8cantwait.org/>.

This is one of the many pathways toward reforming our broken systems. Please don't choose between this and your efforts to defund, prosecute, etc. This is not an "either/or," but a "both/and." Whatever it is you are doing at this time, do this too.

There is a role in the good fight for everybody. I urge you to act today.

Sincerely,
[your name]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amanda Katherine Zavala](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: People's Budget
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 5:57:56 PM

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From: [Mary Munoz](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund Bakersfield PD
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 6:25:08 PM

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Mary Munoz
marym419@gmail.com | 661-370-5658

From: [Nuelbella Sandoval](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: CONCERN IN MY COMMUNITY
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:31:57 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Nuelbella Sandoval, I am a resident of South West Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Nuelbella Sandoval
Verona Dr. 93313
nuelbellasandoval@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pam Greenleaf](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Police Budget
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 10:49:02 AM

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Dear Mr. Weir,

I left a voice message this week for you stating I am against defunding the Police Department. I keep hearing about defunding Police Departments and want to express NOT ALL PEOPLE are in favor of this.

I will suggest that maybe they could add more training or even change their assignments every few years. I speak from experience as I worked for the Sheriff Department in warrants. I became hardened because of the population I was dealing with. It wasn't a racial issue but behavioral of all races. I transferred to Public Health because this attitude was effecting me in my personal outlook and how I viewed others.

Thank you for your time and consideration to continue funding our law enforcement.

Pam Greenleaf
3701 Harvard Drive
Bakersfield 93306
872-7496

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Megan Cullor](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Updating Community Standards
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 12:52:04 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Megan Cullor, I am a resident of Campus Park in Bakersfield. I demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Megan Cullor
9308 Whitman Ave.
mcullor1022@gmail.com
661-706-5988

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Victoria Vargas](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Distribute Funds Fairly
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 2:15:47 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Victoria, I am a resident of the East side of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Victoria Vargas
2908 Nelson Street Bakersfield CA 93305
victoriavargasofficial@gmail.com
6614976436

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6614976436

From: [Ernie Bentley](#)
To: ["City Council"](#)
Subject: Ridiculous demand to divest BPD
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 3:00:54 PM

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Councilman Smith,

Please do not fall prey to the ridiculous demand, made by People's Budget Bako, to divest the BPD. The voters, in 2018, passed Measure "N" in great part because of the promise to expand our police department. The demanding group claims to have 350 followers, which equates to less than 1/10 of one percent of the City population at the time the measure was passed. Should the council bend over for this group measure "N" should become null and void and we, the tax payers, should keep those tax dollars in our pockets. This has never been the kind of city to be bullied by such inappropriate demands and I would hope you and the other councilmembers have what it takes to stand your ground.

Sincerely,

Ernie Bentley

From: [Kelly Dozier](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate funds from the Police Department to develop black and other minority communities.
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 4:30:27 PM
Attachments: [image2.jpeg](#)
[image3.jpeg](#)
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Kelly Dozier I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Kelly Dozier
Member of the

From: [Andrea Salazar](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 6:01:12 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Andrea Salazar, I am a resident of Kern County. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Andrea Salazar
241 Hoover Street
salazarandreeaaa81@gmail.com
(661)316-7046

From: [Gabbie.parragarcia](mailto:Gabbie.parragarcia@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us; AdmAtt@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
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I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of my specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

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[FEEL FREE TO ADD YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE/STORY/THOUGHTS ON THE BPD]

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[YOUR NAME], a Bakersfield Resident

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From: [Alexis Armstrong](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Call to Action to Defund Bakersfield Police
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:37:33 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Alexis, I am a resident of Southwest Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Alexis A
Alexisarlene@icloud.com
661-717-1829

From: [Anmol Dhaliwal](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: ***SPAM*** [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:46:14 PM

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From: [Anmol Dhaliwal](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: ***SPAM*** [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2020 11:46:13 PM

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To: ["City_Council"](#)
Subject: FW: Ridiculous demand to divest BPD
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 12:22:12 PM

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Ernie Bentley

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Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 3:01 PM
To: 'City_Council' <City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us>
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To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: budget discussions Me Weir
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 5:15:53 PM

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Dear Mr. Weir,

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All of these community initiatives are what Prop N should be for. No for funding more police.

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Sincerely,

David Schaad
3301 Harmony Drive

4282841

From: [David Schaad](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: website email
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Subject: Support for Bakersfield Police
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:00:28 PM

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Greetings Bob Smith. Please do not reduce or defund the Bakersfield Police Department budget. The Bakersfield city residences, businesses and citizens deserve to have a strong police department and a response time. Our passing measure N was to be if passed to fund additional police officers and increasing the citizens comfort zone to support greater community safety. Our Bakersfield Community needs laws and law enforcement. To say for funding the police is to continue with a protect and service attitude police department that the citizens should not be deprived of. Defunding the police department is a socialist slime ball way of hoping to creep tyranny into our American society. Do not let this happen. Thank you. Liz Ode 6/21/2020\$

From: [Karen Goh](#)
To: ["bakersfield mayor"](#)
Subject: FW: Deep Concerns about Measure N process and staff-recommended spending
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:38:57 AM
Attachments: [CCF_000072.pdf](#)
[Hibbard Tandy emails of June 14, 2018.docx](#)
Importance: High

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Forwarding from Yahoo.

From: Kerntax [mailto:Kerntax@kerntaxpayers.org]
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:06 AM
To: karenkgoh@yahoo.com; Christian Clegg <cclegg@bakersfieldcity.us>; Andrae Gonzales <andrae@andraegonzales.com>; bob@smithtechusa.com; Bruce Freeman <freebmorton@icloud.com>; Chris Parlier <chrisparlier@sbcglobal.net>; jacquiesullivan@sbcglobal.net; ken@weircpa.com; Willie Rivera <priveraw@gmail.com>
Subject: Deep Concerns about Measure N process and staff-recommended spending
Importance: High

Mayor Goh, Councilmembers, and City Manager Clegg:

As Board Chair of KernTax, I feel duty-bound to engage with you concerning Measure N. On April 19, 2018, Mr. Tandy addressed a meeting of our board to plead for our support for a sales tax increase due to the dire financial situation the city faced. At our May 17, 2018, our board adopted four essential requirements that were presented to the Mayor, City Council, and Staff. We wanted the Mayor to appoint the Oversight Committee, but this was not allowed by the city's archaic charter. On June 14, 2018, Mr. Tandy agreed to our requirements for support. His commitment to KernTax has been virtually ignored by the city council and staff ever since.

For two years, we have watched the city thumb its nose at the agreement it approved with KernTax. While our city continues to suffer, staff recommended hiring more than 200 new city employees and building two super-regional parks. In contrast, local neighborhood parks continue to be neglected, and other city needs go unmet.

I am attaching an email exchange dated June 14, 2018, between Mr. Tandy and KernTax Director Barry Hibbard, where Mr. Tandy wrote, "Thank you very much- we are on line with those concepts. May I quote you?" I am also attaching our public announcement of support for Measure N with the May 18 letter to the Mayor and City Council.

Our patience, waiting for the city to honor its commitments, is running thin. The KernTax Board of Directors respectfully requests the council makes significant changes to the proposed 2021 Measure N expenditures to address the myriad of city needs, not staff desires. Additionally, we ask the council to adopt practices and procedures for future budget years that honors the city's agreement with KernTax.

Kevin Burton
KernTax Board Chair

Michael Turnipseed

Michael Turnipseed | **KernTax**

(O) 661-322-2973

(C) 661-203-2174

From: [Josh Shackelford](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the BPD
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:11:31 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Josh Shackelford and I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Josh Shackelford

6001 Auburn St #227

Bakersfield, CA 93306

(661) 331-8054

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Nikki Nathan](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: Reduce police violence by 72%
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:51:44 PM

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Hello,

My name is Nikki and the purpose of this email is to ensure that [ALL of these eight policies](#) are enacted in your city. By doing so, you will be doing two-fold:

1.
Serving justice for all of the racist murders of recent past
2.
Preventing future racist murders and violence

If your city enacts these eight policies, it can reduce police violence by 72%.

If your city has implemented all eight policies, please read on. **The killings of innocent people, police violence and brutality are still happening to this day.** I urge you, as a leader of your community, to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of your city's expense budget. Our city needs community investment more than ever before. I am asking you to institute equitable cuts across city police departments and allot them to what our community needs - including but not limited to hospitals, schools, and mental health organizations.

We will not stop and we will not tire.

Nikki Nathan
Westchester, New York

From: [Lucia X](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Defund the police!
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:56:04 PM

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From: [Adrian Esquivias](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:51:52 PM

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To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: [*** INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE ***]
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:15:21 PM

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Jem Marasigan
12703 Eversham Dr
JemeemaMarasigan@gmail.com
661-910-3784

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From: [Kara Hill](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the police!!!
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:53:14 PM

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Dear Mayor Goh,

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Thank you,
Kara Hill
805-284-1915
Hillkara123@gmail.com

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Thank you,
Kara Hill
Hillkara123@gmail.com

From: [Karah Amos](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Police and Fiscal Budget
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:32:24 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Karah Amos and I am a resident of Bakersfield.

I am writing regarding the fiscal budget for 2020-2021 and the decision to increase Police funding.

I believe that is a mistake.

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From: [Kathleen Stiles](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: proposed police budget increase
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:19:35 PM

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Dear City Council members,

I am concerned that a 10% increase for BPD is included in the budget being voted on. There is a strong call for police reform around the country and here in Bakersfield. Many federal and state laws regarding this are being considered, and BPD says they are working on changes. It seems it would be better to put a pause on that increase until those laws and changes become clear. There needs to be community input on the proposed changes and assurance that the real needs of the community will be met by BPD. Then there can be an evaluation of whether the money should be given to BPD to make those changes or to other agencies created through the reform to better meet the needs of the community, including the homeless. If money is given now, it will be used for things that may need to be changed anyway and also will reduce the money available to make needed changes. I am a semi-retired educator who lived in Bakersfield for 17 years from 1981-1997 and moved back here 3 years ago. I am a mother and grandmother who wants to see tax dollars used wisely and the needs of all community members met.

Regards,

Dr. Kathleen Stiles

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Ernie Bentley](#)
To: "City_Council"
Subject: RE: Ridiculous demand to divest BPD
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 7:34:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
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Thank you very much.

From: City_Council <City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Ernie Bentley <ernie@bak.rr.com>; City_Council <City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us>
Subject: RE: Ridiculous demand to divest BPD

Good afternoon Mr. Bentley,

Thank you for your message regarding the city's budget. The contact information for the members of the Public Safety and Vital Services Oversight Committee is available online at the following pages:

Direct Link: <https://bakersfieldcity.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=32970>
Boards and Commission link; Oversight information at the very bottom:
https://bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/city_clerk/boards_n_commissions.htm

I have also made Councilmember Smith aware of your message. Please let me know if you have any additional comments or questions.

Thank you,

Brianna



Brianna Carrier | Administrative Analyst III
City Manager's Office

City of Bakersfield
email: bcarrier@bakersfieldcity.us
web: www.bakersfieldcity.us
phone: 661-326-3751



From: Ernie Bentley <ernie@bak.rr.com>
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To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Black Lives Matter
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:44:47 PM

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julesmcg1@gmail.com

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julesmcg1@gmail.com

From: [Kara Hill](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:04:35 PM

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My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Hello, my name is Kara Hill and I am a Bakersfield resident. I do not want the city council to allocate 41% of the general fund to law enforcement, since I believe the Bakersfield Police Department needs to be defunded. Living in Bakersfield for over 20 years (moved and returned), I am disgusted to know that BPD treats the Black community like second class citizens who don't belong. I have a Black son and am terrified for him to grow up here, and that fear is caused by the egregious history of BPD.

I envision a different type of society for Bakersfield in which there is racial equity and little, or possibly no, police involvement in the community. I want the city council to allocate more funding towards programs that enable social workers and other community professionals to intervene instead of police. Also, I'd love to see more funding go to affordable housing in disadvantaged communities.

Thank you.

From: [Jared Haug](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for City Council
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:46:23 AM

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My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Hello, my name is Jared Haug and I live in Bakersfield. I have lived here for 4 years. The City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget on law enforcement. I believe that is too much. I want to see the City decrease the BPD budget and allocate more money to the actual health and safety of the community. This would include re-investing in mental health and social work, city parks, cultural centers, public transportation, and forms of green energy. I want this shift because these crucial aspects of our society have been neglected in the rush to militarize the police in the name of so-called public safety. Thank you for your time. Jared

From: [Jared Haug](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for City Council
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:48:58 AM

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Hello, my name is Jared Haug and I live in Bakersfield. I am an adjunct professor at CSUB, and I have lived here for 4 years. The City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget on law enforcement. I believe that is too much. I want to see the City decrease the BPD budget and allocate more money to the actual health and safety of the community. This would include re-investing in mental health and social work, city parks, cultural centers, public transportation, and forms of green energy. I want this shift because these crucial aspects of our society have been neglected in the rush to militarize the police in the name of so-called public safety.

Thank you for your time. Jared

From: [Shikha Srinivas](#)
To: [Shikha Srinivas](#)
Subject: Support Housing for Those Experiencing Homelessness, School Programs, and Public Health
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:49:47 AM

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Dear Mayor Goh and City Council,

My name is Shikha Srinivas, I am a resident of SW Bakersfield. I am currently shocked at the 2:1 ratio of funding the police versus funding critical services. As a university student, I credit most of my development to high school educational programs that allowed me to leave Bakersfield, expose myself to new thoughts, and aim high. The lack of funding for these activities systematically prevents lower-income students of accessing the same, and I remember how consistently schools struggled to bridge the gap between high school and college. I now see the active budgetary allocations that are making it happen.

Furthermore, as Bakersfield grows and attracts new populations, I am appalled by our desire to follow even “liberal” cities who criminalize homelessness instead of address the root need that with shelter comes stability, safety, and opportunity. Despite the incredible evidence discussing equal communities of color vs. white communities in drug use, policies such as [this](#) are dehumanizing at best.

I support the People’s Budge of Bakersfield and demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry’s exorbitant salary. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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I understand this may be coming late - it took a global pandemic for me to come home from my university and apply the necessary critical thinking to problems at home. I consistently advocate for addressing societal needs versus criminalizing and hiding issues in our community.

Thank you for your time,

Shikha Srinivas
Bakersfield, CA 93311
6617061072

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Bakersfield, CA 93311
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From: [Operation HOPE](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: HOPE Inside Disaster Report | Issue #9
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:05:53 AM

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COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Since March 15, Operation HOPE has provided or secured in-kind and direct assistance totaling more than **\$4 million through our disaster response and recovery program**, HOPE Inside Disaster. More than **55,600 COVID-19-related services have been provided to nearly 14,000 individuals and small business owners**, directly or in conjunction with community partners, including American Red Cross and United Way, and federal, state, and local government partners. In addition, HOPE Inside Disaster's Financial Coaches have helped clients secure more than **\$1.3 million in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) small business loans and other pandemic relief funds**.

Operation HOPE has secured more than **\$2.58 million from corporations and foundations, including U.S. Bank Foundation, The UPS Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Steans Family Trust, NFL Foundation, Nextdoor, KKR, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, RBC Bank, Winifred Johnson Clive Foundation, and First Republic Bank**, in financial and in-kind support to HOPE Inside Disaster to help it provide these vital financial recovery services at no-cost to clients.

To assist clients and employees in need, we are proud to announce **the launch of our \$250,000 mini-grant program**.

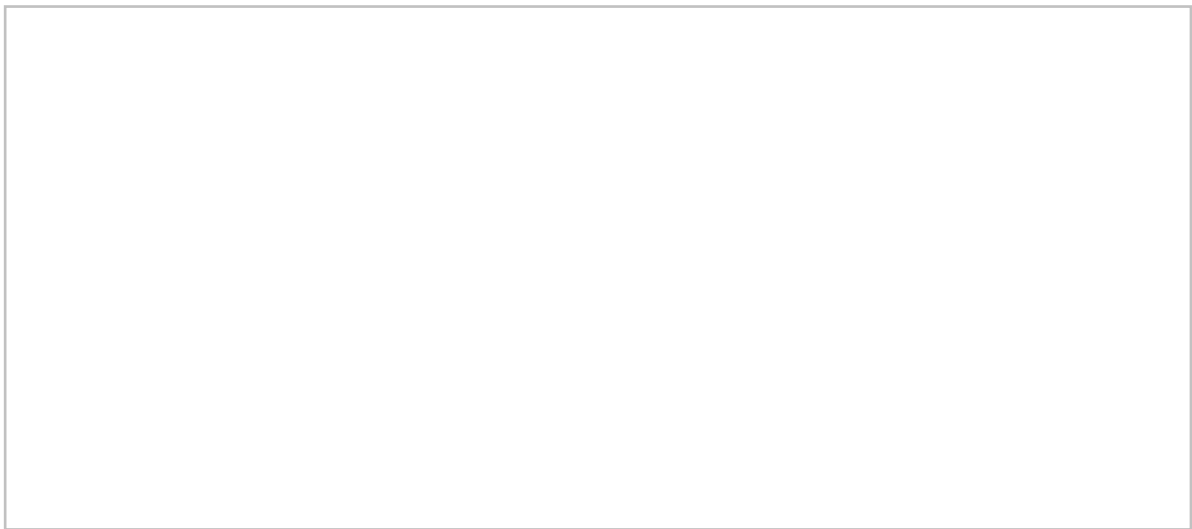
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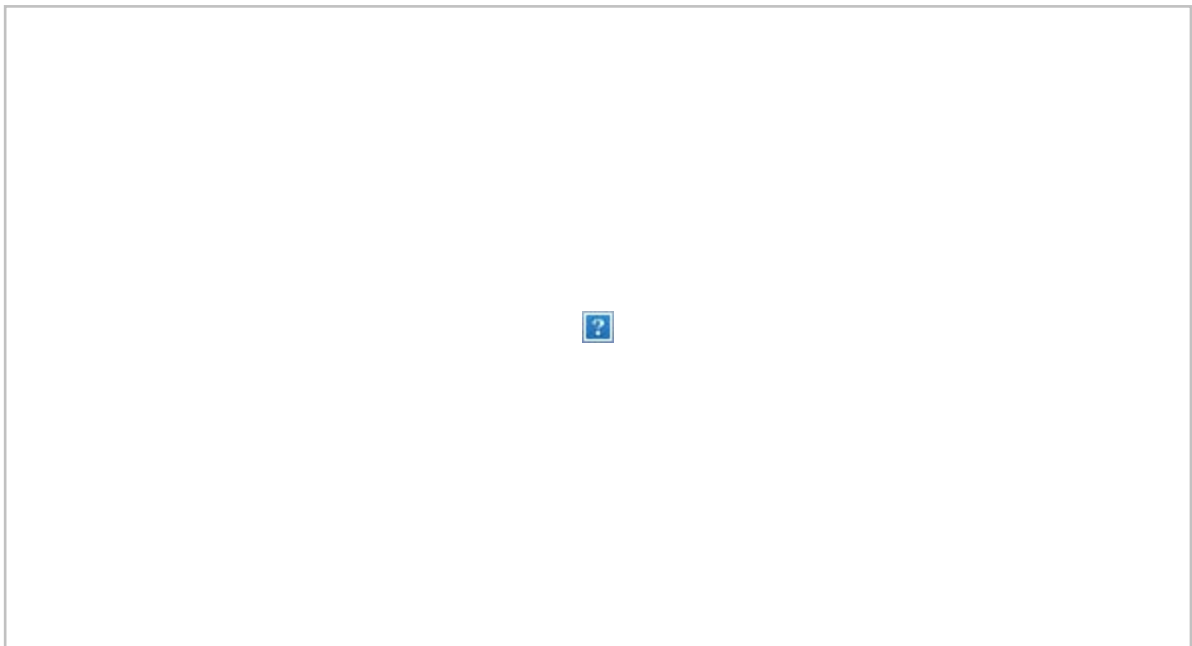
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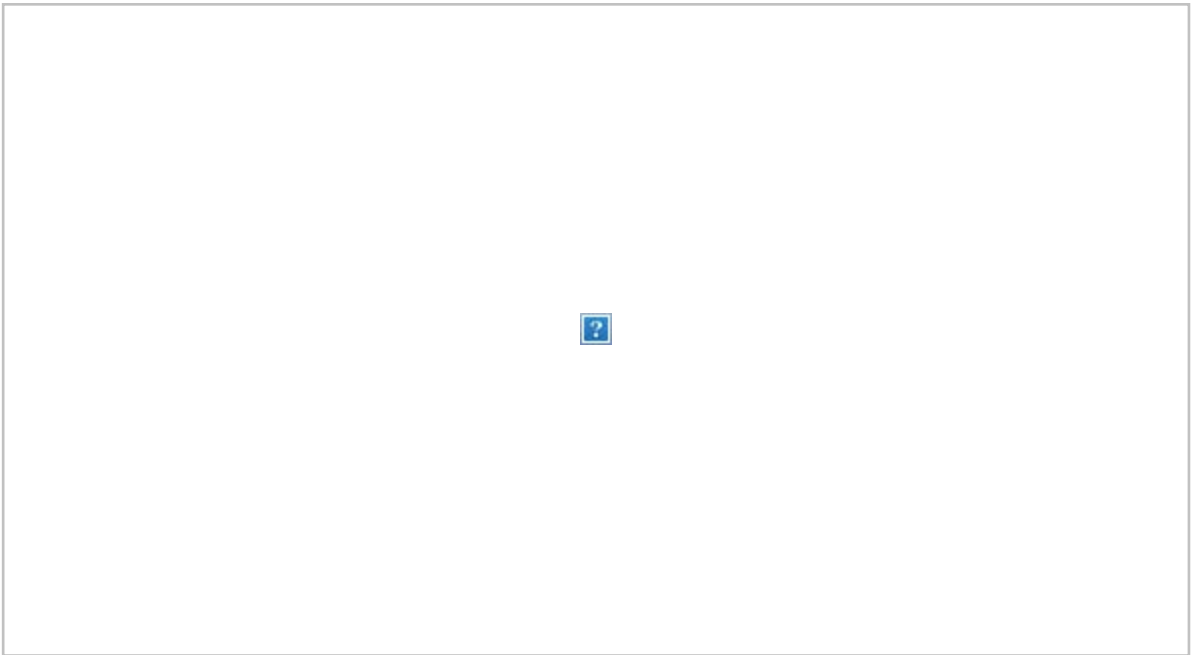
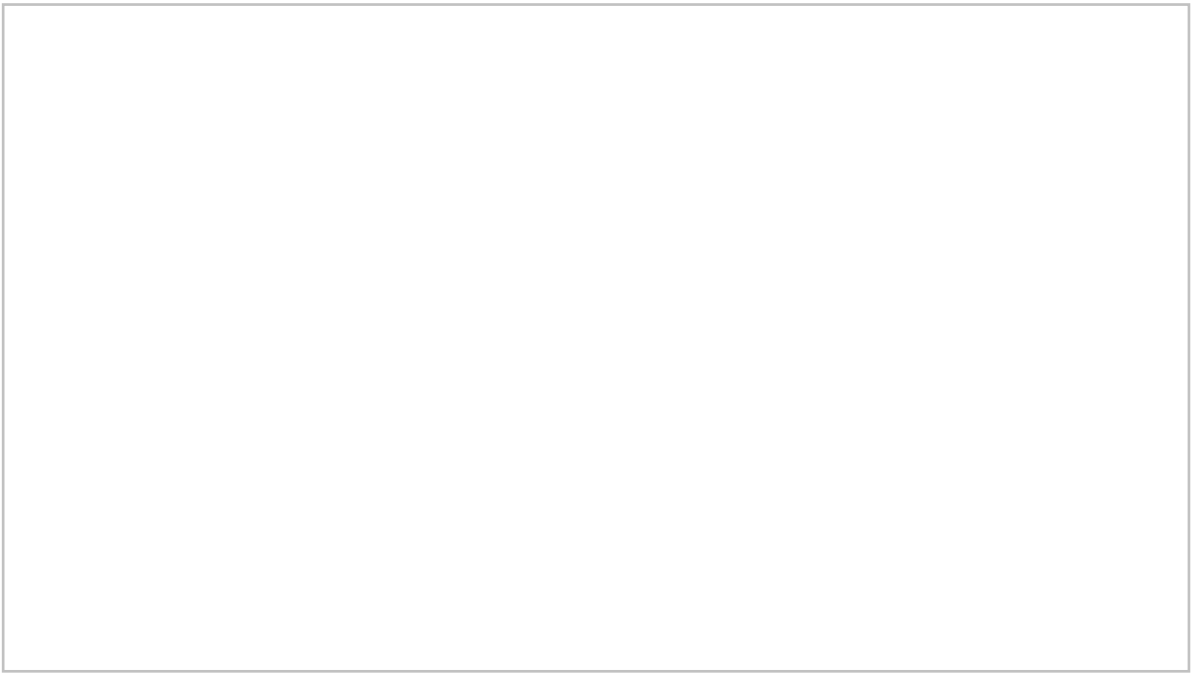
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From: [Amanda Cheney](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: budget reallocation
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:36:42 AM

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Dear Mayor Goh and City Council,

My name is Dr. Amanda Cheney, I am a resident of Southwest Bakersfield. I am writing to demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is reprehensible that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. This funding comes at the expense of so many pressing needs of our community.

We demand that the City Council defund (i.e. re-allocate the budget of) the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are increasingly precarious. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers a police force whose mandate does not equip it to meet the community's diverse needs.

I am urging you to revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year in accordance with the demands of the People's Budget. The point is to fund care, not cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,
Dr. Amanda Cheney
11325 Park Square Drive
Apt. L206
Bakersfield, CA 93311
607-425-4347

From: [Mary Webb](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Willie Rivera, Andre Gonzales, Ken Weir, Bob Smith, Bruce Freeman, Jacquie Sullivan, ChrisParlier
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:03:04 AM

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To: Bakersfield City Council
Re: Filling Vacancy of Ward 1 Seat

Elected Officials:

Why are decisions often made according to the letter of the law, instead of the spirit which was intended? Why do the actions of elected officials frequently defy common sense? Why is "common" sense so uncommon these days?

In the matter before the Council of filling the Ward1 vacancy, why would the council even consider spending city funds and taxpayer dollars on a special election? Where is an answer that makes sense, not one tied up in legislative/ legalese jargon? (No "politics", I hope.)

The front-page news story of Tuesday, June 23, raised further questions with its mention of this item being "quietly pulled from the agenda" of the council's June 10th meeting. This is followed by a quote from a letter received from a FORMER KC Counsel and comments by the current City Attorney and City Clerk. (Hmm. Why the "former" Counsel?)

You've been elected to bring intelligence to the INTERPRETATION of this matter, not lean on precedents or what the law might allow. Please respond to this matter in the interest of the people and to Councilman Rivera's previously-stated wishes: no Special Election. Let's fill the Ward 1 seat through the General Election in November.

Respectfully,
Mary Webb

(661) 587-0681

From: [Mandy DeSchutter](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:06:37 AM

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Hello,

My name is Amanda DeSchutter and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. I am concerned about the budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The City of Bakersfield is looking to spend over 40% of the unrestricted General Fund on law enforcement, with significantly less being split up between public works, economic and community development, and other community-supporting sectors. I find this to be a gross misplacement of needed public spending and I am urging the City to direct more funds to community support and less to law enforcement. It's time we look at crime a different way and extend efforts to reducing homelessness, treating addiction, and ending poverty to tackle crime at the roots, before it happens.

Thank you,

Amanda DeSchutter

From: [Spencer](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for agenda item: 12a, fiscal year 2020-2021 budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:11:23 AM

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Hello,

My name is Spencer Garza, and I am a resident of Bakersfield. I am deeply concerned by the unsustainable, expensive, and dangerous amount of money given to law enforcement and so little money gone to housing, parks, and education. I think it's time to stop giving a blank cheque to law enforcement and give more to city services that aren't dangerous to minorities.

Thank you,
Spencer garza

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Vice President | Out for Business SDSU
Business Student | San Diego State University
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From: [Pearlina Ojeda](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:23:28 AM

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Hello, My name is Pearlina Ojeda and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate more money on education and in the foster care system to provide children with the proper support needed to flourish in this crumbling society. The education system in Bakersfield provides the absolute minimum for its students, and yet there is a "concern" with the amount of students that drop out of school. Students are not given all of the resources necessary to thrive. The foster care system is a never ending cycle. So much abuse goes unnoticed because those overworked social workers are too busy to really devote time to each case. The city of Bakersfield needs change, and it starts with all of you that get to make the decisions for the people of this city. Please hear our plea and defund the Bakersfield Police Department.

Regards,
Pearlina Ojeda

From: [Lorena Lara](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:25:30 AM

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My Public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget

Hello,

My name is Lorena Lara and I live in Ward 3. I have lived in Bakersfield for the last 24 years. I am disappointed that the Bakersfield City Council wants to dedicate 41% of the general fund to law enforcement. That is way too much money considering the BPD budget is inflated enough already.

Public safety is more than just having enough cops on the ground but it is assuring that enough resources to social services, schools, and mental health. I would like more of the city council money to go to the development of affordable housing. Yes, some has been dedicated but it's not enough.

I'm praying the city council votes on a moral agenda that benefits the entire community not just the pockets of the BPD.

Lorena Lara

From: [Meghan Simpson](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 20-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:27:53 AM

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Hello-

My name is Meghan Simpson. I am currently a resident of Delano, CA but have been active in the Bakersfield community for the past two years. As of July 2020 I will be a resident of Bakersfield. I was shocked and concerned when I saw the budget proposal for the '20-'21 Fiscal year. Allotting 41% of the budget to the Bakersfield Police Department does not appropriately set Bakersfield and its people up for a successful year.

The budget as it currently stands is irresponsible and unjust. I would like to see more funds allocated toward affordable housing, school investments, affordable and equitable access to healthcare, and direct investment in BIPOC communities to help the people of Bakersfield grow and thrive.

Thank you for your time,
Meghan Simpson

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From: [Alysia Wyatt](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for Agenda Item 12a: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:30:51 AM

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Hello. My name is Alysia Wyatt, and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am writing because I'm concerned about the huge amount that is being proposed for police spending, rather than for programs that could help our community without the risk or threat of violence from the people who are sworn to protect us. If even a percentage of the money that is proposed for our police force were instead diverted to housing, open spaces, and economic and community needs, Bakersfield could really take the first steps toward being the kind of city we claim we are: a city that really is "the sound of something better".

I very strongly encourage the council to reassess the responsibilities that have been given to the police department. These responsibilities, if routed to appropriate local programs, could free the police department to handle the things that actually require policing. Consequently, their budget would need to be amended to divert the funds they no longer need into community programs.

As someone who participated in our local Black Lives Matter protests, I was utterly appalled to see our Bakersfield Police Officers coming onto the street in full riot gear, some in camo uniforms, and then tackling citizens in the middle of the street, with multiple fully-armed officers on each person. There is no reason that our police department needs to be so fully militarized, especially when they show such a casual disregard for our safety.

In conclusion, I urge you to amend the proposed budget to place a stronger emphasis on our community wellbeing, rather than on an already over-militarized police force.

Best Regards,
Alysia Wyatt

From: [Faith Bradham](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:33:10 AM

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Hello,

My name is Faith Bradham and I am a resident of Bakersfield. I live in Ward 2 and care about this city very much. I am here to express my dissatisfaction with the city budget for FY 2020-21. I am very concerned that the city wishes to allocate 40% of its budget to law enforcement, leaving very little in the budget for the city's many other needs. Calculating out the amount that the city wishes to spend on law enforcement this year, it comes to \$325,000 daily spent on law enforcement, with only \$188,000 per day on housing, parks and development, and economic and community needs COMBINED.

This is atrocious and irresponsible, especially considering the fact that the Bakersfield Police Department has national renown as one of the deadliest police forces in the country. In addition, just last week, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra called out the BPD for their patterns of violence and other troubling behavior. Finally, the BPD has received a failing score from Campaign Zero's Police Scorecard due to its violence against the community it is supposed to serve.

Given the facts cited above, I do not believe the city should allocate such a large amount of funds to the BPD. Instead, I am in favor of slashing funds to the police and instead allocating those funds towards programs to help with 2 of the major issues that are cited as problems in Bakersfield over and over again--homelessness and drug addiction. If we can work on developing programs to help with these issues rather than overfunding a corrupt and violent police force, I believe Bakersfield will become a much better place to live.

Best,
Faith Bradham

From: [Al McKenzie](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:37:35 AM

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My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Hello, my name is Alejandro McKenzie and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I have lived here for approximately 2.5 years. The City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate 41% of its general fund budget to law enforcement, and I believe that is way too much. I would like to see the City decrease the BPD budget and allocate more money to Black communities and other communities of color, specifically after school enrichment programs and programs geared towards job assistance. I want this shift because I feel that funding these programs in disadvantaged areas will truly reduce crime, not adding more employees to the police force. This will continue to enrich Bakersfield as a city.

Sincerely,

Alejandro McKenzie

From: [Deron Jackson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: The People's Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:38:00 AM

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“The People’s Budget” this is our city not the police officers city, yes they live here too but they are paid but us and work for us and not the other way around. I find it disgusting the police Can potentially have 41% Of Bakersfield Budget? I ask do you not care about Bakersfield’s Homeless problem? The education of our Youth??? Our city streets, the roads, so much more money can be going other places besides the police... Why is it they are only 9% away from being half Of the Bakersfields budget. Kern county has one of the deadliest police forces as you should know. We voted you in and we can vote you out as you should know... If you are for the people truly, you will do what’s right. Be the change we need. Do what’s right for the people. This is “The People’s Budget” after all and police should have only 25%. Period! The rest needs to be given back to the communities of Bakersfield, we are tired of being second to the police. Thank You.

-Concerned TAX PAYING Citizen of Bakersfield Ca.

From: [Nadire Bringas](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Allocate Funds for the Community
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:45:09 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Nadire Bringas, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Nadire Bringas
Nadire712@gmail.com

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Nadire Bringas
Nadire712@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kayleigh](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:47:20 AM

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Hello,

My name is Kayleigh Peaker and I live in Bakersfield, Ca. I am highly concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on Law Enforcement, but only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic, and community needs combined. I feel that choice to allocate funding in such a way is very irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident, I would like to see the city put more money toward education, mental health, and housing. Many issues that are considered to need "policing" could be reduced if the focus were put into educating our children and providing them with the resources needed for their families to thrive. Mental health issues would also be better solved with trained professionals who understand a person's potential needs in a mental health crisis. Finally, fundings put toward housing would decrease crowding, housing instability, and homelessness; reduce poverty; give families access to neighborhoods with better opportunities; and reduce costs in health care and other public services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kayleigh Peaker
Bakersfield, Ca

From: [Ariel Dyer](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:50:40 AM

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Hello,

My name is Ariel Dyer and I am a resident of Bakersfield, California. I live in Ward 3 and am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the city budget for FY 2020-21. I am deeply concerned that the city wishes to allocate 40% of its budget to law enforcement, leaving very little in the budget for the city's many other needs. Calculating out the amount that the city wishes to spend on law enforcement this year, it comes to \$325,000 daily spent on law enforcement, with only \$188,000 per day on housing, parks and development, and economic and community needs COMBINED.

This is atrocious and irresponsible, especially considering the fact that the Bakersfield Police Department has national renown as one of the deadliest police forces in the country. In addition, just last week, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra called out the BPD for their patterns of violence and other troubling behavior. Finally, the BPD has received a failing score from Campaign Zero's Police Scorecard due to its violence against the community it is supposed to serve.

I am involved with many local organizations and nonprofits as a Bakersfield local. I'm incredibly passionate about this town and its growth, and have seen firsthand the segregation and racism that are perpetuated by many of our citizens and leaders. I believe that city leadership must set an example and decry racial injustice and actively work against it in this city. **This is not the time for incremental changes; now is the moment for radically dismantling the systems of oppression that have too long remained untouched here in Bakersfield.** 8 Can't Wait is not a solution. Reallocating money is a start.

I do not believe the city should allocate such a large amount of funds to the BPD. Instead, I am in favor of slashing funds to the police and instead allocating those funds towards programs to help with issues raised by community members and leaders such as homelessness, education, jobs, and food scarcity. If we can work on developing programs to help with these issues rather than overfunding a corrupt and violent police force, I believe Bakersfield will become a much better place to live.

Thank you for your time,

Ariel Dyer

From: [janette](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for the 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:53:09 AM

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Hello,

My name is Janette Llerenas, I am a resident of Bakersfield and I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield chooses to spend \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$185,000 on basic human necessities such as housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. This is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more money on the People's Budget which includes, but is not limited to; affordable housing, access to mental healthcare, addressing food insecurity, rent cancellation and suspension during the pandemic, public school funding and direct investment into Black communities.

Thank you,
Janette

From: [Felix Colson](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:58:48 AM

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My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Hello, my name is Felix Colson and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I have lived in Bakersfield for two years now. I moved here since my wife's family lives here. My wife grew up here and if Bakersfield actually took action on the needs of its citizens, then we might consider staying here. The City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget on law enforcement. I believe that is far too much. I want to see the City decrease the BPD budget and allocate more money to educational opportunities for at-risk youth. I want to see more money allocated towards black and brown communities. I want the city council to implement safeguards that ensure that a decrease in funding will not be counted by BPD increasing the number of fines they collect from black and brown communities for minor offenses like jaywalking. I want the city to decriminalize homelessness so we can focus on restoring folks rather than putting them through the system. I want this shift because Bakersfield needs to address the violent and racist nature of BPD and show the people that they are being taken care of through the city budget. Care over cops. It is irresponsible that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined.

In community,

Felix Colson

From: [Valeria Garcia](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:10:54 PM

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Valeria Garcia and I have been a resident of Bakersfield for the past seven years. As a resident of Ward 4 I see the stark differences between wards and it is extremely unacceptable. The privilege we have in ward 4 compared to other parts of the city is extreme and has its roots in the systemic racism created by our country, our state, and our city leaders and history.

I am writing to you to express my dissatisfaction with the city budget for FY 2020-2021. The city wishes to allocate 40% of its budget to law enforcement, leaving little budget to our city's needs such as housing. The city of Bakersfield wants to spend \$325,000 on law enforcement per day, while only allocating \$188,000 per day on housing, parks and development, and the economic and community needs combined. This is not acceptable and the people will not have it.

The Bakersfield area has one of the deadliest police forces in the entire United States, giving them more money is irresponsible and unacceptable. Just last week, the California Attorney General Xavier Becerra called out the BPD for their patterns of violence. In addition, the BPD has received a failing score from Campaign Zero's Police Scorecard due to its violence against the community they are supposed to "serve and protect."

The City of Bakersfield should NOT allocate such large amounts of funds to the BPD. Instead, I am in favor of slashing funds to the police (just as we have done to teachers for many years) and instead put that money toward programs that will actually help the community instead of terrorize it. This city is in desperate need of helping both our homeless population and our drug addicted residents; we cannot begin to help the most vulnerable population while giving more money to the group that targets them. If we work on developing programs to help with these issues rather than overfunding a corrupt and violent police force, I believe Bakersfield can become the city it is meant to be - a thriving place for all.

Sincerely,
Valeria Garcia

From: [Jasmene Del Aguila](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: [Veronica Garibay](#); [Phoebe Seaton](#); [Nataly Santamaria](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Item 12a re: City Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:12:26 PM
Attachments: [LCJA City of Bakersfield Budget Letter FY 20-21.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon,

I would like to submit the attached letter into the record for Public comment under item 12a regarding the City Budget during the June 24 5:15pm City Council meeting.

I will also like for the following comment to be read into the record under this item,

"City Council members, staff and Mayor Goh,

My name is Jasmene del Aguila with Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. We work alongside residents within the City of Bakersfield and the County of Kern that have worked together to identify investment priorities that should be reflected in this year's budget and future budgets to ensure public health and safety. In this moment of reimagining how we define "public safety" both nationally and locally, the City must take immediate action to conform its policies and investments to a comprehensive and inclusive approach to public safety. Parks and Green Spaces, affordable housing, basic infrastructure, community centers among other priorities have been identified as important and necessary for residents to feel safe, secure and be healthy. We talk about these identified priorities more in our letter and strongly encourage the city to invest in these to ensure the city budget is reflective of everyone living in the City of Bakersfield.

Thank You,"

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Jasmene del Aguila
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From: [Graycie Monsibais](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Proposed Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:18:11 PM

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Hi, my name is Graycie Monsibais, and I am a Bakersfield resident and I live in Ward 3. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget Bakersfield for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost **half** of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget Bako does not. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents and start to focus on restorative justice.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the BPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that Bakersfield must not use its money to fund the murderous BPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors.

This is unacceptable and BPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget Bakersfield.

I ask that you immediately divest from policing and invest in communities. The city of Bakersfield must begin a participatory budget process. The BPD must be removed from the Pentagon 1033 program and receive no funding from the Department or Defense that would increase the militarization of police. Finally we need an implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public confidence.

Thank you for your time.

Graycie Monsibais

From: [Graycie Monsibais](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Budget proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:21:04 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Graycie Monsibais, I am a resident of Ward 3. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's **exorbitant salary**.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund **Care Not Cops**. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Graycie Monsibais
7000 College Ave
grayciem09@gmail.com
661-364-4299

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From: [Rebecca Romero](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: People's Budget Bakersfield 2020-2021
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:27:38 PM

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Hello,

My name is Rebecca and I am a resident of Bakersfield. I live in ward 2. I am writing to demand that you consider the People's Budget Bakersfield for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost half of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget Bako does not. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents and start to focus on restorative justice.

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Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Rebecca

3700 Q street
Bakersfield, CA, 93301

From: [Jagreet Dhaliwal](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:28:22 PM

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Hello,

My name is Jagreet Dhaliwal. I was born and raised in Bakersfield, CA. I am really concerned about allocation of funds. I do not think Bakersfield City should be spending \$325,000 daily on detaining and punishing residents and merely \$188,000 on uplifting the community through housing, open space, and economic needs. The city should be investing in the community, not the police. There should be more resources for the community to flourish through providing healthcare, housing, and equitable education to all its residents. Since you have been elected by community members, you should be listening to the people. You are also part of the community, so I am asking for you to listen to voices of your friends and family. Please divest from police and invest in strengthening our community.

Thank you,
Jagreet

From: [Alberto Ramirez](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: DEFUND POLICE
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:36:27 PM

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As a resident of the Bakersfield community,
I demand that we restructure the 2020-2021 proposed city budget in a way that defunds the Bakersfield Police Department and to reallocates those funds into economic development programs for low income communities. Police do not keep black and brown people safe!

Albert R.

From: [Reena Somani](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for Budget Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:39:43 PM

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Hello,

My name is Reena Somani, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. It is irresponsible that our budget allocates \$325,000 a day to police but only \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs.

Considering that Bakersfield has the highest rate of unnecessary police violence in the NATION, I do not want my money to go towards funding their continued use of violence in citizens. I would rather that money be allocated to improve the education and housing in this city. As someone who was born and raised in this town, I have first hand experience with our education programs. It is underfunded and lacks many of the resources that are allocated to education in other cities in California. Rather than arresting and prosecuting communities that experience hardship, we should put our resources toward improving their education and satisfying their basic needs.

These are our friends and neighbors. It is our responsibility to help them, not hurt them. By funding the police and not offering essential services, we are harming our neighbors. I hope to see a change in the budget that reallocated police funding toward the underfunded sectors of the budget.

Best,
Reena Somani

From: Danielle Munoz
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Council Mtg Public Comment agenda item:12a fiscal year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:44:30 PM

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My name is Dani Muñoz and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA.

I have been disappointed by the way public officials have chosen to negate and brush off the People's Budget Bako Coalition. I am asking for the Bakersfield City Council to start embracing, advocating and creating space for a participatory budget process with community leadership. I would like to see City Council members acknowledge the sudden increase in interest in the city's budget process with enthusiasm that your constituents are caring and engaging at a different level. You are our representatives, we are *supposed* to come to you.

I am concerned that currently the City of Bakersfield is spending \$325,000 daily on law enforcement yet is only spending \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic AND community needs. This disproportionate spending is not reflective of what the community NEEDS. I would like to see City Council members agree to divesting from the funding our police are getting and reallocate to partnering with local organizing and nonprofit efforts to support specifically Black and other communities of color. This should be paired with creating policy around racial equity and providing opportunities for the city to support Black Economic Equity and small businesses. This is just a start there are so many more issues community members would like to see addressed.

Failure to acknowledge the demands of the people or make adjustments to the budget is a failure to do your job. You say you hear your constituents, now we need you to *listen*.

Dani Muñoz

From: [Ray McPherson](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Fiscal Budget 20-21 Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:48:17 PM

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Hello,

My name is Ray and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more money to programs that benefit the community, such as youth programs, affordable housing, community gardens, mental health programs, and others. Allocating more money to the police to deal with the homeless, the addicts, the mentally ill, and the youth is irresponsible when We could be establishing or funding programs that do the job better. The police do not help these people, they punish them. They should not have the responsibility and the money to care of these issues that they are not mentally and educationally equipped for.

Thank you for your time,
Ray

From: [Roshini Nandakumar Ravi](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield City Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:51:28 PM

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Hello,

My name is Roshini Ravi and I live in Bakersfield, CA.

I am deeply concerned that the city of Bakersfield spends \$325k DAILY on law enforcement but only \$188k in housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is absolutely and unacceptably irresponsible.

As a Bakersfield resident, I demand you allocate more funds to our schools. Our education system falls far behind those of other cities as our children struggle to keep up in college (if they're even able to attend) because of the lackluster poorly resources high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools they have to attend. Our teachers deserve to be equipped to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

How exactly do you expect for us to ultimately progress as a community if our children do not receive the attention they necessitate to thrive?

Best,
Roshini Ravi

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From: [Manooshree Patel](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 6/24 Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:52:48 PM

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Hello!

My name is Manooshree Patel and I am a citizen of Bakersfield, CA. I have treasured my upbringing in this city but am so appalled to go through the budgets and discover where we have been allocating our money. The Bakersfield in my mind is for the people and wishes for the betterment of everyone who lives in the community.

The Bakersfield in reality puts more money into law enforcement than any other sector. It underwhelmingly invests in public services such as: housing, open space, and community needs. Bakersfield's investment in the Education of its children is HEARTBREAKING.

It shows me that this city does not care for the progression and well being of its citizens.
It cares more about violence. About defending assaulters. About defending rapists. About defending murderers.

As the city council, you have the POWER to change how Bakersfield treats its citizens. Don't make statements of sympathy or send "thoughts and prayers" **when you have the opportunity to do the right thing.**

Defund the police force. Invest in social workers. Invest in education. Invest in housing. Invest in the people.

Sincerely,
Manooshree Patel

From: [Ann Gallon](#)
To: [Bakersfield City Council](#)
Subject: Comment on June 24 Meeting Agenda item
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:53:07 PM

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June 23, 2020

To City of Bakersfield Council: RE June 24, 2020 Council Meeting - Please approve a Special Election to fill Ward 1 seat in coordination the Statewide General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

I urge all Council members to support a November 3 Special Election to fill the Ward 1 Councilmember seat.

Anything else (like an appointment or later date) could be deemed undemocratic, not transparent, and costly - thus subject to criticism. I would hope that all discussion of this matter takes place during the scheduled 5:15 public meeting.

Thank you,



Ann M. Gallon

3340 Jenkins Road, Bakersfield CA 93314 Active in church in Ward 2 - Emmanuel on Baker Street

Retired: Education/Mental Health/Board volunteer Resident 35 years

From: [Paulina Diaz](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:55:14 PM

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Hello,

My name is Paulina Diaz and I live in Bakersfield. I am active community member, I have worked as a teacher and community coordinator. I plan to continue to engage to make the city politics and policy a reflection of what members of the community will benefit from and will bring safety and resources to the people that needs it.

The current proposed budget is not a reflection of what our community needs. Law enforcement does not need \$325,000 daily to keep bullying the citizens of this city. We need more resources for housing, kids, local businesses, and community development. Instead of hiring officers hire social workers, teachers, community program developers, or anything. The last couple of weeks have shown us the immense amount of damage that officers are causing. At least hold them accountable for the waste of money and time that they have been for their citizen they're supposed to serve. We need to stop all funding towards law enforcement until we can assure that they will never harm another citizen again.

I ask that the proposed funding is changed drastically to reflect what we as community members want and need; more schools, community resources, city development, housing, therapists, social workers, and a cleaner environment.

Best,
Paulina Diaz

From: [Ruth Moffett](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12A Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:58:10 PM

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My public comment is for agenda item: 12A Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Hello, my name is Ruth Moffett. I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more money on foster youth and family preservation services. And this is why: strengthening and supporting families in crisis or on the verge of crisis will make our community stronger and is a huge and ever present need in Bakersfield. Meeting these needs will also reduce the need for policing due to many factors stemming from families in crisis who lack support.

Sincerely,
Ruth Moffett

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stephen Moffett](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12A Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:58:15 PM

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Hello, my name is Stephen Moffett. I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more money toward education and/or counseling services for our children and youth. The next generation is vitally important to the future of our community, and the long-lasting impacts of Covid-19 and issues of race in our current climate are going to require extra support for our young people.

Thank you,
Stephen Moffett

From: [Mariana Sanchez](#)
To: City_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment For Agenda Item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:58:45 PM

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Hello, my name is Alexandra and I live in Bakersfield, California. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible, immoral, and regressive. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more money towards affordable housing and healthcare programs that directly tackle the OBVIOUS homeless crisis we continue to ignore throughout the city. Our city deserves for funds to be allocated in a matter that SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS, the people you were ELECTED TO REPRESENT. It is my hope that you heed the incoming comments of the public diligently during this time, we are in the middle of an ongoing pandemic, and a tense political climate. A strong community is needed now more than ever. Thank you.

From: [Jonathan Rodriguez](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Bakersfield's *PROPER* Allocation of Funds
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:58:49 PM

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We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Jonathan Rodriguez

From: [Elizabeth Spavento](#)
To: city_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; vince@vincefong.com; assemblymember.fong@assembly.ca.gov
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:59:42 PM

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Hi, my name is Elizabeth Spavento, and I am a Bakersfield resident. I live in Ward 2.

I am writing to urge you to consider the voice of the people and revise the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget to bring it in alignment with the community needs outlined in People's Budget Bakersfield.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost half of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget does not. Hundreds of survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water, pandemic recovery, the built environment, and reimagined public safety over the needs of the police department.

I would like to remind you that this should come as no surprise seeing that the Bakersfield Police Department was named the deadliest in the country in 2015 by publications like [The Guardian](#) and [Vanity Fair](#). You have had 5 years to make significant changes and reforms to bring the police force in alignment with the needs of our community. I am sorry to say that you have failed to produce the kind of culture shift that this movement is calling for. We stand in solidarity not just with the citizens of Bakersfield, but the rest of the citizens in all fifty states and those in solidarity globally to end systemic racism in the police force and redistribute the wealth to what the people in this community have been asking for for decades.

I am specifically reaching out to every single City Council Member in Bakersfield, the Mayor of Bakersfield, and my State Assemblypeople. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality, environmental disaster, decreased access to economic opportunities, **and** poor education systems — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents. Poverty is not an abstract number. These are real people in our very real city, and right now over 19% of Bakersfield residents experience poverty, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST INDICATOR OF CRIME. I am asking you to rise to the call of restorative justice, and honor your vows as elected officials to fix these very real problems, now.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the

BPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that Bakersfield must not use its money to fund an organization that has lost its accountability in the eyes of the national public. Time and time again, BPD has shown it is not capable of reform, which is not surprising due to the police force's roots in American slavery. Even when a protester died exercising their right to assemble, **and** the police had the driver who hit him (it is recorded on video), there still hasn't been an arrest. We need Justice for Robert Forbes and his family. But it's more than that. We need to rethink what policing means. Anything less is unacceptable

I ask that you immediately divest from policing and invest in communities. The city of Bakersfield must begin a public, participatory budget process. The BPD must be removed from the Pentagon 1033 program and receive no funding from the Department of Defense that would increase the militarization of police. Finally we need an implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public confidence.

Thank you for your time,
Elizabeth

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Elizabeth Spavento
cell: (716) 861-1688

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From: [Nicholas Emilio](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Nicholas Emilio - Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:59:55 PM
Attachments: [Justice Budget 6-23.docx](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a Word document for comments on the proposed city budget.

Thank You and have a nice day,

Nick Emilio



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From: [Anna Pangilinan](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:00:22 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am a Bakersfield citizen, born and raised, and I care very much about our city and the people who live here. I am pretty sure that everyone who lives here knows about our reputation across the state, but I've always been a defender of this town. It's got much more to offer than cows and oil and rednecks, like many big city slickers seem to believe.

I am writing to you with regards to the proposed budget for the police department. 41% of the entire funds for the city? That's over a hundred million dollars? That is so much. It's kind of obscene when you think about it. What is paying for? More weapons? Kern County's police force has been described as [America's deadliest police force](#). What is more funding going to do to fix that?

Meanwhile, Bakersfield was also named [the hardest place to grow up in America](#), in a study that came out earlier this year. Quote from this article:

The report ranked "neighborhoods by level of child opportunity from very low to very high in the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas, where two-thirds of children live" and looked at "29 neighborhood conditions - such as proximity to and enrollment in early care and education centers, high school graduation rates, high-skill employment, health insurance coverage, housing vacancy rates, and poverty levels - that matter for children."

The root of all these issues comes down to such resources being vastly underfunded. \$325k spent on police every day, versus \$188k spent on housing, public works, parks and rec, and community development. It doesn't really make sense to a looooooot of people.

Please consider revising this budget and allocating more of those funds towards community resources and education. If cracking down on crime is what everyone is worried about, the solution isn't to increase funding for punitive measures. We have to address the problems at the root, which is to prevent people from growing up in dangerous environments that might lead to a life of crime. We should be supporting our city's children and families and give them the resources to be successful and happy in life, instead of leaving them struggling in poverty. It is possible to fix all these issues, we just have to remember where our priorities should lie.

If these protests across the country mean anything, all that strength in numbers, it is that local governments who have the power to change the way things are need to listen to what people want. And what people want is merely to survive. It starts at the local level, and change starts with one person.

I hope this helps you consider the needs of the people, whom those in local government have

sworn to serve.

Thank you,
Anna Pangilinan



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From: [Griffin Peavler](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Agenda item 12a fiscal year 2020-21 budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:02:42 PM

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Dear elected representatives of Bakersfield,

I'm sure you are getting lots of public comments about the police budget. While on the surface the budget itself is already very high, and the budget for certain other public services is much less, even this doesn't show the full picture. For example, the largest portion of our Public Works budget is going towards renovating Police Stations. When the police have the largest portion of our city budget, it would seem that we should prioritize using public works funds to assist organizations with smaller budgets that can't renovate by themselves. If we were to use that same public works money to renovate libraries or parks or roads, the public would actually see the benefits. Additionally the BPD is on the pentagon's 1033 program which distributes excess military equipment to police departments for free, and thus our police department has been militarized, and has a budget that underrepresents the true extent of their resources. Citizens of bakersfield want our city council to create precedent for other cities and counties to follow by removing the BPD from the pentagon's 1033 program and affirming that our police don't need to be militarized.

Best regards,
Griffin Peavler

From: [Nigel Flores](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: MY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:04:41 PM

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Hello, my name is Nigel Flores and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am concerned that the city of Bakersfield spends \$325, 000 on daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188, 000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. This is both irresponsible and counter productive. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate more money to **education**. More funding towards education is important because when schools have highly trained teachers and staff who are given more resources to use in the pursuit of educating the young children of our community, they will inevitably do better. Our schools should have an abundance of well-educated, knowledgeable, and experienced staff members that are properly equipped in dealing with our students. I would argue that investing in our schools, housing, and social services would do more to protect our community then the existing system that perpetuates the over-policing and mass incarceration of low-socioeconomic and minority communities.

Sincerely,
Nigel Flores

From: [Jennifer Martinez](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My Public Comment is for agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:08:24 PM

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Hello, my name is Jennifer Martinez and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield will continue as business as usual with its budget adoption. We are not in normal times. We are in public health, budget, governing, and democratic crises. WIn a time when Black and communities of color have died disproportionately from COVID 19 and the police brutality it is important we realign the city budget to the moral outrage across the nation and in Bakersfield. Local governments are in budget crises and services are being cut, yet the city is moving forward with spending over \$325k daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188k on housing, open space, economic and community needs to be combined. This is irresponsible. The city must be responsive to the needs of Bakersfield resident and the budget that will be adopted fall terribly short of that. At the minimum, the City should halt this adoption and spend more time engaging the public. These are historical times and Bakersfield has the opportunity to lead. I want to see the city allocate more money on parks, youth programs and public transportation. We all deserve a quality of life and people are HURTING right now. Unfortunately, this budget prioritizes policing over people. Please reschedule adoption to rethink though this budget with a bigger community voice.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Martinez

From: [Shavon Ausbie](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:13:59 PM

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Hello, my name is Shavonteia Ausbie and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends 325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends 188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate money on housing, especially housing and helping to house the homeless population. More money allocated to help people who are homeless would benefit the community tremendously. We would see less people on the streets, less people doing drugs on the streets, less need to call law enforcement because of issues dealing with people who are homeless. Leading to eventually less money needing to be spent on law enforcement. Defunding law enforcement will free up money for more pressing issues in Bakersfield. Thank you for your time.

Shavonteia Ausbie

From: [rebekah.lindsey](mailto:rebekah.lindsey@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Bakersfield Resident for Defunding the Bakersfield Police Department
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:23:19 PM

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To Mayor Karen Goh, the Bakersfield City Council, and all other public officials that serve the City of Bakersfield:

My name is Rebekah Lindsey and I am a resident of Bakersfield, the city you have sworn to serve and protect. These past weeks, our nation, and our city, has been gripped by protests demanding rapid, meaningful, and effective change in regards to police behavior, anti-blackness, and all other forms of oppression that hurt our communities.

I stand in solidarity with protestors, and I am appalled by the police violence and abuse of power seen across the nation and at home. The Bakersfield Police Department has a long and violent history of police brutality, specifically in our communities of color, and it is time for that violence to end. The people of Bakersfield, who elected and entrusted each of you to protect and serve us, are demanding you to defund, demilitarize, and divest funding from the Bakersfield Police Department, for the safety and protection of our communities from the injustices of police brutality. Here is a breakdown of the specific demands for the 'Public Hearing for FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget' on June 10th, 2020:

DEFUND: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council work to gradually DEFUND the Bakersfield Police Department over the next several years, We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money to enact reforms, which have been tried and tested but only FAIL. The unnecessary reforms include specific legislation, more/longer training, and more technology, such as body cameras. These reforms have not been enough to convict cops of murder or police brutality in the past, and we need to learn from our mistakes and DEFUND the police department if we ever want real change.

DEMILITARIZE: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council DEMILITARIZE the Bakersfield Police Department. We do NOT want the BPD to receive more money in the future for weapons and riot gear. It proves that the only purpose of police presence in our communities is to bring violence and cause harm.

DIVEST: We demand that the Bakersfield City Council gradually DIVEST from funding the Bakersfield Police Department and instead fund education, arts programs, community centers, mental health resources, counseling, housing, and MORE. Divesting from BPD and funding helpful and necessary community resources will address and resolve many of the root causes of crime and improve the well being of ALL the residents of Bakersfield.

I do not support the FY 2020-21 proposed budget, and I believe the Bakersfield City Council should NOT approve the proposed \$16,893,164 allocations towards the police department. Instead, we ask that you work to decrease the police budget significantly and increase and reallocate the funds for Public Works, Recreation & Parks, and Development Services.

We demand justice and action for the many victims of police brutality in Bakersfield. It is time to stand up and protect our communities, and that change starts by defunding the BPD.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Lindsey, a Bakersfield resident

From: [haylee rayne](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item 12a: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:26:52 PM

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Hello, my name is Haylee and I live in Bakersfield, Ca. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield Resident I want to see the city allocate more money on programs that could help our community. This city needs the budget to help protect our community that's been ravaged by this pandemic. We need services that directly support the community. Not more police officers.

Best regards,
Haylee

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Emily Waite](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Realization of funding
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:01:36 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emily Waite, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Emily Waite
Emilykw8@gmail.com
661-431-7499

From: [Emily Waite](#)
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Emily Waite
Emilykw8@gmail.com
661-431-7499

From: meevaro@gmail.com
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Demanding a budget that meets the needs of all Bakersfield residents
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:15:30 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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Thank you for your time,

Maria Evaro
1925 3rd Street
meevaro@gmail.com
(661)520-8153

Sent from my iPhone

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meevaro@gmail.com
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From: [Anakaren Martinez](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:37:47 PM

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Hello,

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Thank you,
Anakaren Martinez

From: [L.L. Robinson](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocation of funding from BPD
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:44:17 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Lisa Robinson, I am a former resident of Westwood Estates (93309) in Bakersfield. My elderly father still lives there. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Lisa Robinson
Bakersfield, CA 93309
310-614-1230

From: [Alex Sigala](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Agenda item 12a: Fiscal Year 202021 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:47:20 PM

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Hello my name is Alex Sigala and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. I am a full time graduate student in the Master's of Social Work program and I am writing to you today to reinvest in our black and brown communities, which would require drastic economic cutbacks in the Bakersfield Police Department.

41% of the Bakersfield budget NEEDS to be distributed BACK into impoverished neighborhoods that consist of black and brown members of our community. Black people are dying at the hands of racist policing and it's well beyond time we transform the public safety system into one worthy of our communities. I urge Bakersfield to take swift action at the **June 24** city council meeting to divest in police and invest in black and brown communities by adopting the Bakersfield People's Budget.

Our community does not need racist policing. What Bakersfield needs is more mental health services, adequate education for minorities, adequate and affordable housing, job opportunities, and more that will lift the members of Bakersfield to become more self-sufficient and create an overall better community. If we are only arresting those because of "criminal behavior," then we are failing our members of Bakersfield to address underlying issues to be prevent recidivism. With adequate education and social/mental health services, then we are able to address and eradicate issues that would require policing. Police officers are NOT trauma informed, so they are not equipped with the abilities that mental health professionals are able to handle.

I am asking that the budget reflect the needs of the entire community. Not just those with the luxury of time to be involved. Can I count on you to support and implement the Bakersfield People's Budget?

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From: [Kaitlin Valenti](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:53:34 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Kaitlin Valenti and I have lived in Bakersfield, Ca my whole life. While being here, I have seen and heard first hand accounts of irresponsibility from the Bakersfield Police Department and would like to see a change.

The City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget on law enforcement and I believe that this is too much. I want to see the City decrease the BPD budget and allocate more money to the community through health, safety, and education. I want this shift because I believe the redirection of funds can help invest in new initiatives that can alleviate responsibilities of the BPD in areas like education, public health, housing, and youth services.

Instead of punitive consequences, defunding the police means investing in restorative and community oriented resources that'll be more constructive such as anti-violence programs, trauma services, mental health, after-school programs, and counselling.

I urge you tomorrow to amend the proposed budget to place a better emphasis on our community's well being instead of continuing to over-militarize our police force.

Thank you for your time,
Kaitlin Valenti

From: cristianm445@gmail.com
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: c.mar3@ymail.com
Subject: Teachers for defunding police
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:59:10 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Cristian Martinez, I am an educator and life long resident of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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From: [Eric Espinoza](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:06:06 PM

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Dear Karen Goh,

You're silence and lack of action during these trying times in my city have been...less then desirable.
If you choose to fund the Bakersfield PD with such a disgusting amount of money then you have lost my vote, ma'am.

Invest in programs that will actually benefit your community instead of funding VIOLENCE WORKERS!!!!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
The world is watching and it is time for change. The rest is up to you

Do. Better!!

Sincerely,
Eric Espinoza - a Bakersfield resident and active voter

From: [Anakaren Martinez](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:10:12 PM

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From: [Jennifer Duran](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Adopt The Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:13:04 PM

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Jennifer Duran

From: [Kara Hill](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the police!!!
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:17:21 PM

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Dear Mayor Goh,

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Kara Hill
805-284-1915
Hillkara123@gmail.com

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Hillkara123@gmail.com

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To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Agenda item 12A: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:26:08 PM

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Hi my name is Alejandra Sigala and I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA.

I am deeply concerned that city of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 every single day on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs COMBINED! It is immoral, irresponsible, and inhumane to continue to invest in racist policing that has resulted in many deaths of black and brown members of our communities.

41% of this budget NEEDS to be reinvested into our black and brown impoverished communities. With adequate education, accessible mental health services, substance abuse treatment programs, affordable housing and job opportunities, we are then able to improve the lives of Bakersfield residents and improve the overall quality of living in Bakersfield.

I am asking that the budget reflect the needs of our community by adopting the People's Budget Bakersfield.

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Alejandra Sigala

From: [Melanie Dollar](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: POLICING OUR BUDGET
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:27:04 PM

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Hello, my name is Melanie Dollar. I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA and have been for 23 years. I understand that our city has one of the most corrupt, uninhibited, and callous police departments in the nation. That makes it perplexing as to why we allocate the majority of our city budget to them. I understand we are to allocate \$325,000 DAILY to the police department and yet our neighborhoods are falling apart. Drug addiction is going up which correlates directly with an increase in crime. We need investment in community led initiatives that help the most vulnerable in our society. We need to invest in rehabilitation and mental health care services that do not involve police and their use of excessive and inappropriate force. Police are very, and almost entirely, ill-equipped to handle situations involving people suffering with addiction and mental health issues, which are two huge social issues our city faces at the moment. These people deserve more than to be eliminated or thrown in jail. Citizens of Bakersfield deserve and demand more than the measly \$188,000 that has been allocated to our public programs. Our community is in need and has been for a long time. Thankfully we have strong communities here in Bakersfield that have been able to thrive despite the disregard that our city officials have for us, but enough is enough. We demand that you pull from our excessive police budget and invest in initiatives that better our community. The fact that housing and rehabilitation for the homeless is grossly underfunded, while we're giving money to those who effectively make it even harder for homeless people to exist in our society is disgraceful. You have let our city down, and we are here to let you know that. We will not stop speaking about it until something is done. Have a nice day.

From: [Melanie Dollar](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: my public comment is for agenda item: 12a, fiscal year 2020-21 budget
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From: [Sulem Hernandez](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:35:04 PM

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Hello my name is Sulem Hernandez and I live in Bakersfield, California. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,00 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is responsible. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate more money on affordable housing, new infrastructure, parks, community centers, and libraries.

From: brandi.woolsey
To: City_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Council member Freeman
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:36:31 PM

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My name is Brandi Woolsey and I'm Emailing you from Bakersfield, CA. I believe the police state in our city needs to be dismantled. Black people are dying at the hands of racist policing and it's time we transform the public safety system into one worthy of our communities. I urge Bakersfield to take swift action, at the JUNE 24 council meeting to divest in police and invest in black communities by adopting the [Bakersfield People's Budget](#).

As a resident of Bakersfield I am asking that the budget reflect the needs of the entire community. Not just those with the luxury of time to be involved. Can I count on you to support the People's Budget Bakersfield?

Thanks.

Brandi

From: [brandi woolsey](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Re: Council member Freeman
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:40:02 PM

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Brandi

From: [brandi woolsey](mailto:brandi_woolsey@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Re: Karen Goh
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On Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 3:39 PM brandi woolsey <branwoolsey1@gmail.com> wrote:

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Brandi

From: [Sulem Hernandez](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Re: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:43:42 PM

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On Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 3:34 PM Sulem Hernandez <sulem_h@berkeley.edu> wrote:
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*irresponsible

From: [Tom Cochran](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: To The Mayor: June 23, 2020
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June 23, 2020
Washington, D.C.

Washington Action on Police Reform, Mayors Working Group on Police Reform and Racial Justice Reporting Soon

The United States Conference of Mayors' Working Group on Police Reform and Racial Justice led by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, and Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley along with Police Chiefs Michael Harrison of Baltimore, Jeri Williams of Phoenix, and W.H. "Skip" Holbrook, Columbia, SC who will report soon on our initial report to the nation on our own policy recommendations on police reform and racial justice.

As we bring forth our own recommendations, the White House, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate – more divided than ever in modern history – have offered their proposals on what mayors and police departments should be doing to bring police reform to meet the new normal and reimagined role of police officers, some who are employed by a city, some by counties and state governments throughout our nation.

It's important to understand that police reform is now thrust upon the mayors, the cities, to implement reforms that are being called for by everyone.

Public safety at the local level is definitely a basic service that is expected by the majority of Americans living in our cities. As we struggle to meet national demands, we must make sure that, in addition to the national standards set, there are federal funds coming from Washington to help with police reform and to provide billions, maybe trillions, of dollars to meet the social ills and failures of other sectors in our cities.

Reminding all – cities were created to provide basic services for residents – public safety, fire prevention, sanitation, and water. Today, and since the 1960s, the cities have had to assume to deal with national issues and national responsibilities of which they were not created to solve or pay for. As the cry in the streets for "defund the police" is heard, many will accept and own police reform.

At the same time, we must call on the federal government to invest in the social ills of this nation and that has not happened. Former Dallas Police Chief David Brown told us in 2016 in Dallas after his officers were assassinated that today,

many officers are called upon to deal with mental illness, school dropouts, martial discourse, juvenile delinquents, homelessness, and other issues. The national investments have fallen short. We must continue to push a new set of national priorities for the way the federal government spends the money that we send to Washington for Congress is to distribute accordingly to the true needs of our people. Today, it is out of whack. As we reform our local budgets, let's also look at our national budget. Let's not defund the defense department, even though our policy through the years has called for reordering our national priorities. But it may be time to set a new set of national priorities to provide for, in addition to our national defense, to meet what the needs are domestically and in our cities.

In the meantime, here's what Washington is doing this past week. This week, both the House and the Senate are expected to vote on police reform legislation. The House bill, the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020" (H.R. 7120) was introduced in the House June 8 by California Representative Karen Bass, Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and reported out of the Judiciary Committee last Friday. It currently has 230 co-sponsors – all Democrats – and is expected to pass.

The Senate bill, the Justice Act, was introduced by South Carolina Senator Tim Scott June 17 and currently has 47 co-sponsors -- all Republicans. On the day it was introduced Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that it will bypass the Judiciary Committee and go straight to the floor this week. Finally, on June 16 President Trump signed an Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities.

[Click here for a side-by-side comparison](#) of the provisions in the House and Senate bills and the Executive Order.

House Chairmen Advance \$1.5 Trillion Infrastructure and Recovery Plan

A group of House Democratic Chairmen just released a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package to support infrastructure improvements across numerous sectors, including surface transportation (e.g., highways, bridges, and transit),

aviation, schools, housing, broadband, drinking and wastewater systems, energy, and public health and other health care infrastructure. The investment is intended to rehabilitate and modernize a broad range of America's infrastructure while creating new jobs and accelerating economic recovery.

The massive legislation – *Moving Forward Act* (HR 2) – developed by seven House committee chairs includes an array of spending commitments to existing programs and new initiatives as well as various tax incentives and regulatory changes to support increased infrastructure investment in local areas throughout the nation.

HR 2 draws extensively upon infrastructure priorities set forth by the nation's mayors, as reflected in recommendations by the Conference of Mayors, including new funding commitments to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, the Community Development Block Grant Program, and Airport Improvement Program, among many other programs.

This expanded federal infrastructure commitment, which was further informed by the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, builds upon the *Moving Forward Framework* that was released earlier this year by the Chairmen of the Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means Committees. This *Framework* outlined elements of a \$760 billion infrastructure investment.

The *Moving Forward Act* includes additional provisions developed by seven Committee Chairmen, who yesterday [issued this joint statement on their \\$1.5 trillion plan](#).

The House Energy and Commerce Committee, led by Chairman Frank Pallone (NJ), has already approved various elements of the package, including legislation authorizing \$17.5 billion over five years for the EECBG Program. Last week the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, led by Peter DeFazio (OR), acted on about one-third of spending package when it approved a \$494 billion, five-year surface transportation (FAST Act) renewal plan.

The House Leadership plans to bring elements of the *Moving Forward Act* to the House floor prior to the July 4th recess.

Here's a Fact.

As Confederate statues topple, one President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson's name is being removed from New Jersey's Monmouth University campus' Great Hall. Historians continue to validate that he was an avowed racist to the core and never changed even after he was elected the 28th President of the United States. As President, he oversaw the resegregation of multiple agencies of the federal government, which had been surprisingly integrated as a result of reconstruction decades earlier.

Outright dismissal of black employees was common. Upon taking office, Wilson himself fired 15 out of 17 black supervisors and replaced them with white people. The head of the Internal Revenue Service in Georgia fired all his black employees saying, "There are no government positions for negroes in the south. A negro's place is in the cornfield."

Wilson was a descendant of Confederate soldiers and identified deeply with the "lost cause" narrative.

Wilson's most famous book as an academic, "A History of the American People" was sympathetic to the Ku Klux Klan. He was a vocal defender of the KKK. In his book, he described them as "men half outlawed, denied the suffrage, without hope of justice in the courts, who meant to take this means to make their will felt."

Wilson's quote favoring the Ku Klux Klan made its way into "The Birth of a Nation", D.W. Griffith's infamous movie promoting the KKK as saviors of the south. "The white men were roused by a mere instinct of self-preservation... until at last there had sprung into existence a great Ku Klux Klan, a veritable empire of the south, to protect the Southern country."

President Wilson is the only President interred in Washington, DC. His remains are entombed into our National Cathedral – which is the place where our national leaders assemble for solemn and celebratory national occasions.

Tom

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From: [Nichelle Medrano](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: People's Budget for Bakersfield
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:09:31 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Nichelle Medrano, I am a resident of Bakersfield, CA. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Nichelle Medrano
6304 Wheeler Valley Lane
nichellemedrano@gmail.com
(661) 364-4139

From: [estela lopez](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:16:37 PM

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Hello my name is Estela Lopez and I live in Bakersfield, California. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate more money on affordable housing, new infrastructure, parks, community centers, and libraries.

From: [Jacob Ennis-Bailey](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund BPD
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:26:42 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jacob Ennis-Bailey, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Jacob Ennis-Bailey

6426 Angel Falls Ct.

(661) 444-2716

jacobbbbailey@gmail.com

From: [isaactorres17_](mailto:isaactorres17@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comments is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:53:18 PM

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Hello, my name is Isaac Torres I live in Bakersfield, Ca. I'm deeply concerned that the city of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a resident I want to see the city allocate more money on true education for the youth, such as after school programs(PALS). Also into making sure that we keep electives like Art, Music, Wood Shop, Coding and Graphic Design in all public schools especially as young as elementary. As an artist myself it was the only thing that I had passion for growing up and now at 25 years old Art is my profession. It would be a shame for our youth to be deprived of being themselves. Somehow law enforcement uses our resources to police us but oddly enough have been oppressing us. Some officers are not properly trained to handle real life day to day situations and it's scary to think my son can lose his life over a misunderstanding due to fear. Thank you for taking the time to hear me out.

Sincerely,
Isaac T.

From: [Kaylee Choe](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Ward 5, DEFUND BPD
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:53:56 PM

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Hello Councilman Freeman,

My name is Kaylee Choe. I am a resident of Bakersfield, and a resident of your Ward 5. I am demanding that you listen to the People's Budget Bakersfield and divest from BPD so you can invest in my future. Next fiscal year's budget is looking to allocate 41% of the unrestricted general fund, but you know that already. You also know that BPD's funds is more than the funds dedicated for public housing, parks, libraries, and community centers combined. This is irresponsible spending on behalf of the city of Bakersfield and your vote that will put this budget into effect is also irresponsible. BPD has been named the deadliest police force in the nation, along with the County Sheriff's Department. Why are we going to continue to increase funding and positions for BPD when we know they are dangerous to our many communities of color and Black communities? We should be investing in our residents and communities instead. Ward 5 contains much of Southwest Bakersfield, an area that has good quality roads, parks, and other resources. Why do other wards in the city of Bakersfield not receive the same treatment? I understand you are representing your constituents, the people who live on this side of town. However to better Bakersfield, we must better every part of our city. Listen to the People's Budget Bakersfield, divest from the police, and invest in our communities- ALL of our communities.

Thank you,
Kaylee Choe
Bakersfield resident
Ward 5

From: [Rosa Lopez](#)
To: [Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [cclegg@Bakersfieldcity.us](#); [Greg Terry](#)
Cc: [City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [ChrisHuot- BC City Manager \(CHuot@Bakersfieldcity.us\)](#)
Subject: RE: Proposed FY2020-2021 budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:57:48 PM
Attachments: [06.23.2020 Letter to City Council re budget proposal.pdf](#)
[Bakersfield_final.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Goh, City Councilmembers, Chief Terry and City Manager Clegg,

I hope this e-mail finds you well. On behalf of the Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, we write to ask you to reject the proposed FY2020-2021 budget. The proposed budget goes against what the community has been protesting and calling for- to address the root cause of police violence by redirecting funds from law enforcement towards community-based public safety approach.

Please direct your attention to the attached documents, a demand letter submitted on behalf of the coalition partners and their base asking you to reject the proposed FY2020-2021 budget until you've had the opportunity to speak with the community in finding alternative community-based public safety approaches that will help our community thrive. A report by Million Dollar Hoods, which explains that relying on police to respond to our social problems has proven ineffective and has cost Bakersfield taxpayers millions.

The Coalition urge you to take bold leadership and stand with your community- together we can build a better and healthier community for everyone. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Rosa Lopez
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From: [Suzette Wright](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Pass the PEOPLE's BUDGET
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:25:23 PM

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Dear Mayor Karen Goh,

As your constituent I strongly urge you, and the entire Bakersfield city council, to unanimously pass the PEOPLE's Budget.

As I'm sure you're aware, the Bakersfield police department has a horrible history of police violence against the citizens its suppose to protect. The budget of the BPD is way out of context to the real needs of our communities.

Passing the PEOPLE's BUDGET will help mitigate that.

Our communities are in desperate need of housing, education, and healthcare. Not more militarizing of our police!

Again, I strongly urge you, and the bakersfield city council, to vote YES for the PEOPLE's BUDGET.

Sincerely,

Susan Wright
1303 S Street unit 308
Bakersfield CA 93301
Sent from my iPhone

From: Brandonkeithnew@gmail.com
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:32:51 PM

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The city of bakersfield ranks in the top 10 cities in america for police killing per capita... 10 times more likely in bakersfield than in New York city. And you want to expand the cities legal murder machine? SHAME ON YOU!

From: [ravneet dhillon](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield People's Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:25:19 PM

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Ravneet Dhillon and I am a student at California State University of Bakersfield. I believe the police state in our city needs to be dismantled. Black lives are dying at the hands of racist policing and it's time we transform the public safety system into one worthy of our communities. I urge Bakersfield to take swift action, at the JUNE 24th council meeting to divest in police and invest in black communities by adopting the Bakersfield People Budget.

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Thank you,

Ravneet Dhillon

From: [Elizabeth Rodacker](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Police Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:38:51 PM

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It's time for a change. We request transparency and accountability!
The budget is too high and any residents do not see any benefit.

It's time for a change. We are tired of the militarized police force in Bakersfield. This movement will only grow stronger. Heal our community.

It's time for a change. Do your part. You must listen. We are the people. Change is on the way.

From: [Valerie Urso](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for Council Meeting: Agenda Item - City Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:33:18 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Valerie Urso. I am a resident of Bakersfield in the 93309 zip code, Ward 5. I am writing to demand the reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is crucial that the Council postpones its budget finalization process until we can discuss the future of our city as a community. We have yet to be able to do so.

I know you are in the late stages of budget finalization. But, 2020 has not been a normal year. Community members have been preoccupied with the basics of trying to work from home, safely delivering food to their families' elder members and unforeseen childcare burdens. We have not had time to organize ourselves along your Council's schedule. Again, this is not a normal year.

You may have noticed: there is a huge amount of community interest in the budget right now. An incredible, unprecedented level of interest. You've been getting the emails. You know the Black Lives Matter movement has been engaging more and more people. You know that other cities are watching us.

The recent murders of unarmed Black men, including the murder of Robert Forbes here in Bakersfield, demand we change the way we approach policing and the justice system.

The BPD should not be the first line of response to the homeless or mentally ill. I've personally called them for a family member with mental illness and had the specially-trained BPD mental health response team out to my house and to our doctors' office, more than once. My experiences were beyond appalling.

On one occasion, despite the fact that the family member's psychiatrist had himself called the police in fear for our safety, BPD sent my family member home with me. The family member later assaulted me, broke my possessions and burned my things in the backyard.

BPD also told my family member that he could legally take the vehicle we share, immediately after I told them that this family member had told me that he was going to suicide by driving into oncoming traffic. I will never understand why BPD chose that moment to tell my family member that I had "no legal ability to keep the car from him".

After BPD left, the psychiatrist suggested that when we get home, I simply hide the keys and pretend that I don't know where they are.

This advice, in all likelihood, saved lives.

My family member was finally 5150'd and later 5250'd. This means he had to spend a month at a behavioral health facility before he wasn't a danger to anyone else or to himself. It took four calls before BPD finally took him in. Two were from his mental health providers, whom BPD ignored. Again, sending someone dangerous home with me over and over again.

So: I want a dedicated, autonomous community response team that understands mental health. I want more behavioral health support. I want people whose entire motivation is deescalation and the rehabilitation of people in mental health crises. I do not want this team to work underneath the BPD. The BPD would work for them, like the BPD is supposed to work for us, the community.

I want more beds at the homeless shelters and more transitional services to bring them from the shelter to a permanent home. Throwing the homeless in jail accomplishes nothing. Throwing the mentally ill in Mary K. Shell accomplishes nothing if they're back on the street within days.

We have a fundamental breakdown between emergency services and the services actually needed to help people get back on their feet financially, emotionally and mentally in this city. You are tasked with fixing it, and yet you are funding the BPD at 41% of the city funds.

This year, my voice and many other voices have not had a chance to be heard, because the pandemic has shut down our ability to speak. We need more time to hear from our community and strategize for the rest of the year.

I said that 2020 has not been a normal year. But neither will 2021.

Here's what you're looking at over the next twelve months: without direct intervention from our city, we will be facing a steep increase in our already out-of-control homeless population here in Kern County.

The jobs lost during the pandemic are not all coming back. People are behind on their rent. People are already paying 40% of their paycheck to rent in this county. They don't have savings.

When the suspension on evictions is lifted, where will they go? What state will these people be in, subjected to living on the street during a public health crisis? How will we handle it?

Right now, Bakersfield's budget reflects that the main thing we are going to invest in is police, with 41% of the budget going to "community policing" style responses, **which are not what we want as a community.**

We need services for human beings to meet their basic housing, food, education and health needs, including mental health needs.

We don't need police with guns to show up and apply the only solution they have, which is punitive: violence or jail.

We especially will not need this in a post-pandemic society, facing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Postpone the budget finalization. Don't let arbitrary schedules and dates and the comfort of doing the same thing you've always done keep you from making smart, forward-thinking choices.

Listen to the community; let's think outside the box and come up with a plan that will work for our city, together.

Best,
Valerie Urso

From: [Janmar Cervantes](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: lori.pesante@bakersfieldcollege.edu
Subject: Agenda Item #12
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:23:32 PM
Attachments: [Agenda.docx](#)

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Greetings,

Today you will find my public comment document attached to this email.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janmar

From: [Emilie A](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Proposed General Fund 2020-2021
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:23:00 PM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Emilie Ahart, and I've been a resident of Bakersfield for all of my life. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

The police budget should not consist of that amount of money, considering the fact that other programs' budgets like economic and community development and recreation and parks are so low in comparison. Being from Bakersfield, I understand that a lot of people get involved in gangs, drugs, or just recreational crime that do require the police force, but how about investing even a fragment of the money into these programs? Imagine if you could make the change of whether someone gets involved in a gang or drugs solely based on your decision to build a park and a community recreation center. Investing in these programs could be the difference for many kids, teens, and adults in the future. These are the people of your city, and you should be protecting them and investing in their well being at all times, but somehow you show otherwise.

On top of this, many people are tired of the poor infrastructure around Bakersfield. I understand that some parts of Bakersfield were constructed before the Northwest/Southwest. However, it is very noticeable that the time to get a pothole fixed in Rosedale is a lot faster than getting a pothole fixed in the city section of East Bakersfield. I will commend City Councilmen Andrae Gonzales, though. I have seen his work and effort at making Bakersfield better and improving said poor infrastructure. Despite his actions though, Councilmen Weir and Rivera are in charge of areas of poverty and poor infrastructure that have yet to be addressed.

I was even more disappointed to hear about this through social media. The residents of Bakersfield should be able to hear about big meetings like this more regularly by our specific district councilmen/councilwomen. It wasn't until a few weeks ago that I learned who my councilman was for my district due to the lack of outreach and involvement in the community that he, Bob Smith, has had.

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From One Concerned Bakersfield Resident,

Emilie Ahart

From: [hannah.van.horn](#)
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Invest in the low income communities and children rather than police!!
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:49:31 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

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It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Best Regards,
Hannah Van Horn
13210 girl dr bakersfield ca 93314

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From: [Daniel Vega](#)
To: cott@bakersfieldpd.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Nazis are running people over in your city!
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:19:31 PM

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A black man, ROBERT FORBES, was peacefully marching for BLM when white supremacist TIMOTHY MOORE - who is marked with a 1488 tattoo - ran into him with his car!! That night, the Bakersfield PD question Moore, THEN LET HIM WALK FREE. No arrest, no charge, NOTHING. ROBERT FORBES DIED YESTERDAY from his injuries. This is getting almost no coverage! Robert Moore MATTERS. BLACK LIVES MATTER.

Defund the police! They are allowing racist violence to happen and they perpetuate racist violence!

Daniel Vega

From: [Raiam Natividad](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Defund the Police
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:20:45 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Raiam Noeji Olea Natividad, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Raiam Noeji Olea Natividad
15520 Avanti Dr, Bakersfield, CA, 93314
raiam_noeji@yahoo.com
(661)330-8924

From: [Prakhya Malyala](#)
To: ayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: REALLOCATE FUNDS TO BLACK COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF OVER-POLICING
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:31:24 PM

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From: [Mauricio Torres](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: ***SPAM*** Stop funding state sanctioned murder
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:43:09 PM

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Do the right thing, save people's lives.

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Mauricio Torres
He/Him/His
209.483.8762

From: [Mauricio Torres](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Fwd: Stop funding state sanctioned murder
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:43:54 PM

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From: **Mauricio Torres** <mxrtorres1@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 10:42 PM
Subject: Stop funding state sanctioned murder
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us <Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us>

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From: [Stefanie La Febre](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Council Budget Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:50:11 PM

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My name is Stefanie La Febre and I am a current student at CSUB in the MSW program and more recently, a very concerned citizen. I firmly believe that the Bakersfield Police Department needs to be dismantled and defunded. Racist policing is costing countless Black lives and it MUST STOP. The BPD is not serving the public. They are consistently committing racist acts without consequences. It's disgusting.

On June 24, 2020, at the council meeting I strongly urge you to take action and right your wrongs. Please consider defunding police and reinvesting in our local Black communities and low income schools.

As a life long resident of Bakersfield, I expect the budget, resources, and needs of the ENTIRE COMMUNITY. Please consider adopting the Bakersfield's People Budget. I hope to be proud of my community in its decisions to move forward and be a part of change.

Thank you.
-Stefanie La Febre

Sent from my iPhone

From: [George Mora](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: lori.pesante@bakersfieldcollege.edu
Subject: Agenda Item #12
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:59:37 PM
Attachments: [Public statement 6-24-20.docx](#)

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Hello, please read attachment regarding agenda item 12, thank you.

From: [Nathan Smith](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My comment is for agenda item 12a Fiscal year 2020-21 budget
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:02:41 PM

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Hello my name is Nathan Smith, and I live near downtown Bakersfield, CA. The disproportionate spending of our city's budget to the Bakersfield police department is utterly outrageous. The budget proposes spending almost twice as much as the combined total of the housing, economic, and community needs on a reckless police force who has the highest rate of killing its own citizens in the entire country. You are rewarding & encouraging the brutality and killing of your own citizens by the people who are sworn to protect them.

This is completely irresponsible and a letdown to all citizens who live here. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate more money towards low income housing development, parks & rec, and public works especially in low income neighborhoods that need improvement the most.

Currently, the city council wants to allocate 41% of the unrestricted General Fund (\$118,000,000) to the Bakersfield Police Department. We want a budget that will adequately represent what the people in our communities need and their priorities. We are currently facing an unemployment rate that has doubled due to the global pandemic and we already had a severe homelessness issue before the pandemic began. We need the budget this year to protect our communities ravaged by this pandemic not to fuel a corrupt police force.

From: [Eyerene Martin](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:17:55 AM

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Hello, My name is Irene and I live in Bakersfield, California. I am deeply concerned that the city of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more money to meet community needs like rental assistance, better parks, sidewalks and other basic infrastructure. My community is suffering.

From: [Mazuengele Kulungu](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bakersfield Needs You
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:57:56 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Mazuengele, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

Mazuengele Kulungu
Mazuengelekukulungu@gmail.com

From: [Trinity Farugie](#)
To: [Trinity Farugie](#)
Subject: 2020-2021 Policing Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:09:17 AM

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Hello all,

I am emailing in regards to the policing budget that will be being discussed at tomorrow's city council meeting. As a member of the Bakersfield community; a taxpayer, a student, and a registered voter I feel my opinion should be stated and considered. I believe the Bakersfield Police Department is not currently in need of additional funding.

I believe instead of increasing BPDs budget by 41% we, as a city, should allocate the money towards education. A lot of our schools are lacking the proper tools and resources to a valuable education & this can lead to anti social behavior and additional problems in our community. I believe investing in our youth and furthering their growth and education will be more beneficial than giving additional funding to the police. I also believe if not education; our homeless situation needs attention, mental health services can use help, and there are plenty more developmental and social services that are more deserving and in NEED of funding than our local law enforcement.

I strongly urge you to consider investing in our community and youth. I believe this could be a great first step to a better Bakersfield. Thank you for your time.

A concerned resident,
Trinity Farugie

From: [Yinka Glover](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Comment for city council meeting (June 24th)
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:54:30 AM

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Hello,

The following is my comment regarding the fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget (Item 12a). Please forward this email to the City Councilmembers and include it in the record for the Wednesday, June 24, 2020 City Council meeting.

My name is Adeyinka Glover and I am a resident of Bakersfield. While the Fiscal Year Budget is typically finalized in June of each year, the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget allocations made by the City Council and staff are not responsive to the current societal climate. The budget released on June 10th looks very similar to the City Manager's budget preview he released in early May. Given COVID 19 and the consistently rampant racial injustice that people face across the world and specifically in Bakersfield, this budget should look substantively different.

Unfortunately, I have never had the privilege to feel protected or served by the Bakersfield Police Department. Sadly I know I am not alone in that sentiment. To know that the City allocates 41% of its general fund to law enforcement is a lot of discretionary dollars that can be put to much better use to serve the community of Bakersfield. I would like the City Council to instead use some of those dollars to create an affordable housing fund to support households that face financial burdens with rental assistance and mortgage assistance. The City Council should step up to keep people housed. Furthermore the fund should also include security deposit and down payment assistance funding to help people establish stable housing.

Bakersfield speaks proudly about how some cities are seeing a decline in population growth yet Bakersfield has more people moving to town--in part because it is affordable compared to some of the larger cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco. I don't think the City Council has done enough to address the affordable housing needs of residents in the city. There needs to be more attention paid to people who are being priced out of their own housing and neighborhoods in Bakersfield. People I've had the privilege to speak with over the years want a variety of affordable housing options, apartments, single family homes, and duplexes.

Earlier this year, it became abundantly clear to me most of the Council's general disregard of predominately black neighborhoods when it voted to place temporary housing (a homeless shelter) in a historically black area of town against the wishes of that community. This year's budget is another opportunity to shift course to demonstrate to residents you care about Black lives, their priorities, and needs.

There is an amazing group of young people calling for the defunding and abolishment of police. I support their efforts. They are the next generation after me, and all of you. If they want to re-chart their future to imagine and take steps towards a society where the institution of police departments as we know them do not exist, why should that be discouraged or dismissed? Again, I support them.

I ask that you please direct money towards the affordable housing needs of City of Bakersfield residents in this budget. Thank you.

From: [Hannah McBride](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Proposed General Fund 2020-21
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:48:08 AM

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To All City Councilmembers,

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I personally believe that funds should be heavily reduced from the Bakersfield Police Department and transferred to our schools and educational system, specifically the lower budget & lower income schools. It's no secret that our schools are provided insufficient funds and there is absolutely no need for police to be given a bigger budget than the children of our future. Funds should also be transferred to help aid healthcare, hospitals, and essential healthcare workers to help the spread of COVID-19.

From a concerned Bakersfield resident,
Hannah McBride

From: [Ashley Buford](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: lori.pesante@bakersfieldcollege.edu
Subject: Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 - Bakersfield City Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:56:05 AM

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Good afternoon my name is Ashley Buford. I am speaking as a attentive committee member. I reside in ward 3, with councilmen Ken Weir. I am currently enrolled as a student at Bakersfield College, with the future intent of becoming a lawyer. With an increase of policing funds, it should be directed in such a way that is beneficial to community as a whole.

The revenue should be directed towards education requirements of becoming a police officer, providing our police officers with much more education to increase their current skill set. If our probation officers are required to uphold a bachelors degree then why are our police officers held at a lower standard yet have just as much responsibilities. Make education after high school a requirement not an option. Along with a administering police officers with professional licensed mental health counselors to help our officers cope and deal with their daily and encounters. Encounters that we can't begin to imagine. Give our police officers a healthy way to channel their emotions.

I would like to thank the council for your time and consideration.

From: [jasmine.magana](mailto:jasmine.magana@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: CITY BUDGET REORGANIZED
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:39:04 AM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Ashley Magaña, and I was born and raised in Bakersfield, living there for 18 years in the fourth ward. I would like to start with my extreme disappointment in my district's councilman, BOB SMITH, for his lack of outreach and involvement in the community for not notifying and informing his community on the pressing issue we face today with police brutality and support for African Americans disproportionately being targeted whilst BEING RESIDENTS in my community. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

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I strongly urge the city council to RETHINK and REORGANIZE the city's budget by REDIRECTING ATLEAST 10-15% of the POLICE BUDGET to Parks and Recreation and/or commissioning local Artists of COLOR to create and display art that REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY.

-Ashley J. Magaña

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From: [John Kaye](#)
To:
Subject: What is RHNA?
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:01:49 AM

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From: [Nathan Smith](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My comment is for agenda item 12a Fiscal year 2020-21 budget
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From: [Tori Gordillo](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:46:27 AM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Tori Gordillo, and I am a current resident of Bakersfield. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

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From a concerned Bakersfield resident,
Tori Gordillo

From: [Jimmy.Hollispeasy](mailto:Jimmy.Hollispeasy@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us; Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Please Adopt People's Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:48:57 AM

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My name is Jimmy Hollispeasy, and I am a Bakersfield resident and I live in Ward 2, represented by Andrae Gonzales. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget Bakersfield for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost half of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget Bako does not. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents and start to focus on restorative justice.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the BPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that Bakersfield must not use its money to fund the murderous BPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors.

Bakersfield has, so far, benefitted from predominantly peaceful protests operating under the assumption our political leaders have Bakersfield's people's best interest in mind. Failure to commit to drastic change sends the wrong message to the underserved and underrepresented of our community which will only lead to more protests and civil unrest.

Funds must be divested from BPD and into our community. We do not need more police officers. We need more social workers. More counselors. More food programs. More housing. More services for our most vulnerable.

Policing is a reactionary force which is touted as a preventative and protective force. This simply is not true given abysmal response times, a deadly track record, and a city plagued by theft and vandalism.

I ask that you immediately divest from policing and invest in communities. The city of Bakersfield must begin a participatory budget process. The BPD must be removed from the Pentagon 1033 program and receive no funding from the Department of Defense that would increase the militarization of police. Finally we need an implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public

confidence.

Thank you for your time,
Jimmy Hollispeasy

From: [Yury Galvez](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:51:24 AM

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My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Hello, my name is Yury Galvez and I live in [Bakersfield, CA]. I have lived in Bakersfield for all my life. I became aware that The City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget on law enforcement. I believe that is WAY too much. I want to see the City decrease the BPD budget and allocate more money to foster care & victims of sex trafficking. I want this shift because our youth are dreaming to work, attend college, and succeed after experiencing extreme trauma. However, they have experienced lack of support. Current resources/ services are overburdened with the need. January 2019, 93 California communities made 339 human trafficking arrests. Kern County's District Attorney's office saw less than 5 cases related to sex trafficking. Our survivors are afraid and do not have the adequate support to stand as witnesses against their oppressors. Without adequate funding, sex trafficking will be rampant on Union in the very presence of law enforcement patrols. The status quo is not working. I could continue stating the need, but it is very apparent. We need resources. We need to redistribute the funds to help our survivors. Bakersfield needs a structural & financial change to help our people. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yury Galvez

From: [Jazmin Rodriguez](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: lori.peseant@bakersfieldcollege.edu
Subject: Agenda Item #12, 06/24/2020 Bakersfield City Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:56:01 AM

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Good afternoon, my name is Jazmin Rodriguez and I am currently a Criminal Justice major at Bakersfield College.

I wanted to address the 10 percent budget increase going to the Bakersfield Police Department and ask that you reconsider the proposal. The current funding being given to the BPD should first be handled in a way that addresses both the needs of the community and police officers. Our officers handle difficult and strenuous duties throughout their career, starting in the academy. With ever increasing stress stimuli, officers do not have the necessary resources that address their mental stability in a healthy and unique manner for each one of them. By practicing the redistribution of current funding within the department, officers will be able to receive proper psychological therapy once these programs are available.

Instead of placing funds in weaponry and tactical training suitable for a militarized force, allocate funding towards de-escalation training and communications. As well as administering psychological screening exams to continue testing for future behavioral issues; by doing so, we will be one step closer to understanding the actual safety priorities of our community.

Funding within the department can also be redistributed to address the social issues at hand, some of which we have let the BPD deal with for years. This would include providing more funding towards public education and health resources for our community; especially, making available and providing rehabilitation centers for substance abuse throughout the city. We cannot continue to criminalize people dealing with addictions and brush them off into a deadly cycle within incarceration.

Once again, I ask that you reconsider the 10 percent budget increase going towards the Bakersfield Police Department and place it in an area that benefits the social struggles of our community; while the current funding of BPD is redistributed within the department and out.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Haley Barter](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:06:34 AM

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Mayor Gogh,

I grew up in East Bakersfield and most of my family and friends still reside there. We are urging you not to approve the city budget today. We believe changes needed to be made to reflect the needs of our community. Right now 41% of the City budget goes to funding the BPD. Please consider the redistribution of those funds to more pressing issues like mental health services, housing, and social service programs.

Thank you for your consideration,
Haley Barter
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alondra Flores](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: People's Budget Bakersfield 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:07:48 AM

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Hi, my name is Alondra Flores, and I am a Bakersfield resident and I live in Ward 4. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget Bakersfield for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost half of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget Bako does not. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents and start to focus on restorative justice.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the BPD. It has made clear, through both physical and digital action that Bakersfield must not use its money to fund the murderous BPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors.

This is unacceptable and BPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget Bakersfield.

I ask that you immediately divest from policing and invest in communities. The city of Bakersfield must begin a participatory budget process. The BPD must be removed from the Pentagon 1033 program and receive no funding from the Department of Defense that would increase the militarization of police. Finally we need an implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public confidence.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Shilah Jones](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: BUDGET 2020 - 2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:10:54 AM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Shilah Jones, and I am a current resident of Bakersfield. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

We are demanding that Bakersfield, as a whole, involve their community more and reach out to their residents to include them in making Bakersfield better for the community. We are supposed to be represented by these councilmen and women, but somehow a lot of our desires and voices are being silenced. We demand that these City Councilmen and Councilwomen take responsibility for their lack of involvement and representation and choose to do better for the community. Finally, we demand that the police budget for 2020-2021 be reduced and go to other areas that will benefit the community of Bakersfield and the place that we call home.

From a concerned Bakersfield resident,
Shilah Jones

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nick Ortiz](#)
To: [Christian Clegg](#); [Chris Parlier](#)
Cc: [mayor@bakersfieldcity.us](#); [Andrae Gonzales](#); [Andrae Gonzales](#); [bobsmith727@me.com \(bobsmith727@me.com\)](#); [BruceFreeman](#); [Jacquie Sullivan](#); [Beatris Sanders](#); [cperez@ufw.org](#); [brian@ibew428.org](#); [fred@Quoteomega.com](#); [Keller, Kenneth - BMH](#); [bhibbard@asuassociates.com](#); [Willie Rivera](#); [wayland@kernrebroker.com](#); [jtobias@capk.org](#); [mitch@rowlandinvestigations.com](#); [Ken Weir](#); [MikeTurnipseed](#); [Kim Schaefer](#); [Kaelyn Peterson](#)
Subject: Chamber Comments - City FY20-21 Budget & PSVS Expenditures
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:11:46 AM
Attachments: [Chamber-City Budget Comment Letter.pdf](#)

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Vice Mayor Parlier & Mr. Clegg -

Please find attached a comment letter from the Chamber on the City Budget and the proposed PSVS expenditures. The long and short of it is that we believe that KernTax has raised some very relevant questions, especially about staffing, and we would recommend starting a dialogue with the Council and the PSVS Oversight Committee around long-term PSVS fiscal policies. We'd recommend ongoing alignment between spending and the Council's goals.

Overall we recommend approval of the budget tonight, and hope for direction on long-term fiscal policy.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Nick



Nicholas Ortiz | President & CEO
Greater Bakersfield Chamber

Email: nortiz@bakochamber.com

Web: www.bakochamber.com

Phone: 661.331.0313

From: [Sandra Mata](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment for Agenda Item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:23:49 AM

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Hello,

My name is Sandra Mata and I live in East Bakersfield. I am writing to express concern over the amount of money being allocated to the city's police department. It is not a secret that BPD is a highly dangerous force. It is also not a secret that Bakersfield has an extremely low quality of life. You, the city council, are being given the opportunity to improve it, yet you choose to invest so much money on something that doesn't yield returns. Why are weapons worth more to you than lives in need? Rather than giving money to dangerous, underqualified white men to "solve crimes," you should give that money to the community to get to the roots of crime. Poor education keeps people in poverty, and poverty leads to more crime. It's not rocket science. If you want to solve a problem, you don't just put a bandage over it again and again, you investigate what needs to be done to get rid of the problem. Stop criminalizing the homeless, stop criminalizing drug users, stop criminalizing Black and Brown people. We need mental health care, *permanent* housing for the homeless and the poor, better education, and more accountability across the board. Making the city look "pretty," slapping on a cute new logo on every street corner won't fix the fact that you people are not doing enough to make this community a more *livable* place. Divest from the BPD and invest in the community's needs.

Thank you,
Sandra Mata

From: [Paula Silva](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:32:48 AM

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Hello,

My name is Paula Silva and I live in Bakersfield, Ca. I have lived in Bakersfield all my life. The city of Bakersfield has proposed to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget to law enforcement. I believe that is too much. I want to see the city decrease the BDP budget and allocate more money to other city programs that encourage community support including Parks and Rec, housing, education, mental healthcare, and food insecurity. I want this shift because this is my community and I want to be able to feel safe here, not worry about the males in my family being killed by police brutality, to not fear our own police department, overall to feel safe in my community.

Thank you,

Paula.

From: [Jazmin Tapia](#)
To: Mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Reallocate egregious police budgets towards education, social services, and dismantling racial injustice
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:36:41 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Jazmin, I am a resident of Bakersfield. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Jazmin Tapia
jazminrtapia@gmail.com, (619)450-3059

From: [Mayra Miranda](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: lori.pesante@bakersfieldcollege.edu
Subject: Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 Bakersfield City Council Meeting.
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:36:45 AM

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As a college student I would like to address the city council . I do not believe defunding Bakersfield police department is what the community needs . But to redirect where the funding will be more useful. For example requiring those entering the program to at least having a AA degree in order to know the basics of policing. As for those already in the department there should be courses they should take in order to be reevaluate with mental testing . Being a police officer is not an easy job and it should require to offer their officers with mental help and support. I also think military style training shouldn't be enforced in the academy because those young male/females are going in the field to help and protect the community and in my believe it only builds anger that can possibly be the reason why some officers are aggressive and defensive when approaching civilians . Bakersfield is a growing town I believe there is still time for change and to get control over the policing system.

From: [Angel W.](#)
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: BLM
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:39:05 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is A. Wade, I am a resident of Oklahoma. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

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Thank you for your time,

A. Wade

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Thank you for your time,

A. Wade

From: [Brenda Muhm](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Comment on Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:46:45 AM

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Hello,

My name is Brenda Muhm and I live here in Bakersfield, California. I think that it is incredibly concerning that we spend so much on the police budget of our city and fail to fund other programs that need that money much more. The Bakersfield Police Department does have an issue with overaggression and corruption and until something is done about that, they do not need to be receiving such a large amount of money every year. Those funds would be better spent on affordable housing, the homelessness crisis, fixing potholes, and a number of other things.

Thank you for your time,
Brenda Muhm

From: [Zeke Rivera](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Bob Smith
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:56:23 AM

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To the respected counsel member Bob Smith.

I came across the news clipping of activist who are against Law Enforcement Officers and want to defund Bakersfield Police.

I support the First Amendment to the United States Constitution: The right of the People peaceably to assemble.

This is fine but when these individuals cause destruction to city, county, state and federal property, something must be done. This is our city and these individuals are coming in from other cities and other states causing havocs to your city.

I want to make sure that you are aware of such thing and would like to get your voice on it. I am hoping that you are for keeping and support the Bakersfield Police as well including all Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders in the city and county of Kern County. We as citizens of Kern County and the citizens of these United States must have law enforcement to keep law in order within our society. If we don't have law in order, you might as well give up your position and let Bakersfield become another Seattle Washington.

I would you like you to give your word that you support our Law Enforcement Officers and vote to support them 100% and keep law in order in Bakersfield.

Esequiel "Zeke" Rivera

From: [Sarah Sterner](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public comment agenda item 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:58:15 AM

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Hello, my name is Sarah Sterner-Cosper, and I live in the Del Rio area of Bakersfield. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible and immoral. As a Bakersfield resident, I want to see the city allocate more funds on housing and education. I moved to Los Angeles a decade ago, and instead of staying there, my husband and I moved back here because we believe in Bakersfield. I'd like to see these publicly invested funds used in ways that actually help to make our community a better place instead of continuing to pour money into law enforcement departments that, frankly, have an earned reputation among the public they're sworn to protect as an aggressive, unchecked, and unhelpful institution.

Thank you,
Sarah Sterner-Cosper

From: [Zeke Rivera](#)
To: [bakersfield mayor](#)
Subject: To the Honorable Mayor Karen K. Goh
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:03:13 AM

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To the respected Honorable Mayor Karen K. Goh.
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I would you like you to give your word that you support our Law Enforcement Officers and vote to support them 100% and keep law in order in Bakersfield.

Esequiel "Zeke" Rivera

From: [Gina](#)
To: City_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public statement on the fiscal year 2020-21 budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:06:29 AM

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Hello,

My name is Gina Yum and have lived in Bakersfield my entire life. I am extremely concerned that Bakersfield is proposing to spend 41% of the general fund on the police in the fiscal year 2020-2021. This is irresponsible. I believe that this is immoral that we currently spend \$325,000 daily on law enforcement and only \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. As a Bakersfield resident, I believe that the city should allocate more money into more accessible mental health services for communities of color, schools and teachers in communities of color, and maintenance of parks in the South East section of Bakersfield.

Thank you.

From: [Yultzin Angeles](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:17:08 AM

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Hello,

My name is Yultzin Angeles and I am a long time resident of Bakersfield. I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,00 daily on law enforcement yet only spends \$188,00 on affordable housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is incredibly irresponsible and demeaning to our residents of color. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate more money on education, housing, parks, homeless resources, and health care. If we as a city allocate more money on resources and our low income community members the need for police and law enforcement will decrease making Bakersfield a safer, better and more educated city.

I want to see these changes enacted NOW!

Best,
Yultzin Angeles

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Yultzin Angeles
University of California, Irvine
B.A. Education Sciences | Political Science

From: [Natalie Mansour](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Budget for 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:19:57 AM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Natalie Mansour, and I am a current resident of Bakersfield. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

We are demanding that Bakersfield, as a whole, involve their community more and reach out to their residents to include them in making Bakersfield better for the community. We are supposed to be represented by these councilmen and women, but somehow a lot of our desires and voices are being silenced. We demand that these City Councilmen and Councilwomen take responsibility for their lack of involvement and representation and choose to do better for the community. Finally, we demand that the police budget for 2020-2021 be reduced and go to other areas that will benefit the community of Bakersfield and the place that we call home.

From a concerned Bakersfield resident,

Natalie Mansour

From: [School](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: [Lori Pesante](#); [Lori Pesante](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 Bakersfield City Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:40:45 AM

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Good morning, my name is Crystal Alonso. I currently reside in ward 1 with Willie Rivera as our councilmen. I am currently enrolled in Bakersfield College and hope to soon join the police academy with the intent of eventually getting into homicide. With the increase in funds to the police department it should be directed in a way that can better improve the individuals in the department, as well as the community as a whole.

The funds coming into the police department should be distributed towards helping the police officers further their education as well as give them assistance for their mental health. Police officers need more education than that of what they are getting in the academy. Other fields such as probation require that they first obtain their bachelor's degree before they can even apply for the job, so why is the expectations of the police departments held at a lower standard. Education should be a requirement so that they officers are better equipped to know the laws and also to have a better understanding of how to work with the community. Not only this, but officers should also have a requirement to have their mental health checked every so often. Police officers endure having to see horrific things on a daily basis and should evaluated to make sure they are getting the help that they need if it is something that they are struggling with and to have a better understanding of where their mindset it at to attempt to prevent any unwanted tragedies from occurring.

I would like to thank the council for taking the time to listen to our listen to our concerns.

From: [Katy Merlos](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Budget for 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:43:40 AM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Katy Merlos, and I am a current resident of Bakersfield. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

We are demanding that Bakersfield, as a whole, involve their community more and reach out to their residents to include them in making Bakersfield better for the community. We are supposed to be represented by these councilmen and women, but somehow a lot of our desires and voices are being silenced. We demand that these City Councilmen and Councilwomen take responsibility for their lack of involvement and representation and choose to do better for the community. Finally, we demand that the police budget for 2020-2021 be reduced and go to other areas that will benefit the community of Bakersfield and the place that we call home.

I have been studying at California State University, Bakersfield for the last four years in hopes that my education will allow me to help my community. It is heartbreaking to see that people who can currently make a difference in our community choose not to. The budget for the police department is not only outrageous but also unfair as there are other and better organizations that would put that type of funding to better use. I must remind you that we must try to help and change certain outcomes (drug use, gang violence etc.) by providing support and intervention before the onset of such issues. If you provide better funding towards helping and guiding our youth in a positive direction you will be making a change in the future of our community. It is simple to see that the police department only attempts to "control" the problem but does nothing to fix it. Incarceration is not a fix to what is and has been a substantial issue in our community, prevention and intervention is. Do more and do better for the community you serve.

From a concerned Bakersfield resident,

Katy Merlos

From: [Gina](#)
To: City_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
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Thank you.

From: [David Abbasi](#)
To: [Bakersfield City Council](#); city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Follow People's Budget recommendations
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:58:27 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is David David Abbasi. I am a resident of Ward 2. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that 41% of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary. We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country.

We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents.

I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me. Thank you.

-David Abbasi
Political Coordinator
Central Valley Citizens For Responsible Government
661-412-2743

From: [Corissa Garcia](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Budget for 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:00:09 PM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Corissa Garcia and I am a current resident of Bakersfield. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

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From a concerned Bakersfield resident,
Corissa Garcia

From: [Jennifer Castaneda](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: [Lori Pesante](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item #12
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:06:26 PM

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Hi, my name is Jennifer Castaneda-Garcia and I am a student at Bakersfield College, majoring in Administration of Justice. I live in Ward 4 and Bob Smith is my City Councilmember. As a member of this community, I would like to give my opinion on where I believe that the funding should be spent within Law Enforcement if they plan to increase the budget by 10%. In the class I am enrolled in now, my classmates and I have brought the topic up and most of us would agree, including myself, that it should be spent on making sure that desiring officers or even officers who are already part of the Bakersfield Police Department have the proper education and training that meets their job duties needs. Having officers with a higher education in criminal justice and/or other college required courses could be what potentially determines the kind of officers they could become in the future. I currently work for the Kern County Probation department and feel that when you are required more than a high school diploma and a 6-month training, it makes a difference on how you do your job. It allows you to value your integrity and career. Police officers have duties that involve our community, requiring them to patrol areas, interview subjects, prepare reports and the ability to determine when the use of force is necessary just as a Probation officer would. I read reports written by law enforcement officers daily, which oftentimes are poorly written, missing so much important information. This is just an example of where our tax money could go. If Probation officers are required to have a bachelor's degree, why shouldn't a Police officer be required the same? Therefore, as mentioned before, giving officers funding to broaden their education when dealing with these situations could help in a positive outcome when confronted with any given circumstance while on the job. I believe that it should take more than passing a couple of tests in the Academy in order to be recruited. Allowing officers to have classes which would require them to be taught how to interact with the community, how to properly write reports, cope with stress or even the proper use of force is imperative in today's communities. I'd like to thank you for your time in reading my opinion as a member of the Bakersfield community.

From: [Victoria Larios](#)
To: city_clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 12a
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:09:32 PM

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My name is Victoria Larios and I live in Bakersfield, Ca. I have lived in Bakersfield for 23 years. The city of Bakersfield has proposed to allocate 41% of its \$118 million dollar general fund budget to law enforcement. I believe that is too much. I want to see the city decrease the BDP budget and allocate more money to mental health services and covid 19 relief. I want this shift because the pandemic is rising in large numbers and many residents are not believing in the severity of our situation. Kern County also has the unfortunate reputation of being known for police brutality. With much respect, thank you.

From: [Kamea Flores](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Public Comment for Agenda Item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:10:45 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Kamea and I am a resident of Bakersfield, California. I am a college student and I have lived here, in Rosedale, for almost my whole life (13 years). I am deeply concerned that the City of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic, and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a resident here in this city, I want to see the city allocate more money on education and healthcare.

I have gone to school in this city since 1st grade. I was taught that it was normal that our teachers had to buy their own supplies to teach us basic concepts like math, reading, and writing. People in this town have medical needs that cannot be fulfilled due to the lack of access of affordable health care. Is it justified that a boy cannot receive insulin simply because he has poor healthcare? Due to these reasons, I advocate that the money the city would give to the police be allocated to our children and our communities in the East side of town. East Bakersfield deserves to look just as nice as Rosedale.

From: [Hector Cabrera](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Pro Budget Public Comment: In Re: Agenda Item Number 12a, Fiscal Budget 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:13:53 PM

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Bellow I have attached my public comment which I hope to be read or shown at the City Council
06/24/2020 5:15 Meting.

Public Comment in Re Agenda Item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

In Affirmation of:

My name is Hector Cabrera Jr, and I have lived in Bakersfield for my entire life. I love our great city, and I am completely saddened by what some people are proposing to do in re our great officers. I wish that I can stand before this stage and address the council in person, but unfortunately, I have my high school graduation today, and thus am unable to attend. Yet, based on what I have seen online and in other mediums, I cannot help but notice the sad degrade state of what we are arguing for here today. There are some in this very audience who believe that by abolishing the police forces of our nation, and of our very own city of Bakersfield, that the world will transform into a miraculous utopia where crime is a notion of the past. As ridiculous as this sounds, that is what these people are arguing for, they may come up here and say that they “demand a ‘Peoples Budget’ that calls for less police spending, and more “community spending” but what “Peoples Budget” are they talking about?

People deserve to be safe. People deserve to live in well-policed communities that prevent crime and enforce the laws. The same people who come here to this council and decry that we must eliminate the police force, and let me be clear, the ultimate goal of the “defunding movement” is the total abolition of the police force, are the same people who cheer on violent and destructive riots, looting, and lawless behavior, these are the same people who encourage violence against our officers, the same ones who wish them harm.

I would like to remind the Bakersfield City Council, that we the people, elect them to make decisions on *our* behalf, not on the behalf of a fridge political minority group. Recall the quote form the late-great Teddy Roosevelt, “speak softly and carry a big stick” – these people who come here and demand that you cut our police budget have no real support in the community, they come in groups and numbers because they have nothing else to do, they may sound loud and numbersome, but they are in fact not. The plurality of these people come from social media posts, and want to post on their Twitters, or Instagram that they “made a change”, they don’t care about our community, they care about their image online. The fact is, we cannot allow outside pollical groups to control what we allocate our budget to in our town. I recently was on the “Peoples Budget Bakersfield” and I was not surprised in what I saw. When you go on their “toolkit” it lists the same copy-text messages that a person can send via email, Twitter, Phone-Call, etc., it even lists comments that a person can submit to this very meeting.

What this shows, is that these people are not even capable of independent thought, and instead rely

on group-think to try to bully their way into achieving their “goals” – no honorable city council, which is sworn to oath, to follow the will of the people, should heed to their demands of anarchy. The fact of the matter is that most of these people who would demand such a ignorant notion are in fact young and politically uneducated people, who think that social media is a substitute for the real world. Professor Meredith W. Watts, in her paper “Are There Typical Age Curves in Political Behavior? The “Age Invariance” Hypothesis and Political Socialization” she writes that “[the] youth approval of the more disruptive forms of political behavior has left a left-skewed age distribution that is typical of deviant behavior. This suggest an unappealing combination of political activism and political ignorance occurring in late adolescence”

The Bakersfield City Council cannot fail it’s people nor it’s police officers by bowing down to the demands a clearly disruptive and lawless group. It should not heed to their cries and must hold its ground. In an epoch when crime is on the rise, and the sophistication of crime is likewise rising, our police needs more officers and more budgeting. It’s the reason why Measure N was passed, to make sure that our community has the funds needed for public safety. If the *real* people of Bakersfield are entrusting it’s council with *it’s tax money*, it would not only be a stab in the back to democracy if the council bows down to the whims of this group, but would likewise be a betrayal to the real “people” of Bakersfield.

Let us not forget that this budget has all but been finalized. For months there has been an opportunity to make public comment or rebukes to the budget, yet these people did not come out at that time. If this was such a “radical” solution to their problem, wouldn’t it have already been proposed?

The fact is that is “trendy” at the moment to be a “social-justice advocate” – the youth crave the acceptance of others, and thus will conform themselves if it means getting the approval of the “majority” – this distinct sociological trait is only highlighted in the digital age. People want to be “trendy” and think that the disruption of the *status quo* will get them that, even at the cost of public safety. The inherent danger in this, is that they are often the victims of group think, impermeable to reason, and thinking in a herd mentality.

It is up to the City Council of the **Great City of Bakersfield** to uphold public safety above all in our communities, ensure that our police force is well-funded, and not bow down to the whims of a fringe-political ideal which will loose traction in a couple of months

Thank you,

Hector Cabrera Jr

From: [Mathew Stevenson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Defund the Police, Vote NO
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:18:36 PM

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Good Morning.

I see there is a very small group asking to defund the Bakersfield Polic Department. Even as I was not a large supporter of measure N and I knew some if not most was to fund the shortcomings of the pension plan, I am in support of our Police Department and I am not happy there are reports of just 404 for all of Bakersfield. We need not defund the policy but add more funds and hire more police Please do not fall for this scam of moving funds to other areas and lets first get the police personal we need before looking to other areas.

Other area I talk about is adding a wing to the police department just like in the '70s and 80's when the LA fire department added paramedics, we can add counselors within the police department that are trained like the police but tag along to call for mental and health issue.

Thank you...

Mathew Stevenson
Bakersfield, CA 93311

From: [Justin Lewis](#)
To: city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Budget for 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:28:52 PM

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To All City Councilmembers,

My name is Justin Lewis, and I am a current resident of Bakersfield. It is my understanding that 41% of funds go to the police force and that the proposed budget for the police for 2020-2021 is \$118,629,804. This number is outrageous in comparison to the benefits for the community.

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From a concerned Bakersfield resident,
Justin Lewis

From: [Tiara King](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: [Tiara King](#)
Subject: General Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:30:43 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I'd like to speak on behalf of the lack of response the Bakersfield City Council has shown regarding this communities pressing issue of racial injustice. Today, as you are prepared to vote on 628 million dollar budget, in which 52 percent is allocated to provide funding to our police department; I'm curious to know why tangible action hasn't been taken to allocate the necessary resources to invest into the needs of reform for this department and revision to the system as a whole?

The city council has received nearly 2,000 emails, from the concerned citizens that placed you in these very seats? Yet, these voices have gone unacknowledged beyond the acknowledgement that the emails were received. Please allow me to clarify, when we say we want our voices heard- we are also saying we demand the movement toward positive and proactive change! I echo the sentiments heard across this city- this current system that the council is operating on is outdated, unsuitable, and ineffective. Now is the time to put into action, the promises made to the constituents that elected you into position.

I appreciate you showing up and taking pictures, but I'd feel more confident in the council if true and genuine steps were being made to enhance the communities you represent. We have deep seated issues that our community is facing during this time. Fresno city council not only proclaimed a Black lives matter day, but they also implemented a commission to include residents and local, as well as national experts on community policing. The time is up, and ignoring this vital issue will not make the problem go away. Today is the day of action, and I ask what is your move toward transformation and unity?

Thank you,

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From: [Mirasol Gutierrez](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Cc: lori.pesante@bakersfieldcollege.edu
Subject: Agenda Item #12, 6/24/20 Bakersfield City Council Meeting.
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:31:01 PM

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Dear Mayor Goh, Chief Terry, and Councilmember Rivera,

My name is Mirasol Gutierrez, currently attending Bakersfield College. As a Bakersfield College student, I have the opportunity and privilege of meeting a variety of people with different backgrounds. Despite our differences however, upon discussing police reforms, we share identical ideas and arrive at the similar conclusions; that is, police ought to possess or obtain a higher education in order to effectively perform their jobs. I am writing not to urge you to reject the current proposed Bakersfield Police Department budget increase of ten percent, I.e. the 2020/21 Bakersfield City budget, but to redistribute the funds towards improving the resumes of the police in the way of extending their education and at minimum, quarterly evaluations of the department in order to ensure officers remain proficient.

Distribution of the funds within the Bakersfield Police Department from militarization or militarized equipment, towards an alternative use such as mandatory secondary education of aspiring officers will continuously be beneficial both to the public and its officers. Time and again, the police have demonstrated they are competent in the art of disabling, incapacitating, and immobilizing the public. It is time they demonstrate they are equally competent in the very skills and qualities which an aspiring officer must encompass. Some qualities may include but are not limited to;

- Effective communication skills
- Compassion and empathy
- Integrity
- Negotiation skills
- Eagerness to learn
- Mental agility
- Discipline

Nowhere have I ever seen a “trigger happy” requirement. Nowhere have I ever observed a demand of corruption. Nowhere have I ever witnessed a desire for aspiring officers to encompass a desire to kill. The time has come for citizens to take back their peace of mind. No longer should the public, especially the marginalized, live in fear when their loved ones leave their homes or have brief encounters with the police, for we have seen what a simple brief encounter with an officer may lead to.

In addition to a higher education requirement, departments ought to be evaluated to ensure officers remain mentally and psychologically fit. Officers experience stress on a daily basis therefore they are directly in harm's way; their thoughts and feelings as well as behavior are all affected by stress. Stress that is left unchecked will contribute to many other health problems which may render the officers ineffective.

In summation, I greatly believe investing funds into our officers, not to physically arm them with the newest militarized equipment, but to equip them with knowledge is the most appropriate solution for the issues we face today. The physical, hands-on, tactical training should not be the only education aspiring police officers are subjected and exposed to throughout their careers.

Thank you.

Mirasol Gutierrez

From: [Lezli Ballesteros](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Adopt a People's Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:41:14 PM

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Hi, my name is Lezli, I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget Bakersfield for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost half of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget Bako does not. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents and start to focus on restorative justice.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the BPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that Bakersfield must not use its money to fund the murderous BPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors.

This is unacceptable and BPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget Bakersfield.

I ask that you immediately divest from policing and invest in communities. The city of Bakersfield must begin a participatory budget process. The BPD must be removed from the Pentagon 1033 program and receive no funding from the Department of Defense that would increase the militarization of police. Finally we need an implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public confidence.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Lezli Ballesteros](mailto:Lezli.Ballesteros@bakersfieldcity.us)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: Adopt a People's Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:42:26 PM

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Thank you for your time.

From: [Emma Scott](#)
To: mayor@bakersfieldcity.us; city_council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: We don't need more money for BPD
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:47:47 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Emma Scott, I am a resident of Upper La-Cresta. We demand reallocation of funding from BPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that nearly a quarter of the city funding for 2021 is planned towards the Police Department, including Police Chief Terry's exorbitant salary.

We demand that the City Council defund the BPD by joining similar calls across the country. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Bakersfield residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the Bakersfield city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care Not Cops. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Emma Scott
emmajordanscott@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maira Rios](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Council Meeting Agenda Item 12
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:49:49 PM

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Dear Mayor Goh, Councilmembers, Chief Terry and Manager Clegg,

My name is Maira Rios and I am a resident of Ward 4. I am writing today to urge you to reject the current proposed 2020-2021 Bakersfield City budget, specifically the proposed Bakersfield Police Department budget increase of nearly ten percent.

We are in a moment of reckoning as a city and a community. We have the opportunity now, given the national movement and conversation, to re-imagine how we handle public safety and how we invest in our community and those most in need. As a city, we currently criminalize poverty, people of color and mental illness, which leads to further social problems and reduces public safety. It is a grave mistake to further invest in police to handle issues of social work, mental health crises and general non-violent crisis interventions instead of investing in the professionals and community organizations equipped to better handle these social problems.

Chief Terry and BPD have spoken of the efforts they have taken to reform their policies, and although this is long overdue, it is not enough. I urge you to reallocate resources from BPD to other programs that will actually address public safety. We cannot continue to default to police response and an increasing police budget.

I urge my council member, Bob Smith, and the rest of the council to reject the proposed budget, specifically the BPD's budget increase, and reallocate resources to alternative community solutions that further our public health and safety.

Sincerely,
Maira Rios

From: [Jasiree Yatco](#)
To: City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: My public comment is for agenda item: 12a, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:50:17 PM

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Hello, my name is Jas and I live in Bakersfield, CA. I am deeply concerned that the city of Bakersfield spends \$325,000 daily on law enforcement, yet only spends \$188,000 on housing, open space, economic and community needs combined. It is irresponsible. As a Bakersfield resident I want to see the city allocate support on SB20-217 (The Police Accountability and Integrity Act) in order to protect brown and black lives. End Qualified Immunity. If anything, redirect money and funding to mental health services and marginalized communities.

From: [Kevin Schaad](#)
To: City_Council@bakersfieldcity.us
Subject: City Budget FY 2020-2021
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:52:28 PM

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June 24, 2020

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Councilmember Chris Parlier
Chief of Police Greg Terry
City Manager Christian Clegg

Dear Mayor Goh, Councilmembers, Chief Terry and Manager Clegg,

As a resident of Bakersfield's fifth ward I am writing to comment on the upcoming vote to adopt the city budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. I strongly urge the city government officials responsible for producing and adopting the budget to reject the current proposed budget and reassess funding allocations based on the recommendations in the Criminal Justice Reform Coalition's letter included below.

Sincerely,
Kevin Schaad
Ward 5

On behalf of the Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, a collaborative of local organizations and advocates working to improve public safety by promoting public engagement, sound policies and transparency and accountability from law enforcement, we write to urge you to reject the current proposed 2020-2021 Bakersfield City budget, specifically the proposed Bakersfield Police Department budget increase of nearly ten percent.¹

Increasing money allocated to a police department that by its own recent public admissions is not meeting the needs of the community, is an insult to the hundreds of residents who have put their lives on the line to march for justice in our streets and an even starker insult to the memory of Robert Forbes and impacted community members.² In BPD Chief Terry's own words, "Policing hasn't done enough. For far too long, the police have decided what the community needs." We can no longer burden police officers with all of the social problems we have failed to meaningfully address. It is time to join the community's call for a fundamental reimagining of public safety in Kern County. It's time to address the root cause of police violence and redirect funds from BPD towards community-based public safety approaches that help communities thrive.

Relying on police to respond to our social problems costs Bakersfield taxpayers millions and does not further public safety. We have criminalized poverty, people of color, and mental illness, exacerbating social problems and reducing public safety for all. This is confirmed in the research conducted by UCLA's Bunche Center for African American Studies- A Million Dollar Hoods (MDH) Report regarding Bakersfield's police response to the unhoused:³

- Unhoused people are disproportionately arrested when compared to their housed

counterparts. In 2017 alone, an unhoused person was arrested an average of 22 times, an astronomical number compared to only 1 arrest for every 25 housed people.

- From 2003-2017, when arrests in our state as a whole declined 16.5%, arrests in Bakersfield increased 32%. Bakersfield arrests of the unhoused went from 9% to 32% of all arrests. Especially disheartening was the disproportionate arrest of not only African Americans, but the over-policing of impoverished unhoused caucasian residents in Oildale.

Furthermore, MDH reported that from January 2010-December 2016, the Kern County Jails received 8,604 bookings of people who were later released after having their case dismissed. People spent an average of 36 days in jail on cases that were later dismissed. This cost the community over 29.3 million dollars.⁴ Compared to the \$5,551 cost to feed, care for and shelter an individual for an entire year.⁵ The most common charges during this period were: possession of drugs and paraphernalia, failure to appear and driving on a suspended license. These nonviolent offenses are closely associated with poverty and mental health. This is exactly why you need to reject the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget and allow the public to participate in finding alternative community-based public safety approaches. Police with guns, who've shown propensity to use them too often, should not be sent to do social work, crisis intervention and mental health counseling, which accounts for approximately twenty-one percent of police calls.⁶ Instead we call on you to consider a model like Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS) in Eugene Oregon: CAHOOTS responds to almost twenty percent of police calls with a budget of \$2 million, while the police department spends \$68 million to respond to the other eighty-percent. Our taxes, including funds from Measure N, designated for public safety, should be used to directly address poverty, homelessness, and mental illness, without the added complication of criminalization.

We urge you to reallocate resources from BPD, to programs that will actually address public safety. The Council must immediately move forward to implement a program that provides the appropriate response to police calls, and not simply default to a police response. We recognize the many issues involved in implementing such a program, but we are confident it can be installed by 2021. The Council should immediately consider expanding the work of the Bakersfield Homeless Collaborative, contracting for mental health services, and funding substance abuse programs.

While we applaud partial implementation of certain policies, including the purchase of body cameras, these are only small steps toward a true reform of the current policing model. To demonstrate your commitment to all residents, we also request you immediately adopt data-based public safety goals: ban chokeholds and strangleholds, require deescalation, require all alternatives be utilized prior to the use of deadly force, ban shooting at moving vehicles, have a use of force continuum and require comprehensive reporting. While designed to reduce harm in the short-term, these goals are important steps toward effective, safe and economic policing. We urge you to take action and reject the FY 2020-2021 budget proposal, specifically the BPD's budget increase request, until you've had the opportunity to engage in a community in alternative community-based public safety approaches.

Sincerely,
Criminal Justice Reform Coalition
Jesse Rodriguez
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Kia Villareal
Lori Pesante
Marvin G. Pettiford
Robin Walters
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¹Sam Morgen, "In the face of calls to defund, Bakersfield slated to increase police budget," Bakersfield Californian (June 12, 2020) available at <https://www.bakersfield.com/news/in-the-face-of-calls-to-defund-bakersfield-slated-to-increase-police->

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2Quinn Wilson, "BPD acknowledges need for reform during community Zoom meeting," Bakersfield Californian (June 3, 2020)

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From: [Carolina Aldaco](#)
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Subject: BPD Budget
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Hi, my name is Carolina Aldaco, and I am a Bakersfield resident and I live in Ward number 6. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget Bakersfield for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

Unlike the Mayor and the City Council's budget, which gives almost half of the general funds to the BPD, the People's Budget Bako does not. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Bakersfield residents and start to focus on restorative justice.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the BPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that Bakersfield must not use its money to fund the murderous BPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors.

This is unacceptable and BPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget Bakersfield.

I ask that you immediately divest from policing and invest in communities. The city of Bakersfield must begin a participatory budget process. The BPD must be removed from the Pentagon 1033 program and receive no funding from the Department or Defense that would increase the militarization of police. Finally we need an implementation of Citizen's Review Boards in municipalities to hold police departments accountable and build public confidence.

Thank you for your time.