

From: [Lindsey Jessen](#)
Subject: Black Lives and Systemic Racism
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:47:23 PM

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Hi,

The current law enforcement system is in ruins. I am reaching out to you because I am immensely troubled by the unfair treatment of African-Americans by police nationwide.

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.

Regards,

Lindsey Jessen

From: Jiwon Min
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Line item 3 on the Police Commission
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:32:20 PM

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Hello,

My name is Jiwon and I am a voter from district 3.

It is known in the social work sphere that there is a correlation between being a foster youth and becoming homeless or being jailed as an adult.

I implore you to vote no on the budget, because we should be investing in our youth, rather than in the policing of our youth.

If the current city budget reflects its values, then Why has the police budget grown by almost 50% in the last decade? Why is the starting salary of a police officer is \$90 thousand, while the starting salary of a teacher is \$63 thousand?

The city's budget must reflect the values of community investment. Please vote no.

Black lives matter.

Defund the police.

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From: David Ljung Madison Stellar
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Comments on SFPD and Budgeting
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:17:20 PM

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SF Police Commission, thank you for your time and consideration.

I am a resident for over 20 years of the amazing city of San Francisco.

I am upper-middle class and white.

I am not a radical progressive, my beliefs could better be described as capitalist.

And I used to believe that the police served us and protected us.

All my interactions with the police were generally polite and respectful, as so many people in our society believe is the standard that our officer's follow.

For reasons that would take much longer than this short note to explain, I intentionally chose to spend many years living near and amongst homeless people.

My view of the police changed drastically, because their view of me had changed. Living in these areas gave the police the impression that I was also homeless and suddenly I saw the police force that did not care about serving the public or upholding the law.

I have had the police scream at me, threaten me, lie to me, damage my property, endanger my life and had my rights violated more times than I can count, all without any provocation. Simply because they thought I was of a different class then they felt they were supposed to protect.

My eyes are open.

I know see that the police force is a thug force that cares little about the law it is supposed to protect, and it only shows a good face to the segment of our population that they are forced to "behave" around.

I do not think that all officers are bad people.

I think that the system itself is fundamentally broken so that corruption and abuse will always thrive in our policing system, and that good officers have no ability or power or incentive to actually fix the toxic system they are immersed in.

I understand that many people feel like the idea of defunding the police to be a radical and dangerous mistake, one that will lead the city into chaos. So I'll word it differently. We need to *replace* the police with systems and organizations that work.

The reality is that the vast majority of calls and actions the police take can be done much better and much more efficiently and much *cheaper* by other organizations that don't have the ability to attack and abuse and kill with immunity.

Furthermore, the idea that the police actually accomplish much in terms of protection is laughable. I now live in a beautiful home with wonderful neighbors in the Bayview neighborhood, and the police are simply not here and sure aren't going to stop any crime in this neighborhood, even if the neighborhood wanted them here, which they generally don't. Better to deal with some petty crime than to have the police officers coming around and attacking people's rights and lives.

Thank you for your work that you do, but the reforms are not working, and our policing system is immune from any serious change that requires bigger commitment from the commission. It has been a long and difficult night. I apologize for all the callers who couldn't stay on discussion, and it is frustrating, but perhaps it's also a sign that things have gone so far that the discussion is collapsing. So maybe we need to realize that we can't go any farther down this path, we can't just keep hoping that things will get better.

It's time for change. I hope that you can hear what is happening and start to ask the question - is there something wrong with the police dep't that is invisible to so much of our population? Is there some reason behind the cries and pleas of the people who are begging that the abuse ends?

Our police force is not here for us.

It's time we are no longer here for them.

It's time we make our city safe again.

Thank you again for your time,

David Madison Stellar
SF Resident
Homeowner
Husband and father
Tax payer
Computer Engineer
Artist and Teacher
Community Cultural Organizer
and someone who loves this great city and has hope for change

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-- It is a good idea. Unfortunately, it is a new idea, and therefore we --
fear it. And so, it must be discarded -Lothar of the Hill People, SNL

From: Tammy Ong
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Regarding reallocation of police funding
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:48:29 PM

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Hello,

My name is Tammy and I am a resident of San Francisco. I am writing to ask that we reallocate police funding towards other city programs for mental health, disability, homelessness, domestic abuse, and the ambulance so that police don't have to respond to every domestic call.

I'm originally from greater Detroit where, unfortunately, I grew up in a home of domestic abuse from my father who is now estranged. In an effort to control my mom and us kids, when he would get out of control and abusive, he would actually call the police on our family thinking that the police would encourage us to obey him. I was quite young then but remember being very afraid, embarrassed, and old enough to know that there was no support the police could offer the situation.

I also request that some of your funding go towards mandatory therapy and psychological evaluation for your cops. I also ask that you set aside some funds for rewarding those who turn in fellow cops for unruly behavior. If there is a reward system, we might see more honor in your department.

If SF leads by example, other cities may follow suit and we can finally work toward a better society and the citizens' animosity towards officers will decrease over time.

In community,
Tammy

From: [Haley Byrd](#)
To: [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Budget Vote
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:10:30 PM

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Hi,

I waited on the line until 10:07 p.m. hoping to comment on the budget, but was unable. My name is Haley Byrd and I'm a 15-year resident of San Francisco. I'm a proud Native American woman of the Cowlitz Tribe.

As a mixed-race Indigenous Person of Color, I am asking you: Please do not approve the SFPD budget this evening as it currently stands. We do not want more of the same and we do not want to fund more of the same. We need change.

First of all, the militarization of our police is a terrifying overreach of power, and it was disappointing and disturbing to attend a peaceful protest about excessive force while facing police in military gear. I do not want my tax dollars paying for that. This makes me and my community less, not more, safe.

Many are calling to disband the police, but I'm going to talk about the SMALLEST step you can and should take toward dismantling any structure in our city that results disproportionately in the deaths and incarceration of People of Color because that is all I think you will be receptive to. Because we live in a country plagued by systemic racism, this inevitably includes police departments because their job is literally to enforce the law. We have a racist legal system that doesn't work for People of Color, trans people, for Native American people, sex workers and I can tell you that it doesn't work for victims of sexual violence, either, among other marginalized sections of our populous...

Any police department budget should be created with dismantling systemic white supremacy in mind. So how ARE you going to come to us with a budget based on that? You should create a budget that means the police are rarely necessary, so that the entry to this system is the narrowest door possible, so that most don't enter this broken system in the first place.

The department should partner with The Center for Policing Equity, an organization that uses police departments' own data to better allocate resources to the communities they serve. This results in fewer calls to the police in the first place, redirecting to a community resource.

I'll say their name again: The Center for Policing Equity.

All of the hiring measures and bias training in the world is not going to solve this problem, because the problem of systemic racism ENCOMPASSES the police department. I hope everybody understands that.

You do need to take a concrete action immediately! This IS a life or death situation. The Center for Policing Equity CAN help you reduce the community interactions with police that are most likely to escalate to use of force by looking at your data and making metrics-based recommendations to the City of San Francisco about how to best re-allocate these funds and provide services.

This is the BARE MINIMUM action that you should take in that direction because it will immediately result in saving Black lives and reducing racially disproportionate incarceration rates.

I'd love to see a budget for our city based on these findings, a budget that is actively working to dismantle white supremacy. Metrics are something you can target and measure to do better, and this is where I believe you should start.

Thank you for hearing my comment,
Haley Byrd

p.s. As a rape survivor, I can tell you that the legal system did not work for me. I didn't feel safe to call the police and I never spoke out until over a decade later when I learned he had raped other women. Had there been established a number that I could call that would result in a trained rape victim's advocate to be the first on the scene at my home, followed by a trained rape forensics medical collector, followed by an actual police detective who handles rape cases, I would have called. I never got a rape kit exam. Neither did the other FIVE women he raped. Even when we banded together, he served only 1 year in prison. This is just one example of how we can create other structures to handle "police calls" far better than what we currently have.

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"Heights by great men reached and kept were not obtained by sudden flight but, while their companions slept, they were toiling upward in the night."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

From: Juli Carter
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Police Budget Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:08:41 PM

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Good Evening Police Commissioners,

I would like to make a public comment on the Police Budget Item 3 and have been on hold waiting for hours and unable to get through.

My name is Juli Carter and I am a Registered Nurse and resident of San Francisco for 25 years. I'm calling to state that police violence is a public health crisis. I support defunding the police and redirecting those funds to social services and restorative justice.

Ive been a nurse for 25 years and throughout my career I have been kicked in the head, punched, bitten, spat at, called numerous vulgar names and at one time ended up in the ER due to a violent ICU patient of mine. No at one moment did I respond to any of those violent events with violence. Nurses and doctors everyday deal with violent patients with compassion, kindness and de-escalation. We never respond with violence. If I ever hit my patient back I would be fired immediately. I don't understand how police are not held to this same standard. The police are being paid to protect and serve the community. It is obvious that the police and the police union will not be reformed and in light of recent events are even more adamant that they are never in the wrong and they will not change. It is time to dismantle this racist Institution and rethink how we protect and care for our communities.

Second, California is dealing with huge budget cuts to our public schools and social services and yet the police budget continues to grow and grow.

Thirdly, as a nurse working on the frontlines during a pandemic, 6 months in and we still don't have adequate PPE at our hospitals, yet the police have riot gear and never ending weapons of war to use against civilians. This just confirms our priorities as a city and nation.

Forth, the safest communities are NOT the most policed, but the ones with the most resources.

Again, its time we started to rethink how we want to care and protect our communities. The police have proven over and over again that they will not be reformed. It is now time to defund the police and start funding social services, communities and investing in our people.

Thank you,

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From: Katherine Schaff
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: comments on police budget
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:05:13 PM

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To the Police Commission,

I was on the phone for a long time tonight hoping to join in with the many voices calling for justice and liberation but kept getting kicked off the call so I wanted to email my comments.

I am a public health worker in District 9. In 2018, the world's oldest and largest public health organization, American Public Health Association, representing 25,000 people, declared police violence a public health issue and proposed evidence-based solutions that we can move to and create true public safety for all and a San Francisco that everyone can thrive in. This includes investing in housing, restorative justice, educating our children, providing mental and physical healthcare, and ensuring people have access to what they need to thrive.

As public health practitioners, we recognize that systems of criminalization and policing cause great harm to low-income communities of color and other oppressed groups, as well as our society as a whole. As outlined in the [American Public Health Association's statement](#) on law enforcement violence, these harms can be prevented using a public health approach that divests from systems of criminalization and invests in resources that support health, including housing, education, jobs, and mental health services. Decriminalization is also a key tenet of this approach.

We know from history that the world's eyes will be on San Francisco and what we do. We are at a historic moment and I wonder how future generations will look back on our choices. Each of us has a role to play—I hope you understand that your role is to defund the police so we can fund what will truly bring us freedom, liberation, and the opportunity to be healthy and live to our potential.

Sincerely,
Katherine Schaff, DrPH, MPH

From: Alice Duesdieker
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Comment on item 3
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:55:36 PM

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Hello. My name is Alice Duesdieker. I'm a 4th generation San Franciscan, and resident and voter in District 4. I'm writing to ask you to defund, dismantle, and abolish the police. SFPD's budget includes funding for police in schools, weapons and military style equipment, weapons training, and other militarization and weaponization efforts. SFPD's budget is greater than the budgets of Rec & Park, Homelessness, SFPL, and workforce development. A budget is a moral document. Right now, this budget shows that we value this state-backed violence against our communities more than we value health care, community development, education, or housing. Vote your values and vote the values of this city. Defund and disband the SFPD. Black lives matter. Thank you for your time.

From: [Ryan Lennox](#)
To: [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Defunding
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:47:39 PM

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Hello,

My name is Ryan Lennox and I live in the outer Richmond District. I wanted to write to let you know that as a citizen of San Francisco I strongly believe in defunding SFPD and funding community organizations with those funds.

Thank you,
Ryan

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From: Kayle Barnes
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Comment on 6.10.20 Agenda Items #3 (Budget) & #4 (General Comment)
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:38:21 PM

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Hi SF Police Commission,

I'm a D5 resident and voter and I'm writing to join with the overwhelming number of people tonight, in support of defunding the police and investing those resources into agencies and departments such as DCYF.

I want to see and live in a San Francisco, ancestral home to the Ohlone, that lives up to its perceived progressive values.

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Kayle

From: Camille Geeter
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Chief's Report
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:35:28 PM

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Hello,

I have joined the SFPD Budget Report Meeting and I'd like to see the reports that are being referenced, such as the Chief's report and DPA report; however I cannot find them online. Please advise.

Thanks,
Camille

From: [Sarah Boudreau](#)
To: [SFPD](#), [ssinn \(POL\)](#)
Cc: [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Defund SFPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:28:45 PM

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Hello,

I could not make the meeting tonight but wanted to share a few brief thoughts with the commission, the mayor, and my representative. I have great respect for the bravery and duty of police officers and think that many of the roles the police play are important to our city. Many of my family members are police officers in other cities and states and I am honored by the personal and familial sacrifices they are willing to make for their communities. That being said, I think the structure and budget of the SFPD is currently set up for failure and needs to be reevaluated. With the ever-expanding breadth of the police force, officers can't possibly be trained to best handle all of the complicated and different types of situations that arise in our city. The budget would be better spent on specialized groups (social workers, traffic enforcement, homeless outreach, etc.) that are best-suited to their particular field and in most or all cases are not armed officers, reducing the burden on the current force and the potential escalation points in interactions that do not need a militarized response. It doesn't make sense for the budget for the police department to grow almost 50% in 10 years, the starting salaries to be almost 1.5x those of another essential workforce in the city that also deescalates conflict daily (teachers), and for 83 armed officers to be assigned to addressing homelessness just a few years after the commission passed a resolution to address homelessness through social workers and healthcare instead of officers. So, I am asking the commission to commit to voting NO on the police budget and NOT to approve the budget until there are serious divestments from the police department. Our wonderful city will be safest and best run when the most appropriate folks for the job are responding in our communities and our investments are in programs that keep our residents safe, including harm reduction, restorative justice, and affordable housing solutions.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Boudreau

Cow Hollow Resident

Member, YIMBY Action, Urban Environmentalists, Northern Neighbors

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From: Lily Sun
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
Subject: Police Commission Meeting 6/10/20
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:19:41 PM

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Dear SF Police Commission & District Attorney of San Francisco,

The recent murder of George Floyd by a member of the Minnesota Police Department, as well as the ongoing violence against black communities by the MPD, call for a structural rethinking of the role of policing in our society. Like you, I care deeply about safety and protection of rights, health. Our shared goals are a reduction in crime and a healthy, happy, thriving, and vibrant city.

As many studies have shown, securing our communities and preventing harm require action on multiple levels: mental health, housing, access to care, alternative justices, mediation, and more. These services clearly reduce harm and aid in recovery from harm that does occur, but our police forces were never meant to provide these services and are, unsurprisingly, ill-equipped to deliver.

True justice is ***harm prevention***, not militarized punitive measures that tend to target the marginalized — impoverished, BIPOC communities, the mentally unwell, trans communities, and the disabled. More than half of police killings involve those with mental health problems or disabilities. This is unacceptable and a disservice to justice. In order to grow healthy communities we request you both defund the police departments, but crucially that this energy, attention, and funds be reinvested in harm prevention and alternative, experienced, compassionate harm responses.

Our requests:

1) Reduce the police dept. general fund by at least 50% immediately

Reject any proposed expansion to police budgets.

Reduce the power of police unions.

Until the police are fully defunded, make police union contract negotiations public.

Pressure the AFL-CIO to denounce police unions.

Prohibit city candidates taking money from police unions and stop accepting union funds.

Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in use of excessive force.

We demand the highest budget cuts per year, until police budgets are at zero.

Slash police salaries across the board until they are zeroed out.

Immediately fire police officers who have any excessive force complaints.

No hiring of new officers or replacement of fired or resigned officers.

Fully cut funding for public relations.

Suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation.

Require police, not cities, to be liable for misconduct and violence settlements.

Deplatform white supremacist public officials.

Abolish asset forfeiture programs and laws.

2) Demilitarise our communities.

Prohibit private-public innovation schemes that profit from temporary technological fixes to systemic problems of police abuse and violence. These contracts and data-sharing arrangements, however profitable for technologists and reformists, are lethal.

Disarm law enforcement officers, including the police and private security.

End the militarization of Black and brown neighborhoods by ending broken windows policing, "precision policing," community policing, and all iterations of quality of life policing programs (neighborhood policing, "gang" policing, "repeat-offender" policing, etc).

Remove cops from hospitals.

Prohibit law enforcement access to private patient information.

Acknowledge that surveillance technologies (CCTV, face printing, DNA and biometric databases, acoustic gunshot detection, drones, AI and risk profiling algorithms, and other forms of predictive policing) are weapons in the hands of law enforcement. End police contracts with any private companies that provide these services and prohibit the experimental design and rollout of in-house systems.

Withdraw participation in police militarization programs and refuse federal grants that entangle municipal police entities with the Department of Homeland Security, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and FBI.

Prohibit training exchanges between U.S. law enforcement and global military & policing entities. These relationships circulate deadly techniques & technologies, exporting the American model of racist policing worldwide.

Repeal all laws that hide, excuse, or enable police misconduct.

Existing community run endeavours prove this can work: Camden, New Jersey, disbanded the entire police department, replacing it with a new, community-oriented one in 2012. Following this, violent crimes dropped 42% in seven years & crime rates dropped from 79 to 44 per 1,000.

3) Redirect funding to existing non-violent/transformational justice alternatives and preventative measures, as well as programs to support just access to health, housing, and education.

Allocate city funding towards healthcare infrastructure (including non-coercive mental healthcare), wellness resources, neighborhood based trauma centers, non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming, peer support networks, and training for healthcare professionals. Make these services available for free to low-income residents. **Adopt a care not cops model.**

Invest in teachers and counselors, universal childcare, and support for all family structures.

Free and accessible public transit.

End the use of property taxes to determine school funding.

Install safe and sanitary gender-inclusive public restrooms.

Ensure investment in community-based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms.

Ensure free and more extensive public transport, especially servicing marginalized and lower-income communities.

Invest in youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care.

Many such alternatives exist in our city already and we request funds be directed to these endeavours effective immediately.

Yours,

Lily Sun

Sent from my iPad

From: Brenna Alexander
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Vote NO on the Budget Tonight
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:34:40 PM

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Good evening Police Commissioners,

My name is Brenna Alexander, and I live, work, and vote in San Francisco. I am asking the **Police Commission to commit to voting NO on the police budget** tonight and to **NOT approve the budget until there are real divestments** from the police department.

I echo the chorus of activists on the call tonight who will not tolerate police violence-including violence towards protesters, including violence towards black and brown San Franciscans, including violence towards trans and gender-non conforming folks, and including violence towards unhoused individuals and those with serious mental health conditions.

As a social worker in this city, I serve people with serious mental illness - many of whom have been unhoused for decades. Many have been traumatized directly by police officers, in addition to their experience within the prison industrial complex. **It is inexcusable that we spend almost triple what we spend addressing homelessness with housing, shelter and services.**

Reimagining public safety would move us away from a reliance on police to respond to social issues, such as poverty, homelessness, and behavioral health challenges. Currently, the police budget includes funding for School Resource Officers, Weapons and military style equipment, shot spotteres, police cars, overtime to cover protests and other events, weapons training, academy classes for new officers, mounted police and stable care, marine patrol, thousands of responses to psychiatric crisis, and a full 83 officers dedicated to addressing homelessness.

Our communities will only be safe once SFPD is defunded and disbanded and the SFPD budget is invested into communities and programs that actually keep people safe, which include harm reduction, restorative justice, and permanent affordable housing initiatives. The police do not keep us safe; strong communities do.

Again, I am asking the Police Commission to commit to voting NO on the police budget tonight and to NOT approve the budget until there are real divestments from the police department.

Thank you,

Brenna Alexander
she/her/her's

From: Ricki Dwyer
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Defund the SFPD!
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:08:38 PM

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As an SF resident and concerned citizen I deeply believe we need to defund the police department immediately. The current budget needs to be scaled back and those funds reallocated to community services towards mental health, housing, and public health. This is essential for the well being of the entire city. This action is imperative today!

From: Nicole Inlow
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Vote NO on SFPD Budget and DEFUND the SFPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:40:12 PM

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Hello, my name is Nicole Inlow and I live in San Francisco. I am asking you to vote NO on the police budget and to DEFUND the SFPD.

We must invest in our communities instead of the police. The police budget has grown by almost 50% in the last 10 years, while many of our social problems have gotten worse. The proposed budget for 2020-2021 includes nearly 740 million dollars for the police department — almost a 43 million dollar increase from the current fiscal year. This budget is excessive and detracts from other services that can better address the issues facing San Francisco.

Mental health providers, social workers, and other community agencies are better trained to deal with many calls received by the police department, such as those related to mental health issues or homelessness. Police are NOT the people who should be responding to these calls. Bringing the police into these situations often escalates the problem and results in the criminalization of mental health issues and homelessness. These issues are based on larger structural problems that we need to solve through investment in the community. We will not tolerate the criminalization of suffering. We need to defund the police department and reallocate those funds to human services and alternative community safety programs that are more appropriate to address the root of these issues, which are tremendously underfunded.

As we have seen around the country and in our own city, greater police presence does not equal greater safety for our community. Police presence in communities of color fosters the over-policing of Black and Brown people and perpetuates structural racism in our criminal legal system. Black people make up 5% of San Francisco's population, 35% of its homeless population, 54% of its jail population -- and 40% of people who are killed by the police. On March 4, 2020, Nancy Beninati at the California Department of Justice (DOJ) wrote, "DOJ remains concerned with reports of anti-Black bias within the department and with the persistent disproportionate use of force against African Americans and Latino Individuals." The SFPD has tried to strip the commission's ability to provide oversight and accountability of the police department. After years of attempted reform, we are still far from where we need to be. We will not tolerate the targeting and excessive use of violence toward our Black and Brown neighbors.

We are done waiting for the SFPD to follow through on reform. We need to drastically change the way we protect our community. Again, I am asking the Police Commission to commit to voting NO on the police budget tonight and to NOT approve the budget until there are real divestments from the police department.

Thank you.

Nicole Inlow

From: Emily Gable
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Call to defund the SFPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:36:20 PM

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Hello Commission,

My name is Emily Gable. I'm a resident of San Francisco and a teacher. I ask that the SF police commission not approve the SFPD budget. The police department must be defunded and disbanded and all funds must be redirected toward education, housing, mental health, and reinvested in communities most affected by police violence.

Reform is not possible. We can build a better future.

Best regards,

Emily Gable

From: [Annie Tillis](#)
To: [SFPD Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Police Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:10:54 PM

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To whom it may concern:

Please vote NO on the increase to the police budget in SF.

Please instead channel these funds to education, our schools, underfunded communities, and public services.

Thank you for your time!

Best,

Annie Tillis

(sent from a cellular device, please excuse any typos)

From: Katie Bergstrom
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Please vote NO on proposed SFPD Budget
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:51:08 PM

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Hello police commissioners,

My name is Katie Bergstrom and I'm a San Francisco resident (Outer Sunset).

I'm having trouble joining the meeting tonight, but I'd like to ask you to vote NO on the police budget tonight and to not approve a budget until it's been reallocated to other city services such as education, social workers, LGBT services, park & rec, and libraries.

SF spends more money per capita on the police budget than most other U.S. cities. We need to invest in other areas that improve safety, mental health, and quality of life.

Again, I am asking the Police Commission to NOT approve the proposed budget until there are real divestments from the police department.

Thank you,

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From: Tyler Breisacher
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: comments on defunding the police
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not sure i'll be able to call in tonight so sending these here:

Hi, my name is Tyler, I'm one of about two dozen people who was arrested last week at a sit-in that was held in protest of the curfew. I'm also a student at City College of San Francisco, and so for the past week, I can't stop thinking about the contrast between the way SFPD is funded vs the way City College is funded. When we arrived at the Hall of Justice, I saw about a dozen officers guarding the building. It didn't take long before someone made the call to bring in many more, around 150 or 200 officers by some estimates, all rumored to be making nearly \$200 per hour in overtime pay. If you include all the time spent in transit, then waiting, then arresting us, transporting us, doing paperwork, I'd guess it comes to around 300 person-hours or \$60,000 — and of course that doesn't include the similarly massive response to peaceful protests on Monday, nor the detaining and arresting of protesters who were just trying to go home, on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, City College is constantly dealing with budget cuts, class cuts, and downsizing. There are hundreds of classes that faculty are eager to teach, and students are eager to take, but they get cut solely for budgetary reasons.

All week, I can't stop wondering just how many classes could be reinstated or added to the City College schedule — especially now when so many are out of work and would love to learn something new — if we took even a small fraction of the SFPD budget and put it toward City College.

Thank you!

Tyler

From: Joe Tamayo
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Defund the SFPD
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:25:50 PM

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Hello,

My name is Joseph Tamayo, I'm a resident of San Francisco. I am writing for public comment for June 10th's Police Commission meeting.

While it is encouraging to see Chief Bill Scott open to the idea of defunding a portion of the budget for his department this week, it is simply not enough.

I call on you to slash the SFPD budget and instead use those extraordinary resources towards empowering our community with non-police solutions and investing in medics, social workers and crisis workers trained in de-escalation to broaden the city's idea of law enforcement and begin phasing out our dependence on the police force as it is.

Our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful change with regard to police behavior, an end to racism and anti-Blackness, and immediate reform in how Black people are treated in America. The SFPD in it's current form is simply a waste of our resources.

While we've been spending enormous amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, or mental health. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police, like the actions taken against a Black disabled veteran last week captured on video that I'm sure has been brought to your attention.

The leadership of our state and of our city in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic was very encouraging and served as a beacon for other cities to follow suit.

We do not have to limit that leadership to pandemic response. We can be that very same beacon for reimagining safety in our city and for phasing out our dependence on police.

Keep your community and its safety at the front of your decisions and be part of a change that will inspire other cities and leaders across the nation to follow suit.

Sincerely,
Joseph Tamayo

From: [Christina Peck](#)
To: [SFPD Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Defund the SFPD
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Hello,

I am a resident of District 6 in San Francisco. Ahead of the SFPD Commission meeting tonight discussing the revised budget for FY 20-21 and 21-22, I would like to add to public comment that the revised budget should include massive defunding of the police department. This does not mean reform. This does not mean \$2.5 million being invested in new Planned Patrol Car replacements or %6/5 millions for new furniture and fixtures at your Traffic Company facility. This means redirecting funds that can be used for healthcare facilities, schools, housing and community COVID-19 relief funds. It means defunding and dismantling the SFPD in favor of measures that actually support the community and provide appropriate services to those in need rather than sending someone out with a gun.

thank you,
Christina Peck