

From: [Amy Owen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: budget deliberations
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 12:44:35 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I am writing to request that you prioritize our city's resources for the needs of the most vulnerable in our budget, and support programs and initiatives for affordable housing and more homeless shelters, and not provide additional funds for the police budget. Their budget is such a large proportion of our taxes already, and there are other more pressing local needs in the areas of public health, housing, food insecurity, and support for vulnerable families. I also ask that you continue supporting public art in the the budget, as this brings joy and creativity to so many during such a challenging time.

Thank you,
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From: [Ryan Eykholt](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Deny MPD's Request for Capital Funds
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 8:51:03 AM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Ryan Eykholt. I live on East Johnson Street, 53703. I am emailing with regards to agenda item 21 and the 2022 Executive Capital Budget. I strongly oppose the Madison Police Department's request for more funding to replace their surveillance drone. I oppose MPD's request for \$196,000 for 'machinery and equipment'. The police do not need more money to surveil and assault Black and Brown communities. The police do not keep us safe, and giving the police more funding is damaging to our democracy. I urge you to deny MPD's request for more funding. Refund our communities. Thank you.

All the best,
Ryan Eykholt
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From: [Jake Winkler](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Executive Capital Budget 2022
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:54:45 PM

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As you discuss the budget over the next two days, I encourage you to look closely at the police budget. It seems in line with past and future years, and in a post-George Floyd world we are asking to move resources away from police, not to keep things the way they are. That frees up resources to address the root causes of crime rather than its symptoms (which is what police do).

Budgets are moral documents and reflect that priority.

From: [Erin Wilichowski](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Defund the police - refund our communities!
Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 12:24:46 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

The MPD doesn't need more than \$200K from the Capitol budget. Please defund the police and redirect that money to projects that actually help our communities and reduce crime. The police are already grossly overfunded and are generally reactive to crime as opposed to preventing crime.

Instead, those funds could be directed to job training, feeding the food insecure, housing the homeless and implementing strategies to fight climate change.

Thank you for your consideration,
Erin Wilichowski