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#### Comments:

My name is Toshira Garraway I am the founder of Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence. I am the mother of Justin Teigen 13 year old son and fiancé of Justin whom was brutally beaten by the St. Paul police and thrown inside of a trash dumpster. I now work with all families that have lost their love ones at the hands of police here in Minnesota. Including Philando castile mother Valarie and Jamar Clark's family as well as George Floyd's Fiancé. Our goal and mission is to build relationships with those in political seats and leadership, as well as other families and the community . We want to bridge the gap and ultimately promote healing and solidarity for ALL

I wanna know about Corruption and fraud and how they're gonna come back that.

As a nurse with a masters in public health, I know what social determinants are necessary for a healthy, equitable society.

they are:

Economic Stability

Education

Social and Community Context

Health and Health Care/ Access to Health Care

Neighborhood and environment the continued gross overfunding of police is abhorrent based on the state of our country.

we lack adequate, safe housing, jobs that pay living wage, health care, well-funded schools, these must take priority over funding the police.

what does the number of cops mean to me if I cannot afford food, clothing or shelter?

why would I want more police if I am houseless? Police are more likely to evict me from where I'm trying to live and destroy my belongings then help me if I am homeless

Recognizing this is a very difficult budget year, the reductions to the Saint Paul Public Library are nonetheless disproportionate to other departments and will be felt across the community as a notable reduction in services (hours) at a time when those residents who need the most support need the library more than ever. I would ask City Council members to please recognize the library's potential role and relevance as it relates to economic recovery; digital access and inclusion; family and educational support; social connection; and addressing racism, and invest wherever possible. The 2021 budget must be seen as an outlier and not a new baseline for the Saint Paul Public

I am writing to support the best possible funding for the Saint Paul Public Library. Its services offer \_exactly\_ what our community needs in a recession, a time of social unrest, and a pandemic. Unemployed citizens use it to research openings, print resumes, and apply for jobs. Saint Paulites can learn more about the roots of inequalities through the library's robust collections and programs--and then work to find solutions. And when we're shut in, when we need to move our minds into another place, good books take us there. The Mayor and the Council have shown that they understand this through their support for the library in previous years. I understand that every department must take a cut. But I'm astounded to see that the library is tagged with a larger cut, in actual dollars, than the enormous

Mayor Carter mentions that the city must "First, we have to rethink all of our core business models. Second, we must prioritize the quality of life in our neighborhoods." In this regard than the city if the city is prioritizing the city services that have true quality of life impact on these neighborhoods which would be the library and the parks and rec department. You are slashing the library's budget by \$1.4 million dollars but are still expecting them to provide the same quality of services such as cultural liaisons...etc. Be honest Mayor Carter you should admit that the quality of service due to the budget cuts is going to go down and as such so will the quality of life. The same case can be made for the parks and rec department. There is no reason that these two departments should have a larger budget cut than the police department when there are several cases to be made that the parks and rec and the library departments have a vastly higher impact on the neighborhood especially when the libraries are beginning to be reopened. While it is understood that the city needs to make budget cuts due to the pandemic if the city wants to

The City of Saint Paul is not doing enough to address the problem of homelessness. Too much of the budget is allocated toward funding the police and not enough is allocated to affordable housing for our residents. Homelessness is addressed by the city's forceful eviction of tenants living in encampments. This should not be the

I would like to see more of the astronomically high Police budget cut and redirected to better serve the community like social workers, mental health professionals, addiction counselors, etc.

I am absolutely against defunding our police! They really should be funded more!

St. Paul police should not be defunded! They should be funded more!

St Paul city budget initial proposal: Emergency Management Services: 14.8% cut, Libraries: 6.9% cut, Parks & Rec: 2.8% cut, Public Works: 5.6% cut, Safety & Inspections: 5.4% cut, Police Department, while holding 31% of the total city budget, will only cut 0.8%. This is unacceptable. Please explain.

I urge the Council to move more funding from police to community-centered investments that stop crime before it happens. The theme of Mayor Carter's budget is "Forward Together: A Pathway for All of Us." But for some, that pathway does not exist: according to 2013-December 2019 data collected by the Mapping Police Violence project, the SPPD kills Black people at a rate 6.1 times higher than the rate SPPD officers kill white people. The department ranks 23rd out of the top 100 biggest U.S. cities in its rates of use of deadly force.

Additionally, connected, well-resourced communities experience less violence and crime because they have protective factors in place (see: <https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/connecting-the-dots/node/5>). With the 2021 budget proposal, while all departments are facing cuts, departments that can lead to healthier community conditions and opportunities for all--human rights, parks and rec, libraries, safety and inspections--face a larger percentage cut than police, which already make up the biggest share of the city budget. This is unconscionable in a time when the pandemic is highlighting the disparities communities of color face in jobs, housing, and other facets of city life. I urge crisis. We need to make critical investments in this economy and so need new tools.

Our proposal is that the Federal Reserve Bank expands its current municipal lending facility to back ALANA Investment Bonds issued by the City of Saint Paul (and other cities) that specifically invests in ALANA wealth creating tools (land trusts, co-ops, business incubators, loan and equity funds). The City/HRA issues \$100 million bond offering backed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis using its existing Municipal Bond facility but extending the term to 25 years. This will ensure support for long term investments to preserve and grow the ALANA economy in Saint Paul which is on the verge of collapse. A partnership with Ramsey County will help expand the bond offering.

A second proposal is an investment fee of 2 percent on all development projects including the Ford site and the revenue flows to the HRA for investment in business development and affordable housing in areas of concentrated poverty in Saint Paul. Current assets of the HRA are depleted and we are losing our capacity to invest in long term economic development of the city. The 2 percent fee could also support the \$100 million bond offering.

In looking at the budget proposal, I am surprised that such a large slice is going to the police department. The death of George Floyd triggered a powerful community call for divesting from policing and punishment and investing more robustly in supports such as affordable housing, trauma and mental health supports, education and youth programs, restorative justice, and violence interventions led by the most directly impacted people and communities. It seems appalling and out of step with this community call for different priorities that this budget proposal cuts parks and rec by 5.6 percent, public libraries by 6.9 percent, financial services by 8.8 percent, and human rights and equal economic opportunity by 8.1 percent, and only cuts our already-massive police budget by 0.8 percent. It dramatically cuts funding for neighborhood and cultural development at a time when neighborhoods are suffering tremendously. How do you justify these priorities when you say that budgets are a moral document that should reflect community priorities?

I strongly urge you to listen to the black, brown, and indigenous voices in creating a city budget. Who does it benefit to have such a dramatically large proportion of the budget go to the police? Particularly when you consider the saint paul police department's dark history in targeting and killing people of color?

It's past time to move towards defunding police departments. It's time to trust the community and show this trust by

Firehouse 7: I understand the tough choices but we can't continue to kick the can down the road. The east side has a lot of risk factors that make rapid and appropriately equipped fire/ems response imperative. I have been inside this crumbling facility and our heroes deserve more. I'm tired of being in a forgotten neighborhood.

Trash fees in St. Paul: Annual City fee on the property tax statement vs. the hauler monthly fee for trash pickup. Two very different trash fees.

Please do NOT raise the city fee on the PER CART cost put onto the property taxes as proposed in Mayor Carters 2021 budget. Even a \$2.52/trash cart increase is a lot. This will greatly impact many throughout St. Paul.

Those in multifamily properties (2-4 units) who are mandated to have more trash carts than they want or need will pay this additional cost on every cart. We do not all live in single family homes and need to remember the budget proposal is for each trash cart, not each property address.

If the cart increase is due to more carts needing to be manufactured than initially estimated, that is not at all fair to go after multifamily again. We, for example, have 12 brand new carts collecting dust today in our multifamily basements which are not needed or wanted due to the fact that sharing carts is not allowed between units at the same address. We are not the only multifamily property owner storing unused trash carts.

Please think of all of the St. Paul tenants as well as landlords trying to keep rents affordable in what will be yet another rent increase for tenants with the proposed additional City trash cart fee increase. If anything, the City fee per cart should be reduced at a faster rate for multifamily properties as we already have many mandated carts from the initial rollout still not in use. Before the new organized trash program started, it was made clear in the marketing campaign that as the carts were paid off, the City fee on property taxes would be reduced, not increased.

Every saved penny counts these days and lots of saved pennies add up and make a huge difference.

1. What is anyone's rationale for spending overbudget funds for Ayd Mill when there is an exorbitant shortfall of city income? Original plan would have been the best idea. We can walk and bike other places. Ask the constituents who actually use and leave near there.

2. What is the rationale for higher cost of recycle and trash....What exactly has changed?

3. Positions are not being filled due to shortfall in income. Are these positions being looked at carefully as to

I am opposed to any increases in our garbage management in the City of St. Paul. During this time of hardship, rates should at the very least remain unchanged. More money is being asked to add an additional compost program as well as a bump in administration fees, next will be the haulers increase.

We were asked to pay for individual carts, no cart sharing, and forced into paying a premium price for bulky pickup. This program has been in effect for two years; I have used bulky pickup for two TVs out of my 16 bulky pickups allowance. Most of my neighbors rarely use this service. So no increase should be awarded to the haulers as they are being compensated well beyond their services for this program.

I would like to see transparency in a City report showing the actual number of bulky pickups in the City of St. Paul and City accountability for our dollars being spent needlessly.

Danette Lincoln

My name is Molly Golanka and as a former Americorps member I am writing to demand you defund the SPPD and address the negligence in continuing to fund your LECPA Police programs by immediately terminating that program. The LECPA Year of Service career path receives state contributions; in addition to the fact that St. Paul's police budget is \$105 million, your funding of the LECPA program is not only unnecessary but damaging.

There are many other areas that need to be funded in St. Paul. It is unethical for you to continue funding the LECPA Americorps career path. During the many public, local, and global protests for Black lives and against police brutality, it is imperative that you respond immediately and address the demands of the protestors: Defund the St. Paul LECPA

Hello and good afternoon,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to encourage an immediate reallocation of city budget funds to be used for community anti-violence programs, education investment in poorer districts, infrastructure and healthcare priorities. There is no reason that 30% of the city budget should serve to militarize police forces who have time and again proven that the funds used for community outreach and bias training have no real effect on how the institution operates. Please consider the needs of your constituency, and their need for real guaranteed public safety reforms that address the root of the problems in their communities and not simply responding with violence to the symptoms of your lack of investment. Keep in mind the pressure that has been put on you from the public when the