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From: William Miske <wmiske@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 3:08 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Downtown needs more police

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Dear Councilmember Prince,

The police, particularly in downtown, have always been kept busy by a steady drip of problems in the area, but this summer crime has just exploded. The open drug use and discarded needles are threatening the safety and future of what was a growing district in St. Paul. We've seen restaurants and businesses leave the area already and more will go if the police aren't able to keep up with the volume of crime in the area. Mayor Carter is wrong to want to cut the police department. I know there are tough decisions to make, but public safety and law endorsement is absolutely vital to everyone. Just plain vital.

I've got a plain message: oppose any efforts to cut the police force in St. Paul. Keep every single officer on the job. Period.

Sincerely,

William Miske
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dave buchan <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:33 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Police department budget

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I am a resident and constituent of St. Paul and am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to the St. Paul Police Department. We've seen a huge spike this summer in crime, and cutting police when these crimes have already happened just means that more crimes will go unsolved. It's absolutely crazy to see in all the ways the city has found to spend our money on the nice to have items that do not further safety in any way. For us to have a safe and welcoming city, we need a police force which is able to respond to the calls for help when they happen and address the crimes when they are happening.

Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

Dave buchan
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Buchandave@yahoo.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Conrad <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:36 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I am a resident of St. Paul and one of your constituents. I'm very concerned that my city leaders aren't taking public safety seriously. While preventative measures are important, they don't address the crime that has already happened. We are already at double the number of murders compared to this time last year and we somehow expect the police to be able to take care of these serious crimes without giving them the resources they need. It's heartbreaking. If we don't provide adequate resources, violent criminals will stay on the street and in a position to commit more crimes. Please look to other parts of the budget to make your cuts and help keep my city safe by keeping the police force size at least as big as it already is.

Sincerely,

Patrick Conrad
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-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Turcotte Quitter <squitter@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:26 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: I oppose cuts to the police department

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I live in your district, and love living in St. Paul. But the violent crime increases combined with the cuts and lack of support towards the police is making me think twice about some politicians' values. Too many people I know have experienced the impact of crime from cars being broken into, robberies, or knowing someone who has been a victim of violence. The daily shots fired/shootings are troubling. If the police don't have the resources to pursue those who commit these crimes, then those who committed the crimes just keep doing it again and again.

My family - and everyone's family - deserves to be safe. It is just wrong to cut the police department during this time of such great need.

I am firmly opposed to any budget moves that leave the police department smaller than it is today.

No cuts!!!

Sincerely,

Susan Turcotte Quitter
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-----Original Message-----

From: Teresa Astrup <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:20 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I'm a lifelong resident of St. Paul. I work here, send my kids to school here, and shop here.

I'm also a constituent of yours and am writing about a huge issue for me - the safety of our community.

I think it's a fair expectation that we have a safe community supported by a police force able to do their work. With the pandemic we've seen even more crime. But instead of getting support and help police officers need, we learn the city is considering CUTTING 40 offices.

This is wrong.

So wrong for the victims of crime.

So wrong for the safety of our community.

Please fix this immediately.

I don't want increased crime in St. Paul. We need our police.

Sincerely,

Teresa Astrup
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tiffany Roman <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:22 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

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Sincerely,

Tiffany Roman
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-----Original Message-----

From: Pedro Chavez <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 5:42 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

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Sincerely,

Pedro Chavez

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From: LeAnn Livengood <leann.livengood@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 7:19 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: City Budget

Dear Councilmember Prince,

I have been told that the St. Paul City Council is currently deliberating on the next year's budget. I do not reside in St. Paul, but I have friends who do and the allocation of these funds will affect them a great deal. I stand in solidarity with them.

Many of my friends are experiencing homelessness in St. Paul and are being met with police brutality and trauma. They need and want support from their government. Please remember the atrocities that the SPD have committed in communities such as bulldozing encampments, the loss of property, traumatizing removal of people that creates further mental health issues in the midst of a pandemic. My husband and I have been going into the twin cities on the weekend to provide help, food, supplies, and donations to help house those who are in need. We believe in communities helping communities, but this cannot be done without your help too.

Your job of being on the Council is to care for the community you serve, especially the most vulnerable of neighbors.

DEFUND/ABOLISH the police and REINVEST in your community PLEASE.

Thank you.
LeAnn Livengood

From: Theresa Beckhusen <tjbeckhusen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:51 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Koziol, Kristin (CI-StPaul) <kristin.koziol@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul) <pattie.kelley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Swanson, Stacy (CI-StPaul) <stacy.swanson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Vang, Janie (CI-StPaul) <janie.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; *CI-StPaul_CC-Ward6 <CC-Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Heintz, Polly (CI-StPaul) <polly.heintz@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; *CI-StPaul_CouncilBudget <CouncilBudget@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: policing budget

Hello members of St. Paul City Council and executive assistants,

I hope you're all doing well and staying safe. I'm writing today because I know the Council is ironing out the city budget for the coming year, and I'd like to once again voice my belief that the SPPD's budget should be decreased in favor of increasing investment in other areas. St. Paul can support community garden efforts, farmers markets, educational support and opportunities, public health, housing, and more.

As I review the current proposed 2021 budget, I am dismayed to see just how much is tentatively allocated to the police (\$122.33 million as of this writing) vs. the relatively paltry \$1.89 million tentatively allocated to public health. Public

health does not comprise even 1% of the current proposed budget. This would be alarming to me at any time, but during a global pandemic, I am very concerned by this. I'm also disappointed to see the relatively low amount allocated to the Community Development Block Grant program. Would it not make more sense to invest in St. Paul communities through this program? Couldn't this program address some of the factors that Police Chief Todd Axtell himself has pointed out as issues police are called on to address but are unequipped for?

In past presentations to the City Council, Chief Axtell has noted that the police department is sometimes tasked with addressing issues that would be better addressed through other programs: housing/homelessness, education, community investment, etc. Why not reallocate some of the SPPD budget to those very areas to support the people of St. Paul and minimize police interference in their lives? Why not use some of those funds to support people experiencing homelessness in St. Paul and work toward a workable, sustainable solution for keeping those folks safe and cared for? Instead of meeting those people with police force, intervention, violence?

Regardless of an individual officer's or department's track record, policing is an institution that is built on racism and, as such, cannot be reformed into something that will equitably serve all people. Time and time again, we have seen how police officers and departments have interfered in people's lives from profiling to outright murder. Reforms have been attempted over and over with little change in the overall character of policing or outcomes. I shouldn't have to invoke the long list of black people murdered by police. I know you're familiar. They should all be alive today. Police should not murder people. That's why I see defunding police and investing in other community measures as the solution. This won't happen overnight. It's not easy, but it's possible.

To me, it's clear. Invest in our communities, and they will flourish. Provide long-term support to programs and solutions crafted by those communities, and St. Paul will flourish.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this message. I trust you will do the right thing to support the people of St. Paul.

All the best,

Theresa J. Beckhusen

St. Paul, Ward 1

From: Kathy Oberg <kathleenoberg@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:56 PM

To: Carter, Melvin (CI-StPaul) <Melvin.Carter@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; *CI-StPaul_OpenBudgetSite <OpenBudgetSite@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Brendmoen, Amy (CI-StPaul) <amy.brendmoen@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Proposed Budget Cuts

Good Evening to you

I'm writing to respectfully request you reconsider your proposed budget cuts to our St. Paul Police force for next year. I love my neighborhood, so much that I bought a house on the same block as where my parents live and I grew up. I never felt afraid... until now. I am scared to walk the few houses down to my parents to check on them. When I hear about the cuts that you want to make to the police force how can I ever feel safe again? The home burglaries, carjacking, assaults, stealing of packages and gun shots that ring throughout the streets of St Paul, how can anyone in good conscience think that reducing the budget for our brave police officers is anything but criminal! Furthermore why can't St Paul get shotspotter? I understand that it is expensive, but I believe in the long run it would more than pay for itself. Night after night I hear about calls coming into dispatch of shots fired. Most of the calls turn out to be nothing or firework, but having this tool would help the police officers to get to the calls that are shots fired and maybe save someone's life and allow for officers to help other citizens that really need them. These officers serve and protect us please don't make them have to do it understaffed and with less officers!

Thank you

Katheen Oberg

-----Original Message-----

From: David and Bernadette Gockowski <dbgockowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:29 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Refund not defund.

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To whom it may concern,

I am a life long citizen of St. Paul, MN and I live in your Ward (7). It seems our Mayor is investigating the possibility of using social workers to do Police work. We are already in the 93rd percentile for crime in the country. Defunding and then reducing police presence is a terrible idea, it is a Marxist ploy and we know it will lead to more crime. It will destroy our once proud city, now being run into the ground by Democrats. Please do not take away our police! Increase police presence, training, and tactics. Educate the police, empower the police to help citizens, but do NOT defund.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Gockowski

-----Original Message-----

From: Shawn Marlowe <shawn.marlowe@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 1:07 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Don't reduce the police force

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

The frequency of community calls for service (to 911 and more) and levels of crime in St. Paul area increasing, as is the city's population. It's clear that we can't go backwards to reduce the size of the police force.

I'm writing as an officer with the St. Paul Police Department to share information first-hand. Our team is dedicated to advocating for victims of crime and providing for a safer community.

Even last year's police staffing report showed we don't have enough officers to keep up with what the community is telling us they need. We aren't able to arrive as quickly as we ought to after a call and we aren't able to process evidence fast enough to pursue justice on behalf of victims and some evidence can even be lost.

People who commit crimes can grow bolder and commit more and sometimes escalating crimes if they aren't held accountable, leading to more victims without justice.

I know budget times are hard for everyone and there are tough choices for the city to consider when the money has come up short. But I believe the community deserves public safety now more than ever and I urge the council to oppose any efforts which shrink the size of the police force.

Sincerely,

Shawn Marlowe
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kyle Vollrath <kyle.vollrath@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 1:05 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: SPPD staffing levels

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I serve as a police officer in the St. Paul. Long before COVID and George Floyd, we have been struggling to keep up with the increased population and calls for help we are getting. As noted by Commander Jack Serier's report last January, we are unable to respond in a timely fashion to 45 calls each day. That is 45 different people on the other end of the line who called for help from their city and their city failed to provide it in a reasonable timeframe EVERY DAY. That failure to show up on time can mean a situation escalated and got more dangerous and it can be the difference between stopping a crime in progress and a situation getting out of hand.

Police officers are called for everything from property crimes, violent crimes, to reports of suicidal individuals on the Smith Ave bridge. Every one of those citizens deserves a police force able to respond and help them and we can't do it with our current numbers, much less with fewer members because of budget cuts. Please do everything you can to help us serve the citizens of St. Paul by providing for a strong police force.

Sincerely,

Kyle Vollrath
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-----Original Message-----

From: Seth Wilson <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 11:42 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: SPPD staffing levels

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Sincerely,

Seth Wilson
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From: Vett R. <robyvett6@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:36 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Community feed back
Hello Jane,

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Lavett Roby and I have been a St . Paul resident most of my life.

I am not a resident of the East St. Paul area. However, I do probably share some of the other residents main concerns when it comes to crime and the gun violence in our neighborhoods.

Over the last year I have tried to reach out to several city council members, Mayor Melvin Carter and even the police department to see what can be done to curb the violence in our community. I have offered to share my creative ideas as well as try to come up with strategies to get some of these guns off of the streets.

It deeply saddens me to see so many young kids engaging in such horrible acts of violence and losing their lives over things that could possibly be prevented.

I really would love to help come up with ways to stop so many kids from being able to access so many guns just off the streets. I do believe with a little bit of work it can be done. This is also a state of emergency. Who is going to act on this? Please share my name and email with other members. I have alot more feedback I would love to get the opportunity to share.

Please share my information and name with other members.

Kind Regards,
Lavett Roby
651 404 9701

From: Alex <alexallbuster@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:15 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: My concern about my city

Hello Jane. My name is Alex Deputie. I am co cent about my city and what you and your associates are considering doing by defunding our police.

It is no surprise to anyone that lives on the East Side or in areas like Frogtown or Midway that crime continues to rise.

Nearly every day we hear about robberies, car-jackings, break-in's, assaults, shootings and even murders. The scary part is that crime continues to escalate. In addition, reports have shown those committing some of these crimes continue to get younger.

The population of St. Paul has grown. Crime has grown. The SPPD has gotten smaller. Now, there is consideration and even a push from the Mayor and City Council to eliminate funding for another 40 sworn in officers.

This cannot happen. We must not only fund these 40 sworn in officers, we must increase the police force dramatically. The #1 job of government is to provide "safety." East Siders are not safe nor are those commenting in. It is clear from conversations across the East Side that residents and business owners not only want the police, but, a much larger force. We must act now and act decisively! This is about our children, families, schools, safety and future."

Following Him,

Alex

-----Original Message-----

From: barbara briebe <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:54 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

Dear Councilmember Prince,

I'm a lifelong resident of St. Paul. I work here, send my kids to school here, and shop here.

I'm also a constituent of yours and am writing about a huge issue for me - the safety of our community.

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Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christa Hunter <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:36 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Police department budget

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Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

Christa Hunter
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Saint Paul, MN 55106
christajadehunter@yahoo.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Russell Blomker <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:37 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: The police budget and crime

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

Over the course of this summer the morning news routine now includes the daily crime report in St. Paul. Increasing numbers of homicides, robberies, and car thefts dot the newspaper, and they are happening all over the city. Downtown and Mears Park have seen an uptick in problems and shootings.

Now the mayor wants to stop replacing police officers who retire or leave the force, leaving us with fewer police for the growing needs of our city. The work of the police to solve the crimes across the city and seek justice for victims is needed more than ever, and the mayor wants to see the force scale back.

We deserve better and the kinds of huge cuts Mayor Carter is talking about fail to deliver on safety and justice.

Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

Russell Blomker
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ricky Yang <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:40 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: DO NOT CUT POLICE!

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

Thank you for serving as our city council member.

I'm writing today to express my thoughts about the city's budget, particularly as it pertains to the police staffing levels.

I feel very strongly that EVERYONE in our city - regardless of where you live, what you look like, who you are - deserves a police force able to respond and help them and we can't do it with fewer officers because of budget cuts. I am extremely concerned about how the City Council is approaching dealing with expected shortfalls. I remember last year when a report showed that we needed much more police to respond to the increased crime and population.

We CANNOT remove 40 officers. That's shocking and disappointing. The need is greater than ever. Times are tough, but justice and public safety are critical services the city provides and should be preserved during budget discussions.

Again, thank you for your service and support for public safety.

Sincerely,

Ricky Yang
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Saint Paul, MN 55119
ricky_yang06@hotmail.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Rod Graff <user@votervoice.net>

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:45 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Police department budget

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Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

Rod Graff

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rodgraff@msn.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Reinartz <user@votervoice.net>

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 3:08 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

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Sincerely,

Denise Reinartz
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-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Palapala <rlpalapala@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 4:46 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: DO NOT CUT POLICE!

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Palapala
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Saint Paul, MN 55119
rlpalapala@gmail.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn Keller <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 4:49 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I'm a lifelong resident of St. Paul. I work here, send my kids to school here, and shop here.

I'm also a constituent of yours and am writing about a huge issue for me - the safety of our community. You seem to think that it is alright to tear up our neighborhoods and raise property taxes so that you can build all of these stupid bus stations and "special roads" that are going to do nothing more than bring more crime, criminals, litter, pollution, etc., How can you, knowing that this will happen even consider CUTTING our police Department!? We are going to need far more officer's to try to combat the criminals and crime increases that you are about to bring on our community! I think it's a fair expectation that we have a safe community supported by a police force able to do their work. With the pandemic we've seen even more crime. But instead of getting support and help police officers need, we learn the city is considering CUTTING 40 officers.

This is wrong.

So wrong for the victims of crime.

So wrong for the safety of our community.

Please fix this immediately.

I don't want increased crime in St. Paul. We need our police. ALL of them and more!

Sincerely,

Dawn Keller
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-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Emmons <thefranchise77@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 5:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: I oppose cuts to the police department

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I live in your district, and love living in St. Paul. But the violent crime increases combined with the cuts and lack of support towards the police is making me think twice about some politicians' values. Too many people I know have experienced the impact of crime from cars being broken into, robberies, or knowing someone who has been a victim of violence. If the police don't have the resources to pursue those who commit these crimes, then those who committed the crimes just keep doing it again and again.

My family - and everyone's family - deserves to be safe. It is just wrong to cut the police department during this time of such great need.

I am firmly opposed to any budget moves that leave the police department smaller than it is today.

No cuts!!!

Sincerely,

Patrick Emmons
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-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Cadry <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:06 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: The police budget and crime

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

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Now the mayor wants to stop replacing police officers who retire or leave the force, leaving us with fewer police for the growing needs of our city. The work of the police to solve the crimes across the city and seek justice for victims is needed more than ever, and the mayor wants to see the force scale back.

We deserve better and the kinds of huge cuts Mayor Carter is talking about fail to deliver on safety and justice.

Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cadry
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Basting <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 9:29 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I am a 25 + year resident of St. Paul and one of your constituents. I've watched the East Side of St. Paul go from a safe and wonderful place to raise your family to an area of high crime 24 hours a day. The constant drug dealing, high speed "race tracks", armed robbery and petty crime, not to mention all of the garbage and homeless encampments, make me sad for the community along with feeling disgusted with this proposal. My taxes are higher than any person I know living in a suburb. What am I paying for? I'm very concerned that my city leaders aren't taking public safety seriously. While preventative measures are important, they don't address the crime that has already happened. We are already at double the number of murders compared to this time last year and we somehow expect the police to be able to take care of these serious crimes without giving them the resources they need. It's heartbreaking. If we don't provide adequate resources, violent criminals will stay on the street and in a position to commit more crimes. Please look to other parts of the budget to make your cuts and help keep my city safe by keeping the police force size at least as big as it already is. We don't need more government; we need more law and order on our streets for the tax paying citizen.

Sincerely,

Kim Basting
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-----Original Message-----

From: Deb Vadner <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:11 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: The police budget and crime

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

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Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lydia Chapman <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:21 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

I am a resident of St. Paul and one of your constituents. I'm very concerned that my city leaders aren't taking public safety seriously. While preventative measures are important, they don't address the crime that has already happened. We are already at double the number of murders compared to this time last year and we somehow expect the police to be able to take care of these serious crimes without giving them the resources they need. It's heartbreaking. If we don't provide adequate resources, violent criminals will stay on the street and in a position to commit more crimes. Please look to other parts of the budget to make your cuts and help keep my city safe by keeping the police force size at least as big as it already is.

Sincerely,

Lydia Chapman
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-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Biagi <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:41 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

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Sincerely,

Susan Biagi
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-----Original Message-----

From: Roy Johnson <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:29 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: DO NOT CUT POLICE!

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

Thank you for serving as our city council member.

I'm writing today to express my thoughts about the city's budget, particularly as it pertains to the police staffing levels.

I feel very strongly that EVERYONE in our city - regardless of where you live, what you look like, who you are - deserves a police force able to respond and help them and we can't do it with fewer officers because of budget cuts. I am extremely concerned about how the City Council is approaching dealing with expected shortfalls. I remember last year when a report showed that we needed much more police to respond to the increased crime and population.

We CANNOT remove 40 officers. That's shocking and disappointing. The need is greater than ever. Times are tough, but justice and public safety are critical services the city provides and should be preserved during budget discussions.

Again, thank you for your service and support for public safety.

Sincerely,

Roy Johnson
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-----Original Message-----

From: stephanie skulley <skulleys@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:28 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: 25 year resident, I love this city and I'm tired and ready to go!

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

We've raised our 5 children on the east side of Saint Paul. First in Dayton's Bluff And now Battle Creek. We loved going Downtown, riding the light rail, dining on University. We no longer feel safe. It's not fear of diversity or anything else, it's a fear of the rampant crime daily in my city.

I am a resident and constituent of St. Paul and am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to the St. Paul Police Department. We've seen a huge spike this summer in crime, and cutting police when these crimes have already happened just means that more crimes will go unsolved. It's absolutely crazy to see in all the ways the city has found to spend our money on the nice to have items that do not further safety in any way. For us to have a safe and welcoming city, we need a police force which is able to respond to the calls for help when they happen and address the crimes when they are happening.

Please oppose any efforts to reduce the size of the police force this year.

Sincerely,

stephanie skulley
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-----Original Message-----

From: Nick Meyers <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:28 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: The police budget and crime

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Dear Councilmember Prince,

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We deserve better and the kinds of huge cuts Mayor Carter is talking about fail to deliver on safety and justice.

Please vote for safety for our community and make sure the police department is strong.

Sincerely,

Nick Meyers
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From: Mary Carter <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:29 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please take public safety for St. Paul seriously

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Sincerely,

Mary Carter
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-----Original Message-----

From: Clarence Maloney <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:35 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: The police budget and crime

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Sincerely,

Clarence Maloney
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jaime smith <user@votervoice.net>

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:15 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Cutting 40 people - please oppose

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So wrong for the safety of our community.

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Sincerely,

Jaime smith

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