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Hello,

My name is Laura and I am a resident of the Hamline-Midway neighborhood in St Paul. Since the city budget is being voted on next week, I just wanted to share my thoughts for consideration before the vote. I was at the governor's mansion last weekend to stand in solidarity with my community against a group of fascists. They were armed. We were not. I watched as St Paul police and state patrol protected them and tear gassed our group despite THEM being the ones who were armed and started the violence. This is just a never ending, perpetual cycle of SPPD brutalizing innocent people and protecting fascists. I am SICK of my tax dollars going to support this system. I am urging the city council to vote on reallocating police funds to other needed areas. There are homeless people in St Paul who need our help (and who are also terrorized by the cops) and I support funds being reallocated to create affordable housing. If the rationale behind funding the cops is to keep people safe and decrease crime, then we need to invest in the areas that actually prevent crime in the first place: adequate housing for all, mental health and social services, and education.

Thank you for your time!

Sent from my iPhone