

From: [Katherine Styer](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Item 1.67496, 2022 Executive Operating Budget
Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:05:12 PM

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Dear Finance Committee Members,

I'm writing today to ask that you all consider shifting funds for policing into initiatives that help our community, such as outreach for people experiencing homelessness, affordable housing, mental health care, and public health. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Katie

From: [Dianne Jenkins](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Expand Monroe St Library Hours
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:47:37 PM

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I am writing in support of the Library Board's request to expand Monroe St. Library hours.

As 30 year residents of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, my family has used - and I continue to use - this library extensively.

As the only public facility located in the neighborhood, the Monroe St. library is a lifeline for many and provides invaluable public services, such as: access to free internet; access to a computer and printer; access to books, magazines and other media; a safe after-school haven; a place to find out about local events; a public restroom and a public meeting room. And, in support of responsible citizenship, voter registration and absentee ballot collection services in election years.

Please support the proposal to expand library hours from three days/week to five days/week.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dianne Jenkins
1802 Monroe St, #408
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Jeanette F](#)
To: [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Branch Library
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 1:29:11 PM

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I am writing to request your support for returning the Monroe Street Branch Library to five days of operation as soon as is feasible.

I have lived in this neighborhood and used this library since the 1970's. It is a huge part of what makes our neighborhood a great neighborhood, and not least of all because we can walk or bike to it. It goes against all the reasons we love Madison to say we have to drive to a different library for full service.

I understand that many libraries serve poorer neighborhoods than this one. But I would also like to point that most of us who have lived here since the 70's couldn't afford a house in this neighborhood today. We are not all affluent. And while my grandsons live close to Hawthorne, it's grandma and grandpa who have time to take them to the library, and that library is the Monroe Street Branch.

Please give us back the heart of our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Jeanette Froehle

From: [Buhle, Mari](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:31:32 AM

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As a resident of the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood, I strongly support increasing the number of open days for the Monroe Street Library. I am a "senior citizen" and rely exclusively on this branch for my reading materials. It would be a great benefit to me personally, and to the many other local users, to enjoy greater access to the library and the assistance by the remarkably fine staff.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mari Jo Buhle
2341 Keyes Ave

From: [Susan Daugherty](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please reinstate normal hours for Monroe Street Library
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 12:08:02 PM

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This branch is heavily used and a huge asset to the neighborhood, plus anyone who drives down Monroe Street, a major artery. It is safe to walk to, the crosswalk nearby being covered by a crossing guard after school.

Fairness dictates that every neighborhood library be open for business as it was before the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Kristin S. Daugherty
509 Hillington Way
Madison 53726

From: [Isaac K](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe St. Library
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:52:42 PM

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I just wanted to express my support for expanding the hours of operation at the Monroe Street Library. My whole family is constantly reserving books and working around the hours to find time to go pick them up. Also my daughters love to walk there on weekends and after school, and would certainly take advantage of the expanded hours to go more often.

Thank you,
Isaac Knoflicek
315 S Orchard St, Madison, WI 53715

From: [Cynthia Koschmann](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe St Library
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:21:44 PM

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Hello,

I'd like to add my voice in support of Tag Ever's amendment to open the Monroe St Library for 2 additional days a week in 2022. This is my neighborhood library. I walk there often to pick up books I put on hold. With the current hours it is often difficult for me to get to the library on the 3 days they are open. This library is a great neighborhood resource. If you want to keep neighborhoods walkable then the resources, like the library, need to be available.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cynthia Koschmann
1157 Emerald St.

From: [janice.steinberg](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:55:51 PM

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Hello. I have lived on Monroe Street for 27 years. The Monroe Street Library is about a block and across the street from me. Please expand the hours of this wonderful library. It is such a blessing to so many people who live within walking distance or able to take the #7 bus going eastbound, which stops in front of the library. It is such an asset to both old and young alike. I am grateful that it is open but would appreciate, along with so many others, that the hours be expanded to 5 days a week. Even though it is the smallest of Madison Public Library branch libraries, you have documented why it deserves to be open more hours. It is another source of valuable service for studying, reading news, using computers, and learning through books and other material for the community. Janice Steinberg

From: [Mitchell Nussbaum](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe St. Library
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 10:56:11 AM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I support Ald. Evers's proposal to expand hours for the Monroe St. Library. I wish the Library could also be expanded in size, but that's for another day. The Library is very important for the neighborhood and for people from other neighborhoods. It needs to be open every day, like other libraries, so we can pick up our books and other things.

My family and I have used this library since we moved into the neighborhood in 1988. My daughters went to storytimes, took part in the Summer Reading programs, checked out toys and more. And since our daughters grew up and left home, my husband and I continue to check out books and movies from there.

Please expand the hours.

Sincerely,
Genie Ogden

From: [Nancy Phipps](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 4:16:46 PM

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Dear Madison Finance Committee,

I wish to add my vote for adding opening operations for two more days a week at the Monroe Street Library. I am one of the patrons on SS and without a car who depends upon its services. Thank you for your consideration,

Nancy Alexander Phipps
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From: [Carol Schroeder](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: In Support of the Monroe Street Library
Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 5:59:56 PM

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I am very grateful that a proposal has been brought before the Finance Committee asking that the hours at the Monroe Street Library be restored to five days a week in 2022. That was the MPL Board's stated goal when it reduced Monroe Street's hours to three days a week for 2021, and I'm hopeful that you will be able to find the \$70,000 necessary to make this happen.

I've been chair of the Monroe Street Library League for over 35 years, and of the Monroe Street Merchants Association for some 45 years. In my mind the two organizations share the same goals: creating a walkable urban neighborhood with a high quality of life for children, adults and seniors. Having access to a public library helps make the Monroe Street area livable, and contributes to making our mix of small, locally owned businesses viable.

The Monroe Street Library League is eager to support the branch, and our volunteers have continued to raise funds for materials used throughout the MPL system, as well as most of the programs and furnishings for our branch. We are unable, however, to host any programming with the library open so few hours a week. Supervising Librarian Ching Wong recent wrote: "I agree with Orange's statements of the limited opportunities for programming due the limited hours and future funding. If and when the library hours are restored, Monroe Street Library staff and I will look forward to your full support in funding any collection and programming endeavors."

I could go on at great length about the reasons why the Monroe Street Library should be open five days a week instead of just three, but I hope that my actions over the past 35 years speak to my passion for this branch and the importance of libraries in general. Please feel free to let me know if you would like to visit our library in order to see how well used it is, even when patrons are limited to just Tuesday, Friday or Saturday. Let's hope that in 2022 they will have access five days a week!

All my best,
Carol "Orange" Schroeder

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From: [Libby Gerds](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Increase service hours at Monroe Street Library
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:36:18 AM

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Hello,

As a constituent, I'm writing to strongly encourage you to approve the budget for increased service hours at the Monroe Street Library. I recognize the incredibly difficult realities of budgeting and the many priorities needed to keep the City a safe and vibrant place to live. Please consider that the Monroe Street Library is a vital neighborhood resource that serves every member of our community and provides crucial services. It's an incredibly valuable asset to our city, and providing more hours and services is so important. Please do all you can to find the funds in the budget for this, which provides a huge benefit for a relatively small investment.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Libby Gerds

840 Woodrow Street
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District 13

From: [Chris Kerwin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:31:01 AM

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Finance Committee,

As a long time former merchant and continuing property owner on Monroe Street, I unconditionally support extending the Monroe Street Library hours. For the many years I ran our business there, families would come to shop with children carrying books from the library. This neighborhood asset is well used by the neighbors, combined small, high school, through to seniors, and contributes to the community shopping and dining on Monroe as a "walkable destination". Many peripheral neighbors in Nakoma, University Heights and other areas find it a convenience for pick ups and drop offs as well as they come to Monroe Street to shop and dine.

The Monroe Street Library exemplifies all the positive aspects of a community resource the city continues to strive for. Please fund it.

Chris Kerwin

From: [Pam Schwarzbach](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library
Date: Friday, October 22, 2021 8:35:16 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am thrilled to learn that Alder Tag Evers has submitted an amendment to the city budget to expand the days of operation for the Monroe Street Public Library from three to five days in 2022. I am hopeful that the city will approve this funding.

As a 30 year resident of the near west side of Madison, and now as a business owner on Monroe Street, I have seen the importance of this location to our community throughout the years.

And in doing some research, I have learned that this is one of the most visited locations in Madison, outpacing Goodman South Madison, Hawthorne, and Lakeview libraries, despite its small size.

I realize city of Madison owns the Monroe Street Library building and pays utilities and maintenance on it 365 days of the year. As small business owner, I recognize that it doesn't make sense to use that facility less than 150 days a year.

Monroe Street is a very pedestrian-friendly area with many children and seniors walking to our schools, shops, and restaurants. Being able to visit a library without having to go by car helps the city meet its goals of less dependence on cars.

Again, I truly hope that the city can find funds in the upcoming budget to allow this critical component of our community to, once again, be open to the public five days a week.

Sincerely,
Pam

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From: [Barb Sanford](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Expansion of Monroe Street Library hours
Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021 10:55:14 AM

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I urge you to vote to expand Monroe Street Library's open hours to five days. As a former volunteer at the library, I have seen firsthand how essential the library is to the neighborhood and how vital it is to so many people. For example, my friend and neighbor Nancy Phipps—in her 70s, lives on Social Security, doesn't own a car or computer, has numerous health issues—relies heavily on the Monroe Street Library. She's only one of many.

The library is the soul of our neighborhood. It provides its many loyal customers with the materials they need, internet access, answers to reference questions, adult and children's programs, and voting registration. My family has cherished it for over 30 years. Please vote to bring it back to a full-time, full-service library that is so crucial to the health of our neighborhood and our community as a whole. Thank you for your consideration and support of our libraries.

Barb Sanford

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From: [Sue Milch](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library - restoring hours
Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021 3:53:24 PM

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Dear members of the Dane County finance committee:

I've been a Monroe Street Library patron since the late 1970's and an active volunteer there for many years. I'm sending this message to express my strong support for restoring the library hours that, due to the pandemic, have been reduced..

The MPL board voted last year to restore our library to its full schedule as soon as possible. Alder Evers' amendment to the city budget to expand the days of operation is consistent with this goal.

Monroe Street Library is the only library in the Madison system with just three days of service.

The Library Board and staff have received numerous comments from library visitors who support expanded service hours.

Programming for children and adults, which is entirely funded by the Monroe Street Library League, is not feasible with the branch open only three days per week.

A recent week-long survey showed that, despite its small size, Monroe Street Library received more visits per day than Goodman South Madison, Hawthorne or Lakeview. Also, more library materials were checked out per month than Goodman South Madison despite being open less than half the hours in May, June and July.

Because the neighborhood is so walkable, some users without cars or easy bus service are able to walk to the library on their own. The result: fewer vehicles on the road.

The City of Madison owns this library building and already pays utilities and maintenance so these expenses will not be part of the requested funding.

Our Monroe Street Library is truly a community gem. Please restore the hours that have been taken away .

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sue Milch

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Madison WI 53711

From: [Bruce Tulloch](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Restoring hours at Monroe St. Library
Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:09:30 PM

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The more pocket libraries Madison has, the less green house gas will be produced by people returning books by driving their cars to Madison Central Library.

From: [Mary Odell](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yvette](#)
Subject: Budget Concerns
Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021 5:01:51 PM

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As a longtime resident of Madison, I am writing this letter out of concern for the current proposed police budget. It seems counterintuitive to cut funding when the city is encouraging economic growth. The number of police officers on the street and behind the scene is very important to having a safe city.

Policing efforts include more than the big headline stories; every day policing efforts are very important to Madison residents. I want a full complement of officers to deal with incidents like sexual assault, carjacking's, home invasions, traffic accidents and speeding, and active shootings to name a few. Investigations in to past incidents are critical to right the ship and protect the victims. You may cite crime statistics in certain categories as going down, but the nature of many current crimes has become more violent for victims, so the statistics are misleading.

Admittedly, I am not a budget expert, but I know without adequate staffing in a growing population, Madison will become even less safe for residents. I know that budget issues are not simple and they should not be made without in depth study. I also do not want funds shifted from policing to support unproven programs.

As a resident of Madison, I am asking you not to cut more funding from the Madison Police Department. An analogy might be the first experience with illegal drugs does not often kill, but multiple experiences can be deadly. Shaving a budget can lead to big problems down the road, as the saying goes. I can speak from experience on this as I spent 38 years in the classroom and budget cuts do not solve problems; they create future problems of quality students and personnel.

P.S. Please study the repercussions of using up the "rainy day" funding ahead of the real rainy day. As a taxpayer, this possibility really concerns me.

From: [Jenny Higgins](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: please support the Monroe Street Library
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:35:55 AM

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Dear Finance Committee members,

My name is Jenny Higgins, and I live on the near-west side of Madison. I'm writing to express strong support for a relatively small city council budget increase to support the Monroe Street Library.

In pre-pandemic days, when it was open five days a week, my family and I used the Monroe Street Library at least twice a week. We have really missed its more available hours, especially when we have to miss the few days it is open due to our work schedules. My family and I have ~40 books checked out at any one time -- especially children's books -- and they are in high circulation to keep us all reading and engaged. We really feel the absence when we can't pick up new batches of books.

Please find \$70,000 in the city's overall \$675,000,000 budget to reinstate pre-pandemic service hours at the Monroe Street Library.

with gratitude,
Jenny Higgins
1806 Chadbourne Ave
Madison, WI 53726

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Jenny Higgins (she/her)
jennyhiggins.net

From: [Kathy](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Proposed budget cuts
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:39:12 AM

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Hello All,

I am writing regarding potential budget cuts affecting the MPD.

Madison has become a crime, violence filled city. We need more officers not fewer.

The people with criminal intentions are encouraged by the lack of respect and support of law enforcement.

I am imploring you to please drop your agendas and do what has to be done to save this city!
I hope it isn't already too late.

Respectfully,

Kathy Viets

From: [Susan Pride Caulum](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: MPD
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 3:04:08 PM

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Pls see below. Thank you.
--Susan

From: Susan Pride Caulum
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Allalders@cityofmadison.com <Allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: MPD

Please do not cut funds from the Mayor's proposed budget for the Madison Police Department. With all the retirements, many "Priority Calls Only" instances and increased city size and population (including adding the Town of Madison), we need a full recruit class and protection. Thank you.

From: [Brian Hanneman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Opposition to MPD defunding
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:26:33 PM

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As a member of the Orchard Ridge neighborhood board, I can unequivocally say on behalf our neighborhood constituents that we do not approve any funding being removed from our already-understaffed police department--- especially at a time when violent crime and reckless driving on our streets is increasing. If there is any funding for Cares, it should be done outside the expense of MPD. Our alderperson does not represent the views of her constituents with her proposed amendments. I welcome anyone to call households in the neighborhood for verification.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dean Babcock](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Re. Upcoming Operating Budget
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 5:05:16 PM

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Finance Committee Members,

Please reject the alder amendments to the Mayor's operating budget which will reduce the police department budget during a time when lawlessness and crime are on the increase. This problem will only be exacerbated with the addition of nearly 5000 new residents from the Town of Madison next year. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Dean and Janice Babcock
6012 Aries Way
Madison, WI. 53718

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [VNA President](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Branch Library Hours - support for 5 days a week
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 5:53:51 PM

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Members of the City of Madison Finance Committee:

The Vilas Neighborhood Association urges you to adopt an amendment to the Mayor's proposed 2022 budget to fund increasing the hours of service at the Monroe Street Branch Library from 3 to 5 days a week, as recommended by the Madison Public Library Board, the Madison Public Library Foundation, and our Alder, Tag Evers.

The importance of the Monroe Street Branch to this neighborhood is evidenced by the exceptionally high volume of use it receives from area residents, many of whom walk to get there. Increasing the hours would improve access to the library's services and put our neighborhood branch on a more equal footing with the service provided in other parts of the City. The Monroe Street Branch is smaller than other libraries and would understandably still have fewer hours, but it would be significantly closer to providing full service than is possible with the current 3-day, Tuesday-Friday-Saturday configuration.

The library is an important feature of our neighborhood. In addition to providing much valued library services, it serves as a destination, contributing to the area's walkability, strengthening community by creating opportunities for residents to encounter and engage with neighbors, and generating foot traffic that is good for the local businesses on Monroe Street. Increasing the library hours from 3 days to 5 would have multiple benefits.

Respectfully,
Vilas Neighborhood Association
Sarah Bahauddin- VNA President

From: [William Sayles](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Oppose amendments to the Operating Budget to reduces the funding for MPD
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:34:00 PM

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The City of Madison has seen an increase in violent crime. In addition, the population is growing. It will expand further with the takeover of the Town of Madison. Also, there has been a high level of departures from MPD. These factors are increasing the demand for police services. Therefore, any effort to reduce the proposed budget for MPD is unwarranted. Any change should be to increase the budget!

William W. Sayles
5017 Flad Ave.

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Laurie S](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Amendment to 2022 City Budget to increase hours at Monroe St Library
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:59:34 PM

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Dear Finance Committee for the City of Madison,

I am writing in favor of returning Monroe St Library's hours to 5 days a week. Anytime I have been at this library over the past several months, there are many users taking advantage of its books, computer and library services. Unfortunately, the current 3-day-a-week operation schedule at Monroe St. does not allow for extra programming. These programs are very much missed.

Madison libraries improve the social fabric in all of our neighborhoods. Please help make Monroe St Library a stronger link for our library once again.

Thank you.

Laurie Swimm

From: [Joseph Keyes](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Oppose Cuts to Madison Police Department – Finance Committee Agenda Item #17
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:34:29 PM

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Madison Finance Committee,

I oppose the cuts to the Madison Police Department as detailed in the proposed adjustments to the 2022 Executive Operating Budget (Item #17 – October 25, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting agenda) . What the cuts will do is to turn the department from a pro-active to a reactive department. Current public complaints revolve around reactive departments. These cuts will only result in those self-fulfilling complaints. Also, the Madison Police Department is experiencing more and extended periods of priority calls. The City Council is still demanding the current service levels without the resources to meet them. This is leading to an untenable situation. How can this situation be resolved? I would offer these solutions. First, don't send officers to Madison schools when fights break out like the one at East High last Wednesday. That disturbance required ten patrol officers and one supervisor. Why not send officers? The Madison Metropolitan School District has stated it has a highly trained safety team that can handle any eventuality. Secondly, don't send officers to ensure an area is safe for the CARES Team. Why? The CARES Team staff are experts in de-escalation and should not need police help. In fact, the CARES team is in existence because it is said uniformed officers just escalate situational tensions. Thirdly, don't conduct traffic enforcement operations on streets like Whitney Way where Traffic Engineering has reduced the speed limit to 25 mile per hour. Why? Motorists will voluntarily abide by the new speed limits. However, in actual experience that does not happen. I live a few houses from Whitney Way, and you can hear the high-pitched whine of motorbikes regularly speeding down Whitney Way to get to the beltline. Fourth, don't send officers to noise complaints to prevent further issues. Why? Because fights and subsequent murders won't happen. But they do happen as evidenced by the young man who was killed at a party by Breeze Terrace in September.

Yes, there will be detrimental consequences for not properly funding the Madison Police Department. But the responsibility for those consequences resides not with the Madison Police Department but with the Madison Common Council and rightfully so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Keyes

District 11

From: [Gail Anderson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Monroe St. library
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:48:54 PM

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Finance Committee members:

I urge you to support restoring the Monroe St. Library to its full schedule for 2022. The Library Board voted last year to restore Monroe St. to its full schedule as soon as possible and this proposal is consistent with this body's vote. With the building being owned by the Library, the cost of maintaining this facility isn't the expense that other library buildings must cover.

Libraries are an essential public resource. Our branch needs to be accessible to its patrons more than 3 days a week. It has been confusing to remember which days the library is open with the schedule changes. At least now it's open on Saturdays, but we need more service.

One example of community service I learned about recently from a neighbor whose child was lost. Her daughter walked home from elementary school with other children. This parent had walked with her child to practice the route before this school year began. The second day of school her child became separated from the others. Fortunately, her daughter went to the Monroe St. Library. A library worker walked with the child to her home. This truly is going the "extra mile"!

Please restore Monroe St. branch days!

With thanks for your service,

Gail Anderson
711 S. Orchard St. #202
Madison, WI
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From: [Ruth Crump](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Proposed amendments to remove funds from the MPD's budget for 2022
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:46:51 PM

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To the Finance Committee, City of Madison, Wisconsin,

I'm writing in support of the Mayor's proposed budget for 2022 and against the amendments proposed by Alders Furman and Figueroa Cole which would significantly decrease the budget for MPD.

As Madison continues to grow, there is a need for adequate policing services for the community. We lost a large number of officers in this past year (2021) so far, and the loss of funding would not provide for adequate recruitment to replace even the ones that have left the department. Our police officers have had a difficult year, with shifts that have been much too long due to already inadequate staffing, with continuing loss of staffing, and an associated loss of morale. Those officers who in the past have worked proactively to minimize crime are now needed on patrol, so our communities will have fewer supports to help solve neighborhood issues that can lead to increased crime. I am also concerned about Amendment 19, which would remove funds for a position that would help in the collection of data to improve the functioning of MPD.

I have also written the mayor and alders regarding my strong belief that we need to ensure adequate support for MPD. I appreciate that the Mayor's budget, as originally proposed, provides much better support for MPD than we will have should the proposed amendments pass.

Thank you,
Ruth Crump

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing."
attributed to Edmund Burke

From: [Nickat Nite](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: MPD budget cuts
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:41:45 AM

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Hello all,

I am a lifelong resident and taxpayer of Madison (east side). I do NOT support further cuts to the police budget, which will impact public safety. As I understand it, two alders have proposed to remove a total of \$795,000 of funds from MPD. This is absolutely outrageous at a time when crime (petty and violent) continue to increase. We need to maintain a high quality of life in Madison, not diminish it by reducing the budget of our police force.

Nichole Flores

From: [Daniel Battist](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); mayor@cityofmsdison.com; [All Alders](#)
Subject: Removing funding from MPD
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:43:44 AM

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Good Morning, Now does not seem like a good time to remove funding from MPD by diverting funds to the CARES pilot. Please find alternative funding sources for CARES and increase funding for MPD. MP D is drastically understaffed and responses time is suffering as well as excessive overtime to cover basic shifts. The increase in violent crime, reckless driving and the new speeding initiative all strongly suggest more police to insure public safety.

Sent from my iPhone

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:58:11 AM

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All:

Several staff reductions are proposed on the October 25th Finance Committee agenda, specifically Amendments 17, 18 and 19. I ask you to **REJECT these and all cuts to the Madison Police Department Budget.**

Crime is up and it affects the quality of life in all areas of the City. We will be absorbing new residents and a greater geographic footprint as the Town of Madison joins us.

As evidenced by the numbers in the 2022 Executive Budget (page 285), MPD staff is overworked and putting in large numbers of overtime hours to fulfill their responsibilities to us.

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| Overtime Projected for 2021: | \$4,543,845 |
| Overtime in 2022 Budget: | \$4,141,099 |

I want those officers who are willing serve us to be at the top of their game. That does not mean over-worked, stressed, unable to balance work-life or having the time to recover from the traumatic events that they encounter on a daily basis.

Let's value the members of MPD and treat them like professionals. That means increasing staff to reduce the number of overtime hours that each officer is currently putting in on a regular basis.

OPPOSE ALL CUTS TO MPD STAFFING!

Thank you for supporting the work of our exceptional police officers and all of MPD.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: [Tish Johnson](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please Do Not Pass Budget Amendments 17, 18 and 19
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:02:52 AM

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Dear Mayor, Alders and Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about three budget amendments, 17, 18 and 19, that you will consider. With the current issues we have with safety in our community, in our schools and on our streets, I cannot support these amendments and the impact they will have on the city's ability even maintain adequate policing resources. These safety issues, along with the integration of the Town of Madison, indicate a need for more, not less, police resources. I do not feel that retirements and other attrition were accounted for in the original budget and these proposed amendments, if passed, will force out more of our understaffed and overworked police without options for replacement. It is a vicious cycle that leaves our community increasingly more vulnerable.

I echo Chief Barnes's position that "we cannot afford to lose any resources and still maintain our current level of services" as well as his concerns about "the value and morale of our officers."

Please do not pass these amendments!!!

Sincerely,
Tish Johnson
5505 Tolman Terrace

From: [Larry and Ginny White](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Don't Cut Police Department Budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:21:54 AM

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The City Council, reportedly, is proposing to cut \$790K from the Police Department budget. We believe that would be ill-advised and counter-productive.

We want to see a less militarized, more humane police department, but not at the expense of public safety. Instead, additional money should be budgeted to better vet, train, and compensate police officers and to fund mental health and outreach positions.

The unfortunate slogan “Defund the Police” was never understood by most people to mean cutting police budgets. Rather, it expressed the idea that money should be *redirected* to hiring professionals to assist in situations involving mental health, addiction, and homelessness.

We urge the City Council to *add* money to the Police Department budget, not cut it.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Larry White

From: [Tricia Lenzendorf](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opposing Reduction of MPD proposed budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:48:23 AM

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As a 14 year Madison resident, I have never felt LESS safe in this city as I do today. We will not go downtown at night anymore, there is too much risk of being the victim of a crime. This city needs a larger change overall to fix the issues causing the crime, but reducing the MPD budget with the amount of crime currently happening is not the solution right now. I strongly oppose this proposal.

Tricia Sletten
4115 Buckeye Road
Madison, WI 53716

From: [James Steinbach](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget - police
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:18:37 AM

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Dear neighbors:

I don't support any further reductions in funding for the Madison Police Department. In my immediate neighborhood area — Walnut Grove, Wexford Village, and Tamarack Trails — crime has increased. Shootings, robberies, car theft, mugging ... these can't become normalized. People are afraid and angry. Please hear us.

Thank you for your service to Madison.

James Steinbach

From: [Mike Thomsen](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Oppose Cuts to MPD
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:52:41 AM

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Dear Mayor Satya and Alders,

The Board of Directors of the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association OPPOSE any cuts to the MPD budget.

The Common Council has failed over the years to adequately staff MPD. In 2010 Madison had a population of 233,209 and 438 sworn police officers. In 2020 Madison had a population of 269,804 and 479 sworn officers.

Madison's population grew 14.7% but the number of sworn officers increased by just 9.4%. To keep up with the population growth through 2020 Madison should have had 507 sworn officers. And, the city should be adding 7 new sworn officers each year just to keep up with population growth. If policing were becoming more efficient, perhaps we could consider reductions in the "police officer-to-resident" ratio, however, it is not. There are more demands for documentation than ever thus we actually should be increasing the "police officer-to-resident" ratio.

It takes two years to train and prepare a new police officer for the streets. The Common Council's failure to properly staff MPD in the past is showing up in exploding crime today. PLEASE, do not worsen the situation by adopting the budget amendments offered by alders Furman and Figueroa-Cole. They are shortsighted and will harm our city.

Sincerely yours,
Mike Thomsen

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Mike Thomsen, President
Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association

From: [Wendy Reichel](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Barnes, Shon F](#); [Patton, Timothy](#); [Freedman, Jason](#)
Subject: Please Vote No on Amendments 17-19--It's Negligence
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:18:11 AM

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Dear Finance Committee alders and Mayor,

To propose taking \$795,000 from MPD's budget at this tipping point in our city's safety is negligence.

We're going to welcome almost 5000 residents from the Town of Madison but then tell them they aren't getting any police services? And MPD will lose 3 additional officer positions in addition to the 8---at a time when MPD is struggling to meet critical daily hard staffing minimums and gun violence incidents and reckless driving are affecting residents' daily quality of life like never before.

Please talk to or take a ride-along with the officers who are covering all of these overtime shifts. I have. They are burned out and morale is at an all-time low. They can't guarantee to their families that they'll be home to attend family events or pick up their kids from daycare or get time off for the mental or physical breaks they need. That's why so many of them are quitting or retiring. When they leave, all of their training (that we paid for!) and experience goes out the door with them.

And as a taxpayer I also don't appreciate paying for 1.5 cops and only getting 1 which is what happens every time an officer is called in early or is asked to stay late---all of us pay for their entire 12-hour shift, not just the 4 hours of overtime they put in.

Finally, while I (as well as the many police officers I've spoken to) hope the CARES program is a big success, it does not and will not ever replace the need for police officers to respond to most calls for service. And the program will not be able to relieve MPD of the most time and labor intensive calls---those involving weapons and those involving mental health detentions (because by state statute only a law enforcement officer can take someone into protective custody).

MPD responds to 400 to 500 calls PER DAY on average (pre-COVID that number was starting to hit the 600s). The CARES unit answered 37 calls in its first 5 weeks. Again, I wish them all the success in the world so they can help hurting people in our community. But during that 5 weeks, MPD responded to approximately 12,205 calls for service.

Even if this \$795,000 grab from MPD's budget is able to create 7 or 8 more CARES teams, they will only be able to respond to 400 to 500 calls PER MONTH. That's what MPD responds to in ONE DAY. And CARES will not be picking up bullet casings and interviewing families of victims lost to gun violence. Nor will they be arresting car thieves, domestic abusers or issuing tickets to reckless drivers on East Washington Avenue.

The CARES program is not a substitute for MPD officers and it should not be funded from MPD's budget.

Please vote NO on amendments 17, 18 and 19.

Thank you!

Wendy Reichel

District 10

From: [Tim Faust](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Police
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:22:11 AM

I was born and raised in madison. Worked for the street department fo 32 years.

Please reconsider Putting back the money in the police budget. Madison's turning into a pretty bad town. I've never been afraid to go anywhere in this city. But now I consider my actions wherever I go. Please do the right thing for the city. Thank you so much Tim Faust

From: [Kevin Harried](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Reduction of Budget to Madison Police
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:24:32 AM

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To all city leaders,

I urge you to reject any motions or amendments to the city budget that reduce monies to the Madison Police Department or any other protective services.

As a lifelong resident of the city I can tell you the landscape has changed. Every day there are news reports of violent acts of criminal activity. There are reports of personal property damage or theft. We as a community not only expect our police services to respond to these issues but also improve upon the community to reduce these activities in general.

These protective services require funding and staffing to not only maintain the current system but to improve the community in every way that we as residents expect from our city leaders.

From a voice of one resident, please reject any elimination of funds from any of our emergency services. (Police or Fire)

Kevin Harried

From: [George and Patricia Silverwood](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Amendment on Police staffing by Ald Furman
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:29:10 AM

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I would like to express my strong opposition to cutting funding for 11 police officers. In light of the annexation of the Town of Madison and the already serious staffing and response issues the Department faces, this makes no sense. Thank you.

George Silverwood

From: [Liz Lusk](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Alder Evers, District 13](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library - restoration of hours
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:46:07 AM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I am writing to support Alder Evers' amendment to restore the Monroe Street Library hours of operation from 3 days per week (which were reduced to this level during the pandemic) to pre pandemic hours of operation - 5 days a week.

The library is a vibrant essential part of this community. I am 70 years old and although I share a car I walk to the library, typically at least once per week. Our grandchildren have also enjoyed the library and it's programming, which cannot be offered with the shortened hours.

This branch of the library is incredibly efficient. It is highly used (a recent survey showed it was more highly visited than Goodman South, Lakeview or Hawthorne, despite its small size). The number of books checked out is also very high. In a very small building people read and work on computers and find books, make copies, ask questions of knowledgeable staff all in a free and welcoming space. This library branch works WELL. There is no need to sacrifice the full work of the Monroe Street Branch. We should emulate it, not degrade it.

Thanks for your attention to this matter so personally meaningful to so many of us.

Sincerely,

Liz Lusk
452 Virginia Terrace
Madison, WI 53726

From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#); [Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.](#)
Cc: [Barnes, Shon F](#)
Subject: Your Conscience is On Display
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:51:09 AM

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Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

If you vote yes on Amdments 17, 18, and 19 tonight, you are doing so:

- Against the wishes of Chief Davis of the Fire Department, which houses CARES.
- Against the informed and expert advice of Chief Barnes, who believes his civilian data and innovation position would help him mazimize the efficiency of his department.
- Against the Mayor's promise to add 8 officers for the Town of Madison attachment (this removes them by capping the recruit academy so it cannot keep up with attrition). This is an equity problem.
- In spite of the fact that our police department is experiencing extreme staffing shortages and unable to recoup last year's attrition, not to mention this year's record level.
- Against all common sense in light of workforce trends, growing population, and residents' growing concerns with rising violent crime and reckless driving, etc.

You will be held publicly accountable to the City you steward for your votes on these amendments.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Roe
District 10
608-239-1748

From: [Patricia](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Monroe Street Library support
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 10:56:14 AM

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Hello,

We would like to state our strong support for the Monroe Street Library Branch. It is time for the city of Madison to restore full service to this wonderful library and the staff. The Monroe Street branch library is a wonderful asset to our entire community and serves a broad Madison neighborhood. We encourage you to fully support the library.

Thank you,
Patricia Wood
Robert Wood

From: 6086288041@mms.att.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget amendments
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:05:44 AM
Attachments: [text 0.txt](#)

Budget amendment 17, 18, 19 Should be rejected. Reductions in the police budget at this time with the crime rates and the departure of current staff is not timely.

From: [Jayne Meyer](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: MPD Budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:07:13 AM

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Dear Mayor Conway and Council Members:

I am writing today to voice my opposition to the proposed \$790,000 in budget cuts to the MPD & which includes cutting the needed 8 additional police officers to patrol the Town of Madison population by the MPD of 8,000 + by City Council members. We need these 8 additional police officers for the Town of Madison's merger with the City of Madison.

I do not approve of any funding being removed from our already-understaffed police department---especially at a time when violent crime and reckless driving on our streets is increasing.

MPD is seeing the highest number of resignations in 10 years and as of September 30th, resignations and retirements are 2 short of hitting the all-time record. So far this year 42 officers have left MPD. MPD is having trouble staffing shifts daily. Officers are staying over an extra 4 hours or are coming in early and working overtime to fill those shifts but it's become too burdensome. Officer morale is at its lowest point ever and many more officers are poised to leave for careers that won't make them work overtime every day or every other day. As a nurse, I understand how stressful and dangerous working short-staffed, especially on such a regular basis, is. Council members proposed cuts, reducing the police budget by \$795,000 which will impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by 11 officers to replace officers lost to attrition and those 11 officers don't even begin to fill the gap.

More budget cuts will only increase attrition, and potentially mistakes, as I have seen in the hospital with increased hours, fatigue, and stress. In addition, when there aren't enough officers available for the city, the city goes into priority-only call status and officers are only dispatched to serious calls involving weapons, life in danger, or a traffic accident with injuries. All other calls are triaged until more officers become available again. When you call 911 or non-emergency you may be told by a dispatcher that your call is not urgent and therefore will have to be stacked in a queue. That is not the kind of service I expect from my city.

In addition, an amendment denies Police Chief Barnes his civilian position he requested that would "improve data collection and analysis supporting data-informed decision-making, violence reduction, and crime prevention." He considered this position the key to his success in doing more with fewer resources. His expertise is in data-driven police policy reform and innovation. This cut seems counterproductive.

While I support innovation in crime reduction, restorative justice, and police training, we need a fully staffed, well-trained police force in the meantime.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jayne Meyer
District 9

From: [Gina Landucci](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Potential impact to the Madison Police Department
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:20:56 AM

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Hello, I was very dismayed to learn of alder proposed budget reductions to the Mayor's operational budget. This is unfortunately a knee-jerk reaction that has the potential to make a tough situation even worse. Alders need to talk and work with the MPD and discuss ways to use resources *differently*, rather than just slashing budgets.

This lack of detailed collaborative work is further emphasized by the amendment, again proposed by the alders, that denies Chief Barnes the civilian position he requested to bring about data-driven police reform and innovation.

Alders are put in place to speak for communities and on this issue I feel they are not doing a good job of listening and working with all voices to come to a solution. I am adamantly opposed to these proposals.

Sincerely,
Gina Landucci

From: georgemeyer@tds.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: georgemeyer@tds.net
Subject: Please Vote No on Agenda Item #67496---Reducing Police Dept. Budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:30:55 AM

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Greetings:

My wife and I live on the corner of Tree Lane and Randolph Drive on the Far West side of Madison in a beautifully diverse neighborhood. Here is why we are asking you not to approve the budget amendment reducing the Police Department Budget.

Two weeks ago our new next door neighbors had a bullet enter their bedroom facing Tree Lane and hit the bed spring of the bed that they were sleeping in. We have two bedrooms also facing Tree Lane. Four years ago there was a gang murder at the tavern at the end of our block. This summer there was a armed robbery at the Kwik Trip across the street from the tavern. A few weeks later there was daylight gunfire in the parking lot of another Kwik Trip another block away. Within the last year there was an armed carjacking in the Walgreens parking lot two blocks away. We and our neighbors frequent all of those businesses. We have had our neighbors's cars stolen and their homes burglarized in the recent past.

Would you want these incidents to happen in your neighborhood? Please vote no to reducing Police Department staff funding!

Thank you,
George Meyer
201 Randolph Drive
Madison WI 53717-1615

From: [Luann Skinner](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Funding
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:31:04 AM

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I do not approve of reducing ANY funding for the MPD. They need more money, not less!!!!!!
I cannot wait for voting to begin.
Luann Skinner

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From: [Sherrie&Robbie Axtell](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Police Officer Reduction
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:33:21 AM

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Good day,

My husband and I and my father who lives on Wyalusing Dr. Madison 53718 . Wish to make it known that we do not, DO NOT Agree with even a single police officer or staff being reduced. We pay very high taxes in the state of Wisconsin and have a shortage of police officers as it is.

Very Sincerely,

Robert and Sherrie Axtell

John M Canty

snraxtell@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget Amendments-Ambulance Conveyance Fee
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:50:39 AM

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Finance Committee, Mayor, Alders:

I am asking you to **OPPOSE Budget Amendment #16 which increases the ambulance conveyance fee to \$1,410.**

This is an exorbitant 33% increase from \$1,075 in a two year period. With an increased travel time from Middleton and Sun Prairie, their fees should not be used as a comparison to the Madison fees.

An increase in cost will mean that many people will think twice about calling for an ambulance. In turn, this will result in negative healthcare outcomes for many residents.

Let's be proactive in offering affordable healthcare for Madison residents.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: judybl@tds.net
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please vote NO on Amendments 17, 18 and 19
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:56:46 AM

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

Please vote NO on Amendments 17, 18 and 19 which reduce even more officers from MPD's already short-staffed department. This is not the time to be decreasing police resources when neighborhoods like mine are seeing a significant increase in gun violence incidents.

I have lived in my neighborhood for 35 years and I have never been scared to walk after dark, but I am now. And after several armed robberies in the last few months, I'm fearful of visiting my neighborhood Walgreens. Other neighbors are also afraid and have transferred their prescriptions to another pharmacy.

And with shooting and carjacking incidents at the gas station nearest to my house, I now only get gas during the daytime, and I feel apprehensive any time I go there.

This increase in violent crime incidents in my neighborhood is having a direct impact on my quality of life. A few weeks ago the occupants of two vehicles were shooting at each other on a street in my neighborhood. One of the stray bullets entered a home and struck a mattress. It landed only 12 inches away from someone who was sleeping in that bed. It's a miracle they weren't injured or killed.

We need MORE police officers that can have a presence and help solve crimes in our neighborhoods, not fewer.

Thank you,
Judy Bluel
District 9

From: [John Fons](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Mismanagement
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:58:49 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Madison is reportedly spending nearly one million dollars to create an encampment for a limited number of homeless in this city. It will cost a reported \$70,000 per month to keep that encampment in operation. Yet you consider decreasing funding to the Madison Police Department by at least the same amount and make it impossible for MPD to recruit officers to replace those who retire or resign.

These decisions are your responsibility and you will be held accountable by the citizens of Madison who pay taxes and rely on tax supported services for their safety and livelihood.

Think carefully.

John Fons
4634 Tokay Blvd.
Madison, WI 53711
608-236-0844 Hm
661-917-0850 cell

From: [Nino Amato](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#); [Heck, Patrick](#); [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Lemmer, Lindsay](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Benford, Brian](#); [Wehelie, Nasra H](#); dostrict8@cityofmadison.com; [Figueroa Cole, Yvette](#); [Martin, Arvina](#); [Abbas, Syed](#); [Evers, Tag](#); [Carter, Sheri](#); [Myadze, Charles](#); [Halverson, Gary](#); [Furman, Keith](#); [Albouras, Christian](#)
Subject: Today's Finance Committee Meeting — Opposed to Cutting MPD by \$790,000 & the Immediate Need for 8 additional police to cover sections the Town of Madison Merger w/Madison
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:03:22 PM

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Dear Mayor Conway and Council Members:

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I do not approve of any funding being removed from our already-understaffed police department---especially at a time when violent crime and reckless driving on our streets is increasing. Mayor Conway did not propose these cuts, Council members did, reducing the police budget by \$795,000 which will impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by 11 officers. The recruit academy is what is used each year to replace officers lost to attrition and 11 officers doesn't even begin to fill the gap.

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While I support innovation in crime reduction, restorative justice, and police training, we need a fully staffed, well-trained police force in the meantime.

Thank you for your consideration.

A.J. Nino Amato
Public Policy Committee Chair

We Are Many United Against Hate
9th Aldermanic & Former Alder
namato@cwag.org

Sent from my iPhone

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget-Streets-Drop-off
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:12:39 PM

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Finance Committee, Mayor and Alder:

Please **OPPOSE Amendment #15 which prematurely opens an Olin Avenue public drop-off site.**

Yes, Downtown residents will have further to go to reach Sycamore or South Point. Since the reverse has been true for years, restoring this funding has the appearance of giving preferential treatment to the central city.

Let's all make some sacrifices to bring down our debt load.

Janet Hirsch
District 9

From: [Jayne Meyer](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2022 Operating Budget Amendments-Ambulance Conveyance Fee
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:36:15 PM

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Finance Committee, Mayor, Alders:

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An increase in cost will mean that many people will think twice about calling for an ambulance. In turn, this will result in negative healthcare outcomes for many residents.

Let's be proactive in offering affordable healthcare for Madison residents.

Jayne Meyer
District 9

From: [Christina Theobald](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fw: Opposition to increased police budgets
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:14:32 PM

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From: Christina Theobald <ctheo23414@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:11 PM
To: fianancecommittee@cityofmadison.com <fianancecommittee@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition to increased police budgets

Hello,

My name is Christina, and I am a resident of Madison. I am writing to express my concern, and opposition, ahead of the Financial Committee meeting happening this afternoon.

For a city that actively portrays itself as "progressive", I am continuously left disappointed that the City keeps choosing to see an increased police budget as a solution to any of our social problems. The way our city officials view and treat the ideas of "crime" and "criminals" is very much rooted in white supremacist, classist values, and I truly expect more from a city like Madison.

Instead of funneling more money to the police, I would love to see more money and support going to those who can make healthy, impactful changes for our community members who need it most. Mental health specialists, social workers, and addiction specialists are some examples of who should be better financially supported so that they can continue to do the real work for our community.

If one digs deep into why a crime has happened, there is generally a root cause connected to a deeper social issue, such as poverty and lack of resources (i.e. housing, health care, healthy food, treatment options...). I would love to see a 'progressive' city like Madison start to make progressive choices when it comes to how it distributes its funds. I do not believe that funding the cops as a means of locking residents up for committing crimes related to broader social issues will help anything in the end. Instead, this will only continue to divide and tear communities apart, and will come at the cost of taxpayer's wallets and the livelihood of many families who deserve better.

I urge you to reconsider your stance on this proposal to increase police funding. The residents

of Madison deserve much more in terms of care and access to resources. Doing so will not only build more trust within the community, but will be a healthier means of crime prevention as well.

Thank you for your time,

Christina Theobald

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From: [Peyton David](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Written opposition: Oct. 25, 2021 Meeting Item #17
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:16:00 PM

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Good afternoon:

I'm writing to oppose item #17 in tonight's Financial Committee meeting. The increase in police funding will only serve to increase violence and incarceration rates against black and brown people. Stopping cycles of incarceration means placing funding into programs and resources that are needed most, such as health care, transportation, and education for our most marginalized community members. Wisconsin has the highest rate of incarceration for Black people in the U.S. Black Americans face disproportionate arrest rates and factors that lead to longer prison sentences, leading to more negative life outcomes and reduced earnings. Instead of funding the police, these funds should go towards reducing disparities in communities of color.

I urge you to consider Proposed Amendments 17, 18, 19 that move these funds into CARES. This is far better solution to creating a healthier community than giving more funding to police.

Thank you,

Peyton

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From: [George and Patricia Silverwood](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for budget amendment
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:16:12 PM

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Ald. Cole has proposed additional funds by amendment for the Focus Intervention Coalition, item 14. Please support this amendment as a way to work with MPD to reduce violence.
Thank you.

George Silverwood

From: [Glori Sabin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Common Council Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:50:52 PM

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This is a plea that you strike down the amendments #17, #18 and #19 that were submitted by 2 alders to remove \$795,000 from the MPD's budget. How could anyone think that this is a logical request? We are totally against ANY reduction to the MPD's proposed budget. Thank you

Kim Dietzman and Glori Sabin
10 Jubilee Circle
Madison Wi 53718

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From: [Dan Elsass](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support extra days & hours @ Monroe St. Library
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:11:42 PM

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Finance Members:

Please restore \$70,000 to Library budget to keep Monroe library @ pre-Covid levels! The branch is heavily used and the City got Covid relief money this year that can be used for this purpose.

Dan Elsass
711 S. ORCHARD

From: [Jake Rodgers](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2022 Executive Budget
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:13:28 PM

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My name is Jake Rodgers and I am a voting resident of District 6.

I am writing this morning to strongly oppose ANY funding for police in the upcoming budget. Time and time again research has shown that more police do not equal more crimes. 2020 and 2021 were an opportunity for police to reevaluate their practices and a true chance for reform. Clearly reform has not worked as crime has not decreased over the past two years. Our budget instead should reflect the needs of our community in Madison. More affordable housing, more mental health services, more money for getting folks food and access to affordable health care. If we move money away from police and into giving people what they actually need, we ensure that everyone is safe.

No more money for the police. It's wild to me that we are planning on spending \$84 million on police while public health is on 7.2 million and affordable housing is only \$6.8 million. It is wild.

No more money for the police. We don't need it.

Thank you,
Jake Rodgers

From: [Nino Amato](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Heck, Patrick](#); [Lemmer, Lindsay](#); [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Benford, Brian](#); [Wehelie, Nasra H](#); [Bennett, Juliana](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#); [Martin, Arvina](#); [Abbas, Syed](#); [Evers, Tag](#); [Foster, Grant](#); [Currie, Jael](#); [Halverson, Gary](#); [Myadze, Charles](#); [Furman, Keith](#); [Albouras, Christian](#); [Carter, Sheri](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Opposing \$795,000 Cuts to the MPD & Support 8 New MPD Officer Positions
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:25:07 PM

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TO: City of Madison Finance Committee Members
cc: Madison City Council & Madison Mayor

While I support innovation in crime reduction, restorative justice, and police training, I also support the immediate need for a fully staffed and a exceptionally, well-trained Madison police force.

That is why I am writing today to voice my opposition to the proposed City Council cuts (\$795,000 in budget cuts to the MPD), which includes cutting the needed 8 additional police offices to patrol the Town of Madison population by the MPD of 8,000 + population.

Rising Violent Crime & Shots Fired & Under-Staffing:

With the epidemic of “shots fired” and other related gang & drug crimes on the rise in Madison Metro, it would be “foolish and dangerous” to cut the MPD, who is already understaffed in traffic patrol and neighborhood policing --- especially at a time when violent crimes of highjacking and reckless driving on our streets and Beltline are increasing.

Council members who are proposing \$795,000 in MPD cuts, will negatively impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by eleven (11) officers. The recruit academy is what is used each year to replace officers lost to attrition, due to resignations, retirements and in some cases, due to health issues. Any further cuts, would seriously endanger the public safety of our citizens.

Record MPD Resignations:

Our MPD is seeing the highest number of resignations in 10 years and as of September 30th, resignations and retirements are two shy of hitting the all-time record. As of this year (9-30-21) 42 officers have left MPD.

Worse yet, MPD is having trouble staffing shifts on a daily basis. Officers are staying over an extra 4 hours — or are coming in early and working overtime to fill those shifts — which is becoming more and more stressful for those officers because of the personal burden to them and/or their families.

MPD Morale Issues:

It is also no secret, that Madison Police Officer morale is at an all time low, and many more officers are poised to leave for careers that won't make them work overtime every day after day.

As a healthcare professional, I understand how stressful and dangerous working short-staffed can be on employees and their families.

The City Council members who are supporting these cuts, by reducing the police budget by \$795,000, will radically impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by at least 11 officers — that are needed to replace officers lost to attrition and those 11 officers don't even begin to fill the current police officer staffing gap.

More budget cuts to the MPD, will only increase attrition levels — because of the increase in stress and low moral.

Priority-Only-Call-Status:

With the current staffing shortages, there aren't enough officers available for the city. As a result, the MPD goes into priority-only call status and officers are only dispatched to serious calls involving weapons, life in danger, or a traffic accident with injuries.

Tragically, all other calls are triaged until more officers become available again. For example, when you call 911 or non-emergency you may be told by a dispatcher that your call is not urgent and therefore will have to be stacked in a queue.

Simply put, this is not the kind of MPD “protect & serve” services, expect of a City that has one of the highest property tax rates.

Data-Driven-Policy-Making:

Furthermore, one of the city council amendments denies Police Chief Barnes his civilian position he requested that would "improve data collection and analysis supporting data-informed decision-making, violence reduction, and crime prevention."

This important position is key to improving management decision-making, with fewer resources.

The cut to eliminate this position, is not only a policy mistake, it is clearly counterproductive to “data-driven police policy reform and innovation.”

Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to contact me at 608-514-3317 if you have any questions.

A.J. Nino Amato
Former Madison Alder
UW-Adjunct Professor Criminal Justice
64 Oak Creek Trail, Madison
(c) 608-514-3317

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ryan Eykholt](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Comments on Agenda Item 67496
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:29:57 PM

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Dear Finance Committee Members,

My name is Ryan Eykholt. I live in Madison, WI, 53703.

I have comments pertaining to Item 67496 on today's Finance Committee meeting agenda.

I strongly oppose the amount of money in the 2022 Executive Operational Budget that is going to the police department. Over \$84 million going towards the police (\$2 million more than 2021) is excessive, dangerous, harmful, and wasteful. It is well documented that funneling more funding into police departments, as well as allowing these departments to operate without impunity, does nothing to reduce crime. Police cause immense harm to Black and Brown communities, and we cannot police our way out of that reality. It is well documented that defunding the police and refunding community/social services offers much more promising outcomes for the health, safety, and livelihoods of everyone in our communities, especially Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color.

I find it outrageous that the Mayor is attempting to give more money to MPD when so many people are suffering, and as she is only planning for \$6.8M for new affordable housing, \$7.2M for public health, and \$18.9M for libraries. Freedom Inc surveyed 1500+ people in Madison to create the [People's Budget](#), and the needs articulated in this thorough report are not reflected in the 2022 Executive Operating Budget.

I urge you to not increase the police budget as the Mayor has written into the executive budget. We do not need \$168K spent on ammunition. We do not need a mounted police program. We don't need more police officers. We *need* to invest in an infrastructure of support, care, and transformative justice. I hope you will make a decision that looks out for your constituents' priorities and does not contribute to the centuries-long harms against Black people.

Sincerely,
Ryan Eykholt
ryan.eykholt@gmail.com

From: [madves](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget Amendments
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:32:53 PM

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I do not support amendment 17, 18, 19 to reduce the police budget.

With the rise in crime in the city, combined with the departure of police staff, I do not think it's appropriate to reduce police departments fiscal budget.

Kevin Vesperman

608-628-8041

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From: Kim Richman <krichman@pm.me>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Mayor; Finance Committee
Subject: It's on YOUR conscience.

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Madam Mayor, Finance Committee alders;

Supporting the irresponsible amendments #17, #18, #19 makes no sense. As an advocate for a safe community, I see this as a serious community safety issue.

MPD is already understaffed, working extended shifts, and being called in because of staffing shortages. Attrition could be the highest ever, yet at least 4 alders are asking for more reductions.

Even though the mayor authorized 8 new MPD staffers for the annexation of the Town of Madison, these irresponsible amendments would wipe them out and cost MPD 3 more, at a time when violent crime and reckless driving is increasing.

In addition, according to different sources, Madison has grown anywhere from 13% to 16% the past decade. On the far Eastside where I live, several multi-unit complexes ALONE are adding or have added over 1000 new **units** (1000 to 3000 people) and that does not include new homes. Now, think about that citywide. One can only stretch a rubber band so thin before it breaks.

Get the respect of city residents, and especially your constituents, and do the right thing, the intelligent thing, the responsible thing, and OPPOSE amendments 17, 18, 19, and ensure appropriate funding of the MPD to keep us all safe.

Your votes WILL be officially documented and publicized.

All the best

Kim Richman
16th District

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From: Paul Skidmore <paulskidmore@tds.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders; Finance Committee
Subject: MPD Budget Cuts

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Dear Mayor Conway and Council Members:

I am writing today to oppose the proposed \$790,000 in budget cuts to the MPD that will be considered at tonight's Finance Committee meeting. These cuts, include the elimination the 8 additional police officers needed to patrol the Town of Madison population by the MPD. We need these 8 additional police officers to adequately provide public safety for the Town of Madison's merger with the City of Madison.

Also, I do not approve of any funding being removed from our already-understaffed police department---especially at a time when violent crime and reckless driving on our streets is increasing.

MPD is seeing the highest number of resignations in 10 years and as of September 30th, resignations and retirements are 2 short of hitting the all-time record. So far this year 42 officers have left MPD. MPD is having trouble staffing shifts daily. Officers are staying over an extra 4 hours or are coming in early and working overtime to fill those shifts but it's become too burdensome. Officer morale is at its lowest point ever and many more officers are poised to leave for careers that won't make them work overtime every day or every other day. As a nurse, I understand how stressful and dangerous working short-staffed, especially on such a regular basis, is. Council members proposed cuts, reducing the police budget by \$795,000 which will impact the size of MPD's next year's recruit academy by 11 officers to replace officers lost to attrition and those 11 officers don't even begin to fill the gap.

More budget cuts will only increase attrition, and potentially mistakes, as I have seen in the hospital with increased hours, fatigue, and stress. In addition, when there aren't enough officers available for the city, the city goes into priority-only call status and officers are only dispatched to serious calls involving weapons, life in danger, or a traffic accident with injuries. All other calls are triaged until more officers become available again. When you call 911 or non-emergency you may be told by a dispatcher that your call is not urgent and therefore will have to be stacked in a queue. That is not the kind of service I expect from my city.

In addition, an amendment denies Police Chief Barnes his civilian position he requested that would "improve data collection and analysis supporting data-informed decision-making, violence reduction, and crime prevention." He considered this position the key to his success in doing more with fewer resources. His expertise is in data-driven police policy reform and innovation. This cut seems counterproductive.

While I support innovation in crime reduction, restorative justice, and police training, we will always need a fully staffed, well-trained police force that is capable of ending the threats that we are experiencing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Skidmore
District 9

From: Gloria Ladson-Billings <gjladson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: MPD Operating Budget
Attachments: Finance_Committee_MPD_Budget.docx

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Please see my attached statement re: this evening's discussion. I cannot attend meeting because of a competing commitment

Gloria Ladson-Billings

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Gloria Ladson-Billings,
Chairman, Urban League of Greater Madison Board of Directors
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Kappa Psi Omega Chapter
Membership Committee Chairman
2017 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International Citizen of the Year
Madison, WI 53744-4301
Website: <http://kappa-psi-omega-chapter-alpha-kappa-alpha-sorority.com>

"...And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" ~ Esther 4:14

7214 Countrywood Lane
Madison, WI 53719

October 25, 2021

Finance Committee
City of Madison

To the City of Madison Finance Committee:

I am aware that the Finance Committee is considering the Operating Budget for the Madison Police Department. This has been a year of increased scrutiny for police departments across the nation, and the Madison Police Department is no different. As an African American citizen who grew up in a large city with an aggressive police department that was often under the investigation of the US Justice Department, I am aware of the potential for the abuse of power that can occur within a police department. I am also aware of the increased concern of citizens of color for what has transpired over the last year with police across the country and within the state and I agree with the efforts to reallocate some of the city's resources designated for the police.

The city has already experienced some aspects of reallocation with the decision of the Madison Metropolitan School District to remove uniformed officers from its high schools. However, the proposed budget seems to be punishing the new police chief for the work of his predecessors. Madison regularly talks about not being able to attract a diverse, highly qualified work force. Well, it apparently convinced Chief Shon Barnes to take the job but one of your first actions seems to be tying his hands by slashing his budget. I strongly recommend that for his first budget, you allow the Chief to prove that his administration of the police department will represent a new approach to policing in this city.

The recent rash of car thefts, car jackings, home burglaries, and drive by shootings indicate our need for more preventative and community policing and is unlikely to be abated by slashing the police budget. I encourage you not to slash this budget in the first full year of Chief Barnes' tenure. This is an opportunity for Madison to demonstrate its true commitment to support of new leadership.

Sincerely,

Gloria Ladson-Billings
Email: gjladson@gmail.com

From: Adrian Lampron <adrianlampron@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Finance Committee Proposed Amendments #17, 18, and 19

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Hello, members of the Finance Committee,

I would like to express my **support for Proposed Amendments #17, 18, and 19 to the 2022 Operating Budget**. I believe it is important for the City of Madison to continue investing in the CARES program.

Thank you,

Adrian Lampron
Madison, WI 53715

From: Joni Mitchell <jonimitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Do not reduce any funds to MPD

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MPD should be getting an increase in funds. Do not reduce. The crime here is horrible!

Joni Mitchell
702 herndon drive

From: Darin Hicks <darinhargrovehicks@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Opposing funding police

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we don't need police officers to be leading response calls we need trained mental health professionals. We need to stop criminalizing and putting people in cells and continually charging them money, fueling the policing system and prison industrial system. Our current way of responding to 'crime' was created by immoral people who were more often than not subscribed to white supremacist/racist and classist values" "we need to divest from policing and fund programs through our public health departments" "also we don't need to fund programs like coffee with a cop where police officers are able to fuel the narrative that their departments are under funded, at the last council meeting someone testified anecdotal evidence that this is occurring. This is an example of how community policing fails our communities."

Sent from my iPhone

From: Joni Nowak <joni1510@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Extending Library Hours

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Please extend Monroe St Branch Library hours. This is so important to our small community but large in usage of this facility !! Our neighbors and us have grandkids and it's difficult to get time with them to explore our wonderful branch.

Thank you,

Joni Nowak

Dave Wegner

1510 Chandler St

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From: Megan Spielbauer Sandate <megan.spielbauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to 2022 Executive Operating Budget

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Hello Finance Committee,

I want to state my opposition to agenda item 17, the 2022 Executive Operating Budget. I believe that the budget allocates too much of our city's budget to police despite the Madison Police Department revealing time and time again that they do not care about public safety.

I support amendments 17, 18, and 19 that dedicate more funds to CARES - we need to invest more than lip service into alternatives to police. Without serious investment in the CARES program, it will be difficult to evaluate its success and what needs to be done to make the program better.

I am tired of my Black and Brown comrades being targeted, injured, or killed by police. We need to defund the Madison Police Department and invest in resources that address the root cause of crime.

Defund the Police,
Megan Spielbauer Sandate

From: JACK K PHILLIPS <jack.phillips@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Finance Committee; All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Opposing the budget as is, support amendments 17, 18, 19

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Hello,

I wrote in earlier this month with more, but I'm writing today to say that I support amendments 17, 18, and 19 to the budget, which reallocate money from a bloated and corrupt police department to emergency services which support our community.

This month, one MPD officer shot another while attempting to murder a member of the community in an overly aggressive, militarized response to a simple violation of a nanny-state bail provision which was observed via an invasive use of live surveillance downtown. MPD subsequently framed this man for their own mistake and set his bail prohibitively high to maintain their smear campaign. All of this obscures the fact that we were a few inches away from another Black man killed by MPD, this time downtown. This behavior should not be rewarded with any additional funding. We have seen time and again that rewarding this sort of bad behavior leads to more militarized and aggressive cops. MPD's budget needs to be reduced and used to fund crisis intervention to prevent future catastrophe like this.

-Jack

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From: BP Dane County <bpsa20pac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:22 PM
To: Finance Committee; Verveer, Michael; Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Abbas, Syed; Currie, Jael; Furman, Keith; Carter, Sheri; Mayor
Cc: Hart, David; Kirbie Mack; Ray Allen; Tracey Caradine; Joseph Baring; Rev Marcus Allen; Gee, Alexander; Kaleem Caire; Carola Gaines; Rev. Rick Badger; Angela Arrington; Teresita Torrence; Josh Hargrove; Connie Miles; Jacqueline Jolly; Corinda Rainey-Moore; Pam Soward; Annette Miller; Theresa Sanders
Subject: MPD 2022 Budget Requet
Attachments: MPD BudgetFinance Cmte..docx; ATT00001.txt

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Good Evening City of Madison's Finance Committee,

On behalf of Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County (BPSADC), we support Chief of Police Barnes' Police Department 2022 budget request. Please see the attached letter supporting MPD's 2022 Budget proposal.

Your support of the Madison Police Department budget is greatly appreciated by the only Black PAC group in the City of Madison and the County of Dane.

Theresa Sanders. Secretary
BPSADC

Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County, Inc

October 25, 2021



ATTY. DAVID HART

President

KIRBIE MACK

Vice President

RAY ALLEN

Treasurer

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Secretary

TRACEY CARADINE

Executive Secretary

Dear Finance Committee Members,

On behalf of Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County, Inc., we write not to oppose any particular action or amendment on your agenda. Rather, we write to support Chief Barnes and ask that you give him the tools he needs to do his job.

In the hiring of the new Police Chief, we asked that they be allowed to assess the police department's needs (specifically, training) in order to provide safety, while not over-policing and enforcing Black and Brown neighborhoods in Madison.

We are encouraged to hear Chief Barnes acknowledge that racism plays a central role in not only the disparities that exist in the criminal justice system, but also in the enforcement of laws. We are also encouraged to see him in the community making authentic connections to marginalized populations.

We understand that there are three amendments you will consider tonight. Specifically:

- > Amendment 17: which reduces funding for the pre-service academy by \$164,000. This reduction would adversely affect the pre-service academy of 3 recruits.
- > Amendment 18: which reduces funding for the pre-service academy by \$510,000. This reduction adversely affects 8 pre-service academy recruits.
- > Amendment 19: reduces the funding for the Police Innovation, data, and Reform Director in the amount of \$121,000. This would adversely affect the Chief's programmatic thrust.

These kinds of cuts would place this Chief in an untenable situation. What is more, you would be treating this Chief differently than his predecessor.

While we do not support or oppose any specific legislation. We do support, however, Chief Barnes and his proposed budget.

Sincerely,

David A. Hart, Esq., President
BPSADC, Inc.

Kirbie G. Mack, VP
BPSADC, Inc.

BPSADC, INC

P.O. Box 8571, Madison, WI 53708

PHONE. 608 244 8282 | EMAIL. bpsa20PAC@gmail.com

From: Diane Judson <judsond30@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:53 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Police Budget Cuts

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Two people! Two people? Could be responsible for having our police force budget cut?. This is insanity!

Please do all you can to keep "we the people" safe and refuse to allow such nonsense.

Respectfully,
Diane Judson
A Monona Resident

From: Halverson, Gary
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Amendments 17, 18 and 19

Hello Finance committee,

I believe the CARES program has good potential however we are less than 2 months into the program and I believe it is premature to increase funding at this time, especially when we may have additional partners to help fund this in the future.

Also with regards to amendment 19, to eliminate the police reform position that Chief Barnes has asked for sends the wrong message to the Chief as well as our community.

Please consider this as you decide how to vote on these amendments.

Thank you,

Gary Halverson
Alder, District 17
Email: district17@cityofmadison.com
Phone: [\(608\) 563-8483](tel:(608)563-8483)
www.cityofmadison.com/council/district17

From: [James Flemal](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: MPD reduction of funds in their budget
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:53:32 AM

Please do not allow the reduction of funds to the MPD operating budget. We need our police force.
JD Flemal

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