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Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:57 PM

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Subject: Support Law Enforcement

Dear Councilmember Nelsie Yang,

I write to you today as a private citizen, having no vested interest in this matter. I am a lifelong (57 years) resident of the eastside, and a regular voter.

RE: St. Paul City Council wanting to review "Live on Patrol"

I support Sherriff Fletcher, including his live on patrol show, as I do Chief Axtell. As a resident of the Lower Eastside, along Payne Avenue, NOW is the time we need MORE police not fewer. I have taken the St. Paul Citizens Police Academy, which I found extremely helpful in understanding how much is being asked of our law enforcement agencies between the economically disadvantaged, the homeless, and the mentally ill.

Before the Bumbling Know Nothing City Council Members vote to defund or reorganize law enforcement, I think it would be helpful to DEFUND other useless layers of government.

First, the St. Paul City Council could reduce their budget by 30%, and split the funds between the county sheriff's office and city police department. Next, we can eliminate tax money supporting the Ramsey County Board, and money supporting the Metropolitan Council.

I look forward to you representing ME, The Voter, in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Wegner