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Hello,

After reviewing the city of Saint Paul's proposed budget I find a need to speak out about the blatant disregard by the city in regards to the divestment of police. After the murder of George Floyd, protests overwhelmed our cities. We need you to listen to the voices of our community.

We are currently facing one of the worst economic crises in recent history and still the city does not dramatically divest the police, despite needing to decrease the operating budget. Why is the city proposing significant decreases in libraries, culture and recreation, and community development and housing with only minor decreases in police?

Why are these programs seeing a decrease in the proposed budget but the mayors offices budget is barely impacted?

The 2021 proposed budget only shows how apathetic the mayors office is in light of recent events over the past months.

I hope you sincerely revisit this budget and make the appropriate changes based on the feedback from our community.

Best,  
Maggie Sauerer  
City of Saint Paul Resident