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To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Divest from police and invest in St. Paul's community
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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I am writing as a Chinese-American community member from Ward 3, living in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood. I urge the council to divest in the police budget, and invest in other community pools especially ones that support our libraries, BIPOC business development, human rights, non-police mental-health response units, and measures to reduce homelessness in St. Paul. The city's general budget currently proposes about 32% be used for our police; this amount is too high for a department that our community does not trust. Listen to your community members; we are asking you directly to divest in the police. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sharon Hwee, MPH