

From: [Megan Spielbauer](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 10/26 Finance Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:29:19 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and #19. Continuing to expand the police force as proposed in amendment #9 is unaffordable, socially and financially. The revenue shortfall means that as a city we are taking budget cuts everywhere therefore expanding the police force should not be something that as a city we are even considering. Moreover, expansions in policing have not proved to reduce crime, and we should not be investing more money into a method of "safety" that harms more people, specifically Black and Brown people, than it helps.

I support amendments #17 and #19 because they are moving our city to a new form of community safety that does not include the police. Civilian violence interruption programs like the Focused Interruption Coalition Peer Support program, provide an effective means to reduce violence in the community. Amendment #17 would provide funding for that program our city so desperately needs. Similarly, the Crisis Response Team inspired by CAHOOTs would be a better place to devote more money to (Amendment #19) compared to the police in Amendment #9. For individuals in crisis, a professional non-police response is far more appropriate and humane, less likely to escalate into tragedy, and far less expensive.

To reiterate, I oppose amendment #9 and support amendments #17 and #19.

Revolution is here,

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Megan Spielbauer

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From: [Hannah Eldridge](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 10/27 agenda items
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:57:51 AM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19.

Budgets are moral documents: we can either put our cash into punitive policing, as proposed in Amendment #9, or we can actually reduce crimes by supporting the community. We cannot say "Black Lives Matter" and then support the police and not the community; we cannot claim to be committed to racial and social justice and starve the programs that pursue those goals to increase policing.

We also know from a great deal of research that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero--or rather, it creates negative value, as it continues to traumatize People of Color in Madison, makes us all less safe, and moves us further away from our goals.

As Steve Elbow recently reported in the Capital Times article, Madison has ongoing and even increasing disparities of Black and white citizens who experienced traffic stops and arrests, as well as numbers of juveniles arrested.

This request is in line with the requests of the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council to examine the MPD budget and identify possible ways resources devoted to MPD may be reprioritized away from the department and to desperately needed social services.

We need civilian violence interruption programs, like the Focused Interruption Coalition Peer Support program, that provide an effective means to reduce violence in the community, and especially gun violence. Amendment #17 would provide additional needed funding for this program, and can be expected to provide an excellent return on investment.

It is also in line with MPD Policy & Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee recommendation #40: "The Mayor and Common Council should further expand the use of a public health approach to curb violent crimes."

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For individuals in crisis, professional non-police response is far more appropriate and humane, less likely to escalate into tragedy, and far less expensive. In the Executive Operating Budget, this program is grossly underfunded, and Amendment #19 would help

rectify that.

Let's put our money where our mouths are and not where the violence is. Reject Amendment #, pass Amendments # 17 and #40!

Thank you,

Hannah Eldridge

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Madison WI 53705

Sincerely,

From: [Hannah Crossley](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2020 Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:15:01 AM

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Dear Alders,

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Hannah Crossley

From: [Kevin Mullaney](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Budget Agenda Item 16
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 4:23:08 PM

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My name is Kevin Mullaney, I live in the sixth aldermanic district. I have worked for the city of Madison for 22 years and I fully support Alder Verveer's amendment funding of Cashier positions. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Keyes, Joe R.](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: 2021 Budget Amendments 6A, 6B, 9 and 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:52:55 PM

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Alders and Finance Committee Members,

The following are my comments concerning Budget Amendments 6A, 6B, 9 and 19:

Support for Budget Amendment 6A and Oppose Budget Amendment 6B

I am in support of Budget Amendment 6A to move the remaining Parking Enforcement non-personnel costs from the General Fund to the Parking Utility where the personnel costs now reside. This only makes sense since you want all associated costs under one fund where it can be properly analyzed and tracked. This would also facilitate matching of these expenses with revenues brought in by Parking Utility as one would expect. Thus, a complete view of the Parking Utility operations can be had. To do otherwise, would cause confusion in understanding the Parking Utility's financial health. Of course, the approval of Budget Amendment 6A would eliminate the need to consider Budget Amendment 6B. As noted, Amendment 6B only allocates a portion of those non-personnel costs for no apparent reason. To approve Amendment 6B over Amendment 6A would not be prudent financial management. To summarize, please approve Budget Amendment 6A to ensure clarity of the Parking Utility fiscal operations and eliminate Amendment 6B.

Support for Budget Amendment 9

Previous City of Madison mayors have recognized the importance of the State Street area to the economic health and growth of downtown Madison. However, increasing crime on State Street and corresponding blocks on University Avenue, and the impact of rioting have made the Downtown Entertainment Zone a place to avoid. This fact was noted in the editorial section of Sunday's Wisconsin State Journal (October 25, 2020). https://madison.com/wsj/opinion/column/bill-mccoshen-how-we-get-downtown-madison-back/article_c13bc1c6-eccb-54da-89c5-bcc18a1d4509.html To revive the Downtown Entertainment Zone and the economic impact it provides; security must be improved. The COPS grant, with the four additional officers dedicated to that zone, will be an essential part of that revival. Please approve Amendment 9.

Opposition for Budget Amendment 19

There has been a great misunderstanding of what the authorized strength of the Madison Police Department is. On Saturday, the Wisconsin State Journal erroneously stated the authorized strength was 603. The authorized strength will be 479 upon removal of the School Resource Officers. But this does not tell the entire story. Amendment 19 assumes that retirements and resignations will be at a year to date count of 40. Common sense tells one that there will be more retirements and resignations by year end resulting in a higher attrition rate than the three-year average. Thus, the impact on the size of the next recruit class will be much less than the anticipated 33 to 34 recruits. What does this mean? It means even less staffing. It is assumed that officer vacancies will provide funding for those recruits but, given other 2021 budget adjustments, this funding probably will not materialize. Right now, the afternoon Traffic Enforcement and Safety Team (TEST) is not operating

due to lack of staffing. This lack of staffing translates to lost lives. The September Whitney Way speeding accident where a motorcyclist lost his life took place right around the corner from my house. Ironically, the accident took place 2 houses away from where TEST ran a speed enforcement operation but has not done so for many months due to lack of staffing. Would a fully staffed Traffic Enforcement Team have prevented this death by the threat of being ticketed for speeding? Absolutely!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Keyes
5117 Regent Street

From: [LN Alliet](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Budget Amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 7:52:08 AM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and #19.

Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #9. We need to find non-police solutions like those proposed in Amendments #17 and #19.

Sincerely,
Lee Alliet

4737 Sherwood Rd, Madison

From: [Sheila Martin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Budget Amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:03:11 AM

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Dear Finance Committee Members,

> I am writing in light of recent amendments that have were proposed Friday, October 23rd to the 2021 Madison city budget.

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> The first issue I would support is amendment #6A. It is my understanding that this amendment would shift money from MPD to Parking Utility, in order to cover expenses that were also shifted to Parking Utility. That makes sense. Furthermore, I understand if #6A is adopted, it would then allow MPD to be eligible for COPS grant funding via amendment #9, which would allow MPD to retain the 4 FTE that were eliminated in the budget as MMSD terminated the SRO contract. I feel this is imperative to improving safety within our city, as all indicators of violent crime are on the rise (i.e. shots fired, home invasions, stolen vehicles and reckless driving, etc), the pandemic continues to wreak havoc and demonstrations continue downtown. Although the SRO's were largely utilized at the 4 large Madison High Schools during the school year, the work that they were supporting will now fall to the overall MPD, and this need is not diminishing. As such, I would be in favor of approving both amendments #6A and #9.

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> The second amendment I would like to address is #19. While I am an advocate for mental health calls be taken by specially trained mental health professionals, program development doesn't happen overnight. It will take time in 2021 to get this program established and functional, to hire and train the appropriate personnel to staff it, and to sort out which calls can safely be assessed as mental health vs violent crime. It will require collaboration and some portion of calls being supported by both the mental health team and MPD to assure the safety of all involved. To do otherwise would be irresponsible. In essence, it will be a "pilot" for much of 2021 as confidence grows and data supports its success. This is NOT the time to reduce MPD coverage in order to expand the mental health responder program (as amendment #19 suggests). Instead please consider launching it on a smaller scale, assuring it is meeting the stated goals, and then as the 2022 budget is prepared assess reasonableness of expanding it further. Reducing the Academy Class size at this juncture is premature, as it is unknown whether the mental health team will have a sizable impact on MPD response requirements and what overall crime trends within Madison will look like as the pandemic continues into 2021. In addition, the Town of Madison dissolving and folding into Madison and Fitchburg in 2022 will undoubtedly result in a need for additional police resources to handle the additional coverage responsibilities.

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> While I am certain creating and approving the city budget this year has been an unprecedented challenge, this is not the time to reduce resources that protect all the citizens that live here. To do so has potentially disastrous ramifications. As such, I support leaving the "continue-as-is" 2021 MPD Budget intact for next year, and restoring the 1M in cuts that proposed in the 2021 Executive Budget. That cut would require either: 1) reductions in MPD personnel, or 2) reopening the MPD contract at a time when retaining good officers is already very difficult. I suspect the significant wage reduction this would entail and required relocation of families into the city during this time of upheaval is a non-starter, and I suspect you know that as well.

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> Surely there are opportunities to make budget reductions elsewhere? Aren't fewer children requiring Metro Bus transport to school this year? Aren't there facility projects that bear more careful scrutiny now that so many staff are working from home? Would every other week garbage pick-up really impact many people? If not these for some reason, I'm confident there are others...

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> Please continue to seek out alternatives rather than put your citizens' safety on the line in this time of tremendous crime escalation.

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> Best regards,
> Sheila Olk Martin

From: [Elizabeth Falkos](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Furman, Keith](#)
Cc: [Henak, Zachary](#); [Skidmore, Paul](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: 2021 Budget, MPD Funding, Amendments
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 3:59:07 PM

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Dear Alders:

I am very concerned about the rise in crime in our city and the demands on the MPD. Public safety for all Madison residents is my priority in this budget process. The MPD is stretched very thin. We need more, not less funding. We need more officers on patrol and a continuation of the fine neighborhood programs that make our city safer. I have educated myself on the city budget deficits and understand the difficult road ahead. Without appropriate funding for the MPD, we will continue to see a rise in crime and decline in the quality of life here.

I have personally talked with a number of officers and supervisors within the MPD. I am impressed by the progressive and professional way the department runs despite the overwhelming challenges they are facing due to the pandemic, protests, and rise in crime. I am fearful of the path we are on due to the increase in violent crimes, shots fired, car thefts, and break ins. The amount of time the MPD functions in priority only mode takes away from officers being available for the needs of residents. Residents are fearful about their safety in their own homes and on the roads as incidents of reckless driving climb. Officers working mandatory overtime is not a reasonable expectation given the intensity and danger of the work.

I am in favor of amendments 6A and 9.

I am opposed to amendment 19. I support a crisis response team in the future with more research and planning. We are not at the point of decreasing funding for the MPD in the current situation.

Please vote for full funding the MPD to keep us all safe.

Thank you,
Beth Falkos
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From: [Rachel Martin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: damita@danecountytimebank.org
Subject: 2021 City of Madison Budget: Opposition to Amendment #9, Support for #17 and 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:43:07 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am a white resident of Midvale Heights. A primarily white neighborhood of modest homes and green lawns. When I first bought my home here 24 years ago, I was welcomed by all my neighbors. Cookies were dropped on my doorstep, an invitation to a neighborhood potluck soon followed. In the years that followed I had two children. They ran around our neighborhood playing hide and seek sometimes in costume wearing hooded cloaks, carrying plastic weapons, hiding among the shrubs and trees of neighbors yards. No one blinked an eye including me.

They attended our local schools and were able to walk there during their youngest years. The bus ride saved for the babies of other mothers. This sense of safety was reinforced by our neighbors who banded together in vigilance with a model Neighborhood Watch, now the "Good Neighbor Project". I had no awareness or understanding of the inherent safety gifted to me and my children and our white skin. It wasn't until all the murders of black people started to get media attention. It wasn't until I started listening to the voices of black and brown people that I started to understand how race and racism works in our country. How whiteness works to make sure that white safety is centered above all others at all times.

The black community has been asking white people for generations to listen to their voices and make real change. To support Amendment #9 is to say those voices don't matter, don't count, that the status quo is acceptable. To support Amendment #9 is to defy the research that says adding more police does little to improve public safety. To support Amendment #9 is to say the racial disparities in our criminal justice system are acceptable. That we will add more police to make white people feel safer. I do recognize not all black people hold these beliefs including perhaps Alder Carter, but if we look at the marches in Madison and around the country there is large and encompassing black voice that does. It is time to do something different. The minimal investments being proposed in Amendments 17 and 19 are not enough but they deserve support.

In closing, I am writing because I am doing my part to work towards a society where the voices of Black people are heard and believed. I am writing to use this action to elevate these demands of the Black community:

1. Remove all harmful punitive policies, practices, and people from school environments, including police, suspension, and expulsion. Do not support politicking or policy decisions that put property over black lives.
2. We want public institutions to engage in 360 degree accountability through abolitionist restorative justice.

3. Support and fund a Black-led committee with decision making and implementation power to remedy the deep patterns of harm caused by racist violence in all of its forms.
4. Using recommendations of said committee, invest in a campaign to decriminalize and humanize Black people.
5. Provide reparations to said committee to create educational initiatives for the Black community.
6. Provide reparations for Black land trusts and other remedies for gentrification and hyper-segregation.
7. Create a truth and reconciliation process to replace the punitive criminal justice system with abolitionist restorative justice.
8. Adopt the demands developed by the Movement for Black Lives.

Respectfully ,
Rachel Martin
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Rachel Martin
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"The hope of the future are well trodden paths from house to house."
- Brother David Steindl-Rast

From: [Gisela Wilson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#); [Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.](#)
Subject: 2021 Executive Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:34:27 PM

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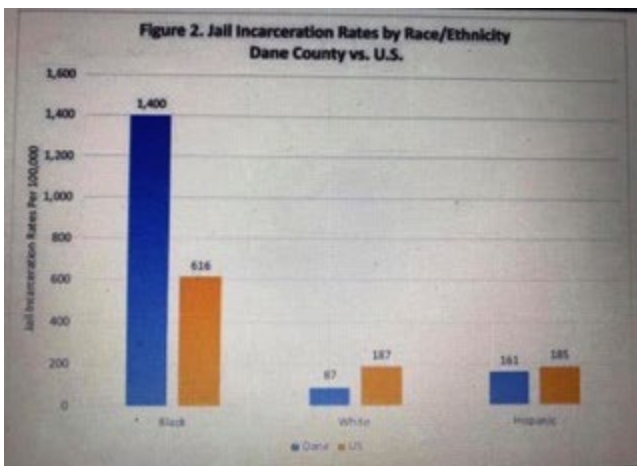
Dear Members of the Finance Committee, Alders, and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

I writing today concerning the proposed 2021 Executive Operating Budget. Specifically, for the reasons given below, I:

OPPOSE Budget Amendment 9
OPPOSE Budget Amendment 16
SUPPORT Budget Amendments 11, 14, 15, 17, and 19

I OPPOSE Budget Amendment 9 for reasons that should be imminently clear by now if you, as representatives of Madison, have been listening. This amendment proposes an INCREASE in Madison's police force. That Madison would be able to 'get' four more police officers at reduced cost to the City for the first 3 years fails to recognize the longer term commitment of support for these officers the City would be signing up for. Contra to what decades of research on the actual impact of policing has shown, the Budget for 2021 is already unwisely budgeting \$2,566,877 more for police field and support services than the adopted budget for last year — a substantial increase while other departments are being cut. We don't need to expand MPD even more — we should be defunding MPD to be able to support community services! It is extremely distressing to see elected representatives continue to support what is clearly a fundamental attribution error in the causes of crime.

Policing does little to reduce crime, it is a stop-gap measure that actually increases the long-term harm to our communities. Moreover, the racism inherent in policing in Madison and Dane County is undeniable. Madison and Dane County incarcerate members of the Black community at rate more than twice the national average. MPD's approach to mental health issues is as bad. It should be embarrassing to us all that a supposedly progressive city like Madison would continue to invest so much to support white supremacy.



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I OPPOSE Budget Amendment 16 reallocating new funds from violence prevention to COVID relief. Obviously I am in favor of increasing Covid19 relief funds, but not at the expense of violence prevention a cause to which we clearly do not contribute enough- these funds should be taken from the MPD's budget. The Mayor and various community members have voiced their concern that the stresses of Covid-19 have increased crime in our area. The obvious course of action would be to increase funding for BOTH violence prevention and Covid19 relief funds. Further complicating this amendment is a difficulty in accessing how these funds actually would be used.

I strongly SUPPORT Budget Amendments 11, 15, 17, and 19. In keeping with calls to increase community support, I am in favor of proposals for homeless street outreach and rapid rehousing initiatives (#11, 15); increasing funds for the Focused Interruption Coalition for peer support/violence prevention (#17), and, especially, reallocating \$250K from the Police Recruit Academy "overhiring" to the funds proposed for the new crisis response team modeled after CAHOOTS (#19).

(With a sense of humor, privately shaking my head at amendment #14 — How about teaching some 'financial' (and racial) literacy to city, county and school officials that keep raising property taxes and proposing spending extraordinary amounts on failed strategies, and to the federal government for not guaranteeing a living wage and steady employment for too many.)

Sincerely,

Gisela F Wilson, PhD
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 Madison, WI 53703

From: [Lael Sheber](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 MPD budget amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:47:59 AM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 operation budget amendment #9 and in support of 2021 operating budget amendments # 17 and 19. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing as proposed in amendment number nine that's especially true given the current revenue shortfall.

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It is also congruent with MPD policy and procedure review ad hoc committee recommendation number 40: “The Mayor and Common Counsel should further expand the use of a public health approach to curb violent crimes“. Likewise, programs like the envisioned crisis response team, inspired by the Eugene CAHOOTS program, leave everyone better off.

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Sincerely,
Lael Sheber

From: [Mitnick, Matt](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:42:20 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am opposed to the 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9, although I am in support of Budget Amendment #17 and Budget Amendment #19.

Budget Amendment \$9 increases the quantity of police, as well as presents a heavy financial burden on the city. I understand that this will partially be funded via a grant; however, starting in 2024, the city will have to cover the cost of salaries. What is the justification for increasing police presence? So many community leaders and activists have been tirelessly calling for changes to be made. This proposal is a direct insult to those working so hard for equity. A Downtown Entertainment Zone Team is not needed, wanted, or practical for the community.

Please listen to the calls from so many to DEFUND the police and lessen their heavy presence in our city. Why are we spending taxpayer funded resources to a department that is creating problems rather than solving them?

Amendments #17 and #19 involve both a reallocation of funds for crisis response to be handled by CAHOOTS and for violence interruption program to be managed INDEPENDENT of the police. I encourage you to support these two amendments.

I hope you take my thoughts into consideration.

Best,

Matthew Mitnick

202 N. Brooks St.

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To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Amendments
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Nathan Piontek

From: [danielle.tucci](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Amendments
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Sincerely,

Danielle Tucci

804 Jenifer St

Madison WI, 53703

From: [Daniel Levitin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Ammendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:34:13 PM

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Hello,

I am emailing to express my opposition to Operating Budget amendment 9. I think the events of this summer make it very clear that Madison is not in need of hiring more police officers. While the salaries of these officers would be paid for 3 years by a grant, the cost would thereafter go to the city and its citizens. As other departments are being cut in the midst of a pandemic, the police department does not need hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Relatedly, I would like to express support of amendment 19. In place of more policing in Madison, the city has expressed a clear preference for investment in non-police community crisis response mechanism. It should come as little surprise that trained mental health professionals, rather than police, are the most effective agents to help those in need. In light of this, I think the city's funding priorities should line up with evidence-based assessment of efficacy.

On a different note, I would also like to urge the acceptance of amendment 17. As I have already pointed out, violence prevention and community support are critical needs and should be funded accordingly.

Respectfully,

Daniel Levitin
225 E Lakelawn Pl.
Madison, WI, 53703

From: [Kate Becker](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:11:42 PM

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Kate Becker

2406 Westbrook Lane
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Merry Farrier](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:53:03 PM

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It's time to answer the call to fund restorative - not retributive - justice. This is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Merry Farrier-Babanovski
1039 E Gorham St., Apt 2
Madison WI, 53703

From: [Cassilynn Brown](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:15:23 AM

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6432 Maywick Dr
Madison, WI 53718

From: [Amber Doss](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:29:16 AM

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From: [Ryan Eykholt](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:20:00 PM

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Dear Alders,

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The police do not prevent crime. They deepen harms. They do not keep us safe.

Trust the people, and trust the research. Trust a liberated vision for our collective future, moving towards antiracism in policy and moving away from the violences of policing. Properly fund alternatives to policing, instead of sabotaging them before they have started due to inadequate funding. This is a critical moment; listen to what the people have been needing for decades. Defund the police.

Sincerely,

Ryan Eykholt

22 N Franklin St, Madison, WI 53703

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #16-Operating Budget; Amendment #9
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 7:35:00 AM

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Amendment #9-Accept the 2020 COPS Grant

I ask you to **APPROVE** this amendment and **accept the 2020 COPS Grant**.

Safety is a concern for all of us.

It is well-known that the Downtown Entertainment District requires additional manpower to provide a safe environment. A team dedicated to this area will impact the security of the entire city by reducing the number of times officers are required to abandon other areas of their districts to deal with downtown incidents.

This is a win for everyone. The additional funding is icing on the cake.

Feeling less secure in Madison,

Janet Hirsch

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #16-Operating Budget; Amendment #19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 7:10:37 AM

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Amendment #19-Funding for Crisis Response Team

I ask that you **REJECT** this amendment to transfer any funds to the Crisis Response Team from the MPD Police Recruit Academy.

Why?

1. The connection between the two pots of money is unclear.
2. The Crisis Response Team is a pilot initiative. As outlined in the Amendment Analysis, the future costs and requirements are unknown. Additional funding should not be considered until the pilot has been fully evaluated.

Thank you.

Janet Hirsch
Madison Resident

From: [KRISTIN M MATHEWS](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: agenda items for October 26,2020
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:38:42 AM

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Sincerely, Kristin Mathews-Madison 53704

From: [michael.masana](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Amendment 25
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:29:54 PM

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I have recently moved to Madison from another state. I walk by Crowley Station nearly every day , and have been very impressed with the effort that is put forth to keep this area in excellent condition. While I believe that to be true, I also believe that the additional money will add to this facility and made it even more enjoyable for the city.

Thank you
Mike Masana
Sent from my iPad

From: [Erin Wilichowski](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: amendments 9, 17, and 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:36:49 PM

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Sincerely,

Erin

From: [Nola](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Attention regarding Operating Budget Amendment #9 - I oppose
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:01:54 PM

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To my elected leaders-

Can we afford Amendment #9 from a moral humane, or financial standard?

I am rather in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19. Please DO NOT sacrifice these 2 amendments for the sake of Amendment #9.

Research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime. See also Behavioral Health research on the topic of escalation of violence. Increases in policing can have substantial adverse effects, disproportionately impacting Black and Brown lives.

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Sincerely,
Nola Allen,
Madisonian

From: [Keith Yefchak](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget Amendment #6A
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:12:50 PM

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Dear Madison Finance Committee Members and Alders,

I am writing today in support of Budget Amendment 6A to move the remaining Parking Enforcement non-personnel costs from the General Fund to the Parking Utility where the personnel costs now reside. Doing so makes sense since all associated costs can be under one fund where it can be properly analyzed and tracked. This also would facilitate matching of expenses with revenues brought in by Parking Utility.

Thus, a complete view of the Parking Utility operations can be had. To do otherwise, would cause confusion in understanding the Parking Utility's financial health. Of course, the approval of Budget Amendment 6A would eliminate the need to consider Budget Amendment 6B. As noted, Amendment 6B only allocates only a portion of those non-personnel costs which doesn't seem reasonable. To approve Amendment 6B over Amendment 6A would not be prudent financial management. To summarize, please approve Budget Amendment 6A to ensure clarity of the Parking Utility fiscal operations and eliminate Amendment 6B.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Yefchak
Madison, WI

From: [Curtis Green](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget Amendment 9
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:21:57 PM

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Curtis Green

Graduate Student | Hamers Group

UW-Madison Chemistry Department

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From: [Stacey Williams](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget amendments - Oppose#9, Support #17 and 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:33:28 PM

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From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Henak, Zachary](#); [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Wahl, Victor](#)
Subject: Budget Amendments for 2021 Budget
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 7:06:40 PM

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Dear Mayor, Finance Committee and Alders, et al,

I am writing to express the concerns that I and many other residents have about efforts to cut Madison Police Department's 2021 budget. I understand the city needs to make up for this \$20 million shortfall, and that many agencies are facing a budget cut. But with the growing violent crime in our ever-growing city, I don't feel cutting MPD's budget at this moment is acceptable.

Looking ahead to the Mayor's executive budget, the starting point for MPD's 2021 budget is the "cost to continue." That is the budget amount needed to simply maintain existing services and staffing in 2021. In light of the multiple crises we are in the middle of, all of which affect the MPD greatly, how will we keep up? There is some public confusion in our neighborhoods, and even in the media, saying that MPD's budget is actually increasing for 2021. This is misleading. MPD personnel will be going into the 4th year of a 4-year contract in 2021, a contract negotiated between the Police Union and the previous Mayor. This (deserved) wage increase is built into the "cost to continue," so MPD's budget would be starting from a higher point than their 2020 budget. But this does not represent an increase in manpower, programs, authorized strength, resources, training, etc.

Already the Mayor's executive budget reduces MPD's authorized strength for commissioned personnel from 483 to 479, ostensibly through MMSD canceling the contract for an SRO in each high school. The sad fact is, the MPD will still be responding to calls from the high schools, they just won't have full-time SROs to do so.

The executive budget also requires an additional **\$1 million** cut from MPD's budget for 2021. The budget is worded in such a way that the cut is to encourage the Police Union to re-open their contract and accept concessions in 2021, a harsh reality for the hard working men and women of our MPD. It is also a huge disincentive for new officers to join our city when the rug gets pulled out for a pay increase four years in the waiting. If this concession does not happen, Chief Wahl will be put in the unfortunate position of finding another way to reach this savings. There are no easy angles. He could eliminate positions in an already strained force. He could reduce the new recruit Academy at a time of heavy attrition and during a time when we will need an additional 13 officers to provide 75% of policing needs when the Town of Madison is annexed. The recruits would need to enter the May 2021 Academy to graduate in February 2022 and be prepared for this increase. He could reduce spending by holding positions vacant, but we are a progressive City and our residents

demand of the MPD top-notch community outreach, ongoing reform and improvement, and specialized training and policing. Vacant positions will not help them serve the community the way we want to be served. Or he could require commissioned personnel to take unpaid furlough days, in addition to the unpaid furlough days all city employees will be required to take already, requiring more officers to be held over on shifts to offset hard minimums.

Now, further Budget Amendments threaten to hurt our MPD even further.

I am in support of Budget Amendment #6a, which transfers part of MPD's existing budget to the Parking Utility for non-personnel expenses, to go along with the personnel expenses that were transferred last year. This would open up a new spending package and allow for Amendment #9 to take place, where MPD could accept an already awarded federal COPS grant. MPD would essentially hire 4 officers in order to form a new Entertainment Zone Team, focused on the growing needs in the State Street area, and thus offsetting the 4 cut from the canceled SRO contract. This allows MPD to maintain their authorized strength of 483 for next year. This COPS grant is a great incentive, but Amendment #6a needs to pass in order for it to be an option. **Please vote in favor of Amendment #6a.**

I am in support of Amendment #9 to enable the MPD to take advantage of the already approved and waiting COPS grant for an additional 4 officers and reassignment of one to sergeant, in order to create this new and important downtown team.

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It remains to be seen how successful this new Crisis Response Team will be. Please find the funding for this experiment through another agency's budget in case it actually does not relieve MPD of much work on the end. **Please vote NO on Amendment #19.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Roe
District 10
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Netalee Lev Sheinman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget Amendments in opposition of item #16
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:22:39 PM

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From: [Kathy McComb](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 6:11:40 PM

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Madison Common Council Members,

I am reaching out to you as a CONCERNED Madison resident.

My husband and I have lived for the past 25 years in the WalnutGrove Neighborhood. We have raised 4 (now adult)children here. I have been active in our community through school involvement and serving on my neighborhood board for over 15 years.

I am PROUD to call Madison home.

BUT.....unfortunately our phenomenal city is changing.

This summer, I first hand witnessed an attempted home invasion of my next door neighbor. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

How unsettling and more so sad.

So,I am reaching out to you to rethink this current budget proposal which reduces the amount of money that the Madison Police Department needs to continue to provide public safety.

They were there for me this summer when I called for help.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kathryn McComb
14 Winterset Circle
Madison

From: [Hannah Lund](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:55:16 PM

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From: [Dominique Haskins](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Cashier Jobs
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 6:37:53 PM

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My name is Dominique Haskins,

I have been a Parking Cashier for 20 years. Please support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund Parking Cashier positions. I have taken any deployment offered since we have been displaced. This amendment will make sure I am not in layoff status January 1st 2021 without healthcare during the pandemic. I support Verveer's amendment. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Dominique Haskins

~Write The Vision~

From: [Darrin Ebel](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Cashier positions at the Parking Utility
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 1:20:39 PM

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My name is Darrin Ebel,

I have been employed as a parking cashier since 1993. Please support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund cashier positions. I have taken deployment I'm eligible for since being displaced. I'm an individual with a diagnosed disability and this proposal will ensure I can continue working and earning much needed healthcare benefits, especially during this pandemic. I support Alder Verveer's amendment and I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very sincerely,

Darrin Ebel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amanda Jane Hoffman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: citizen request - oppose operating budget amendment 9, support 17 and 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:17:07 PM

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Amanda Hoffman

From: [Michael Leger](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Comment for Finance Committee meeting of Oct. 26, 2020
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:07:44 AM

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To Whom it may concern;

I am writing regarding agenda item 16, Executive Operating Budget. In light of the tremendous reduction in revenues due to COVID 19 and civil unrest and as there is a request for a 5% across the board reduction in expenses, our mayor should step forward, with a gesture of in-kind pain - and take a 5% reduction in her current salary, as well as for her staff. This gesture would show that she has an understanding of the financial hardships Madisonians are facing and is willing to share these hardships.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Michael Leger
Madison, 53719

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From: [Valerie Reed Hickman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Comments on budget amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:33:43 PM

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing with comments on three of the amendments to the 2021 Operating Budget that you will consider tonight. Specifically, I am writing to oppose Amendment 9 and to support Amendments 17 and 19. I appreciate the work the city has begun doing to rethink policing and how we respond to people in crisis. Increasing funding for the Crisis Response Team and the Focused Interruption program would be important steps forward in that work. What we don't need right now is funding for more police officers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Valerie Hickman
4613 Camden Rd.
Madison

From: [Sarah Frohardt-Lane](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Comments on Operating Budget amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:00:31 PM

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From: [Lindsey Lund](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Don't add more funding for police!
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:33:41 AM

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To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: FC Agenda Item #16-Operating Budget; Amendment #13
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:15:14 AM

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FC Amendment #13- Create a Director of Resident & Community Engagement

Please **OPPOSE** this amendment.

The current Chief of Staff has done a spectacular job of assisting the alders and Council officers. This has been very evident to anyone who has participated in the various virtual meetings that are now being held.

I am sure that he has done a variety of tasks based on the individual competencies of the Council members. Moving forward, I would expect that most alders would miss this support.

As a Madison resident, I see the change in title as a way to distance the alders from their constituents. **Not a direction that I support.**

Without a job description and reporting structure, this change should not be made. The full council needs a separate discussion on this topic.

With no financial changes, I am unclear why this is paired with the discussion of the Operating Budget.

Janet Hirsch

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Carter, Sheri](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: FC Agenda Item #16-Operating Budget; Amendment #12-Reduce Alders Salaries
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:01:52 AM

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Amendment #12-Reduce Alders Salaries

I applaud Alder Carter and her co-sponsors for suggesting this amendment and ask you to **SUPPORT** it.

At a time when City staff is asked to take furlough days, this amendment make an important statement of solidarity with city employees and taxpayers.

As a Madison resident, it shows me that the alders are taking a serious look at our finances at a time when our debt load is increasing beyond a reasonable share of the overall budget.

Thank you, Alders!

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From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: FC-Agenda Item #16-Operating Budget; Amendment #7
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:54:35 AM

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Operating Amendment #7- Increase Residential Parking Permit Fees

Please **OPPOSE** this amendment.

Fast-tracking the fee increase from \$42 to \$105 is not acceptable. This increase is 2 1/2 times the current fee. Incremental changes as codified in the city ordinances should suffice at a time when unemployment and housing insecurity is of concern to many residents.

On top of the \$40 wheel tax, this is a huge additional expense for anyone who struggles with the cost of living in Madison. As an equity issue, this will have a big impact on those at the lower end of the pay scale.

Janet Hirsch

From: [Nathan Bodwin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: feedback on 2021 Madison City budget and amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:54:53 PM

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Here are my concerns specific to Amendments being processed to the 2021 City of Madison Budget:

- Amendment 8 - 170k on pavement markings
 - what does this specifically include?
- Housing-Related Amendments
 - Why are we spending so much money to increase housing funds? I get spending some money on those who need it but why are we spending this much more on those who likely aren't paying any taxes?
 - #11 - 183k, #14 - 30k, #15 - 50k
- Amendment 16 - 475k for outreach and COVID basic needs population support
 - what specifically is this money going towards? if it's not going 100% to shelters and food pantries then I don't want my taxpayer dollars to go towards this
- Amendment 17 - 100k extra for FIC
 - what is this money going towards? is it a specific position or set of positions?
- Amendment 19 - Cutting Police Academy budget by 250k because it's assumed there will be future police vacancies because City is forcing police budget to be lower
 - this is a self-fulfilling prophecy
- Amendment 20
 - 10k extra for inclusive workspace HR training
 - § other companies have to do this with existing funds; so should government
- Amendment 21
 - are we really proposing paying 6 FTE parking cashiers on average almost 90k/year? That's an outrageous misappropriation of taxpayer funds.

Here are some additional thoughts on the budget in general after only a few hour review. I am certain I'd be able to find more concerns if I had more time to review.

- There is a lot of money being allocated towards conferences and training:
 - CDA housing: 70k per year
 - Civil Rights: 50k per year
 - Common Council: 25k per year
 - Economic Development: 20k per year
 - Finance: 36k per year
 - Human Resources: 58k in 2020? and 54k request in 2021?
 - Information Technology: 30k
 - Library: 58k in 2020? 44k request in 2021?
 - Mayor: seems extremely high to even request 104k in 2021
 - Metro Transit: 42k
 - Monona Terrace: 42k in 2019? how was this possible? what conferences and training do staff at the Terrace need to attend in order to justify spending 42k?
 - Parking: 30k in 2020?
 - Police: conferences and training increased by 2x the amount requested in past years (from 60k to 120k); why is there such an increase?

- Public Health: 123k
 - Water: 61k
 - Why is City paying 22k+ for outside attorney internet each year when the City already has internal attorneys?
 - Why is Monona Terrace spending close to \$6 million in catering services?
 - Misc Services is very broad and should offer more transparency as to how these taxpayer dollars are being spent
 - Why is the city spending so much on printing, postage, and advertising? The City needs to improve operations so that it is NOT spending this much money on methods that could be moved to electronic and reduce overall expenditures.
 - Also, some departments are spending an exhorbant amount on internet
 - Why is mayor getting a 5% raise each year? Why isn't the mayor (along with others who have 80k plus salaries) leading by example in not taking pay raises in order to help prevent budget cuts, raised fees, and increased taxes?
- Why is the Engineering department paying over 160k each year for 2 accountant positions when the Finance department has over 13 accountants?

From: [Aaron A Kaio](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Finance committee
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:18:36 AM

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From: [Jake Rodgers](#)
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Subject: Finance Committee Meeting Tonight
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From: [Kay Galuska](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Finance Committee
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:47:32 PM

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2142 East Mifflin Street

Madison, WI 53704

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To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fully fund the MPD budget requestion
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:14:15 AM

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Dear Alders,

I urge you to fully fund the police department's budget request. Public safety should be the City's highest priority. Without a city that is safe for all residents, there can be no pursuit of justice and equity. Peace and order are the foundations upon which justice and equity are built.

Crime disproportionately affects lower income residents. Dangerous driving, traffic crashes, muggings and robberies ... two of my friends had their parked cars totaled by a reckless, unlicensed driver careening down the street at a high speed ... Cutting the number of police officers on the street is a short-sighted, regressive policy that affects regular people!

One last point. While I support adding more mental health personnel, it should not come as a result of cutting police officers.

In conclusion, I urge you to support the police department's budget requests. **IF POSSIBLE ADD MORE POLICE OFFICERS. WE NEED THEM!!!**

Sincerely,
Mike Thomsen
Madison, Wisc.

From: [Olivia Barrow](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fund community services, NOT and expanded police force
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:32:05 PM

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From: [Stickney, Robert](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Funding Parking Cashiers
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 2:21:19 PM

To whom this concerns at the Finance Committee,

My name is Robert D. Stickney. I have been a Parking Utility employee for 25+yrs. I am asking you to please support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund Parking Cashier positions thus avoiding layoff. I am a resident of district 12 in Madison. These entry level City positions are essential to our operations. I began my career as a Parking Cashier and I am currently a Parking Equipment Mechanic for the Parking Utility. Starting as a Cashier allowed me to advance through the department by gaining knowledge and training that has led to my current position. I respectfully request that you please support this amendment to fund Parking cashiers.

Thank you for your time on this topic,

Robert D. Stickney
Parking Equipment Mechanic
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From: e2reichel@att.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Re: Public Safety in the Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:46:54 AM

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From: e2reichel@att.net <e2reichel@att.net>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:44 AM
To: 'allalders@cityofmadison.com' <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Public Safety in the Operating Budget

Tonight pass a resolution:

All residents, visitors, workers, students, and “whomever” shall henceforth obey all rules and regulations of the City of Madison.

With everyone behaving themselves we can cut the budget and prevent tax increases. We could even reduce our police forces and save many dollars.

END OF PROBLEMS!

Until then, please do not reduce the police budget nor the number of personnel on the force. The police are working far too many hours of overtime because of a shortage of staff. We need more police to handle the increased crimes. In addition, won't we need additional police personnel when we take over the Town of Madison?

Please present a budget that keeps our police force of adequate size and allows a decrease in overtime requirements. The police are expected to respond to so many emergencies. They do not have a choice when they are understaffed and heavily overworked.

With the SRO's in high schools being eliminated, who will answer calls there? Let's be sure we get people to behave before we reduce our forces to respond. We prefer adequate protection before reduced taxes.

Earl H. Reichel

From: [Bill Bock](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support Police Budget & Amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:14:20 AM

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Please note my support for fully funding the MPD budget in the upcoming budget year.

Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Bill Bock** <wlbock@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 25, 2020 at 9:36 PM
Subject: Support Police Budget & Amendments
To: <district11@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Dear Adler Martin,

I am writing today to express my support to maintain the 2021 MPD budget and amendments or any proposed amendments that may arise during this budget period. As a lifelong Madison resident I am appalled by the increase in car thefts, home invasions, rioting, etc that are draining our resources and robbing the citizens of the quality of life for which Madison has come to be known.

Please support the MDP by restoring the \$1MM executive budget cut and put more officers on the streets. It is my understanding the various budget amendments will shift funds to reestablish the former SRO positions. Please support these as well.

While I am in favor of exploring new opportunities to shift 'social crisis calls' to other trained professionals, these efforts will take time and training to develop & implement. As such the MPD budget should remain intact and alternative funding sources should be used until these programs gain effectiveness.

Let's not forget the absorption of the Town of Madison in the following year. Additional staff will be required for this merger and as such the academy of newly trained officers needs to be maintained as well.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my views & urge you and other council members to stand for the average citizen during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Bill Bock
4314 Critchell Terrace

From: [Ruth Sybers](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Goals for Madison
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:05:05 PM

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Madison's goals according to me. Madison residents ARE SAFE and FEEL SAFE.

Madison police and fire should allow for plenty of personnel in order to not be short staffed or be reduced in preventative programs. (Less frequent trash and garbage pickups are lower priority than fewer available officers)

Allow for plenty of transition time as mental health calls move to MFD and mental health specialists. Does the addition of 988 emergency number July 2022 potentially help relieve the 911 load on MPD?

Listen to Chief when he explains the number of officers and the time it takes to get them in their own squad car. So much needs to be planned ahead. The annexation of Town of Madison will be a challenge.

This Madison Police Department was built slowly to be effective and outstanding. Community policing and neighborhood programs are supportive and positive. Don't jeopardize our safety now!

Ruth Sybers

Sent from my iPhone. Knitter's Treat features complete inventory of ChiaoGoo needles(ask about newest items), Soxx Appeal yarn (6 colors left), Miyuki beads, Portuguese pins and book and DVDs, knitting books, etc. Free delivery in Madison and Monticello areas usually but during Covid-19 PORCH PICK UP available on Madison's near west side.

From: [Kailea Saplan](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: In opposition to amendment 9
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:03:09 PM

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Dear Finance committee and mayor,

My name is Kailea and I reside in alder Tag Evers' district. I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19.

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Sincerely,

Kailea Saplan

From: [Emily Dayton](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Invest in communities, not police, in the budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:23:11 AM

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Dear Alders,

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Thanks,

Emily

From: judybl@tds.net
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Letter for Finance
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 8:00:46 PM

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Dear Finance Committee and Alders,

Over the last couple of months the area where I live on the west side experienced a daytime break-in, several purse snatchings and two stolen-auto vehicle crashes---one that ended in a tragic death. Meanwhile shots-fired and gun violence statistics are breaking records, and officers I have talked to this summer and fall report they are regularly working 12-hour shifts and are having to use a sick day just to get a day off. In the midst of this, the mayor is asking MPD to cut 1 million from its budget (the equivalent of about 10 officers) and there's an amendment to cut even more money that will result in the loss of 5 to 6 more recruits from next year's recruit academy. MPD will not be able to keep up with the attrition rate just as the Town of Madison is about to be absorbed.

With violent and personal property crimes on the rise, our officers routinely overworked and stressed out, and the annexation of the Town of Madison looming, this is not the time to cut MPD resources and personnel.

Please say no to amendment 19 and support amendments 6A and 9 to accept the COPS grant for the special team of downtown MPD officers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Bluel
26 Oak Creek Trail

From: [Vern Stenman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Knepp, Eric](#); [Conor Caloia](#)
Subject: Madison Mallards
Date: Friday, October 23, 2020 3:12:28 PM

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Finance Committee,

One of the biggest challenges of the last 7 months has been effectively communicating nuanced situations while operating within the bounds of our flawed digital world. With that in mind, I am writing today in an to attempt to thoroughly communicate the current position of the Mallards and how it connects to the renegotiated Use Agreement coming to the next Finance Committee meeting.

As you can imagine, 2020 has been difficult for us. In June we were forced to cancel our season due to guidelines from Public Health Madison & Dane County. This created a reality that means, optimistically, that the Mallards won't play a baseball game for a 21 month span from the end of the 2019 season until the start of a hopeful 2021 season. Current PHMDC guidelines do not allow the playing of baseball in Dane County and there is no guarantee that rule will change in time for the launch of a 2021 season. If baseball is allowed to be played, it is unlikely that mass gathering restrictions would allow normal crowds to return to Warner Park in 2021. Thanks to the fact that many of our corporate supporters and fans have allowed us to hold onto cash deposits made for 2020 events and carry them forward to 2021, we have charted a financial path forward to make it to Opening Day 2021. During the 21 month window without games, the Mallards will lose a significant amount of money as we attempt to keep our talented full-time staff as intact as possible and cover other expenses, which we hope will give us a chance to come out of this situation strongly. On top of that, we will start the hopeful 2021 season in a hole as we make good on deposits paid in 2020. On top of all that, we have been forced to start selling assets to make sure we have enough cash on hand in 2021. Even being optimistic and forecasting an outstanding financial performance in 2021, it would still take us 3 years to dig out of the negative impacts created by the pandemic.

2020 was supposed to be the Mallards 20th season in Madison. We are extremely proud of what we have accomplished here since our launch in 2001. We feel there are many positive impacts the Mallards have on our community, but here is a brief outline of the major ones:

1. Over \$7 million dollars have been invested by the Mallards into improvements and maintenance at Warner Park since 2001. Once improvements are completed, the Mallards donate them to the City and they become property of the City for no cost to the taxpayers. The Mallards still carry a private debt burden tied into the last round of improvements.
2. The Mallards employ over 400 part-time employees in normal years, with approximately 2/3 of them coming from within 3 miles of the ballpark. It has almost become a right of passage for youngsters on the northside to work at the ballpark and we are proud to provide positive role-models for hundreds of first time workers in our community.
3. Real estate on the north side of Madison has seen the most aggressive growth in valuation over the past few years in our entire community. We believe the Mallards

have had a positive influence on the influx of young professionals moving to the north side thus improving property values, thus driving property tax collection for the City.

4. The Mallards donate over 20,000 tickets per year to area reading programs as incentives for students. On top of that, we have raised over \$1 million for local non-profits through various fundraising programs.

With all of that in mind, I want to candidly outline why the new Use Agreement is structured in the way that it is. Obviously, the reduction in rent in 2020 and 2021 is an attempt to simply keep the team afloat in these challenging times. Here is an outline of the rationale of why the rest of the agreement is structured the way it is:

1. The \$1/ticket fee in 2021 is an attempt to find balance with the City for 2021 payments in the event that things return to normal from a mass gathering perspective. We see this clause as protecting both parties and sharing both the up and down side scenarios that could play out in 2021.
2. The annual renewal terms are related to the Mallards long term interest in dramatically improving Warner Park. Conversations between the Mallards and the City had commenced about the potential solutions to the short-comings of the current facility pre-pandemic and obviously stalled over recent months. Over the next 3-5 years our hope is to come to an agreement with the City of Madison that makes Warner Park viable for the next 20 years and we wanted to create a situation where there would be pressure on both sides to keep the dialogue going and finalize a deal when the time is right.
3. The 8 year potential term allows us the opportunity to re-structure private debt related to improvements we have recently funded at the ballpark.
4. In terms of annual rent payment after 2021, there are typically two types of structures for minor league baseball teams operating in public stadiums. One is for the municipality to invest in building out a new or dramatically improved stadium potentially as part of an economic development project and charging back the team whatever annual amount is needed for the overall project to work. The other is for the municipality to charge a lower annual rent for an existing facility to the team and leave the obligation and cost for improvements and maintenance to the facility with the team. Our arrangement in Madison has been more the latter, with the City of Madison contributing about \$900,000 in improvements to the facility specifically for the team since 2001. Even in the short term, the facility has significant needs for improvement and repair and it is unlikely the current City fiscal situation would provide any dollars to fund these improvements. Therefore, we are pursuing a clause here that allows us to reduce rent in out years in exchange for approved improvements we fund in the short term. It is important to note that the Mallards current lease included a dramatic increase in annual rent payment along with the addition of utility expenses shifting to be covered by the team. Over the last 10 years, this improved financial deal for the City has resulted in the Mallards paying back and saving the City significantly more dollars than the \$800,000 the City invested in the facility in 2011.
5. Unlike restaurants, our business will be essentially shuttered for a 21 month period. We have hosted a run of drive-in movies at the ballpark, but the income from those events has just slightly offset the more significant losses our business will still endure in 2020 while allowing us to continue to employ more people than we could have otherwise.

Our hope and our belief is that the use agreement in front of your committee charts the right

path for our business, the City and for our entire community to continue to thrive together for another 20 years. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to continuing to build upon the remarkable success story we have co-written with the entire City of Madison.

Vern Stenman
President
Madison Mallards
(608) 575-4267

From: [Charles James](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Martin, Arvina](#)
Subject: Madison Police Department
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 6:27:17 AM

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Dear Alder Martin:

October 26, 2020

Over the past three years I have gotten to know many members of the Madison Police Department, both patrol officers and detectives, as well as their commanders, from sergeants, lieutenants, to captains including the current and past chief. It is clear that all of them are intelligent, professional, and dedicated public servants. There are two amendments (#9 and #19) to the City's budget that address the MPD. I frankly do not understand them, so cannot tease apart the specifics in them. However, I would ask that when the discussion of the budget is over, the current level of staffing of the MPD must be maintained, or even increased. There should be no reductions in the overall strength of *our* police department. You owe this to Ken, Andre, Reggie, Linda, Emily, Lori, Kathy, Dan, Manuel, Taya, Jay, Matt, Lore, Nick, Stephanie, Chris, Chad, Meg, Ercan, Ed, Doug, Joe, Sarah, Henry, Scott, Charles, Alyssa, Mackenzie, Amy, Kimba, Jessica, Andrew, Denise, Kraig, Dave, Alex, Ryan, Casey, Carren, Michael, Bart, Kathryn, Jeff, John, Darrel, Dustin, Mike, Tim, Jason, Corey, Brian, Vic, and the others who deserve the respect they have earned.

Respectfully,

Charles J. James
Westmorland

From: [Brooke Norsted](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:35:12 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19.

Let's not expand our policing budget, but instead invest in the civilian violence interruption programs like the Focused Interruption Coalition Peer Support (Amendment #17) and Crisis Response Team (Amendment #19).

Sincerely,
Brooke Norsted
4229 Sheffield Road
Madison, WI 53711

From: [Carol Hermann](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 6:55:11 AM

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In sum, I support the allocation of resources towards community-based programs that seek to address the root causes of crime and to provide multi-faceted solutions to those in need. Our current system overallocates funding to police departments, which certainly play a crucial role in public safety but which cannot provide the answer to every social problem.

Thank you,

Carol Hermann

From: [Michelle Hahn](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Michelle Hahn

From: [Dana Kittle](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Meeting 10/26/2020
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:41:18 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: dreichel.soils@gmail.com
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: MPD budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:10:08 AM

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Hello,

I am in support of increasing the budget for the Madison Police Department. I am a life-long resident of Madison, and over the past several years have become concerned with safety matters in our city. My concerns include the increasing number of thefts from vehicles, stolen vehicles, speeding, reckless driving, running red lights, house break-ins, and vandalism. The MPD has taken on many programs to be proactive and to work with the community. I don't have a problem with other agencies taking on some of those programs (e.g. mental health officers), however there needs to be a solid plan in place before these programs are taken from MPD. At this point in time I don't see any solid plan, much less an actual program, that is up and running to which the MPD can hand off various services. Whichever agency will take on these added programs will need to increase staffing, and thus that will be an increase to the overall City budget.

Another concern of mine is the onboarding of Town of Madison. This will be an increase in the population, not to mention geographical area, that MPD and all other city departments will need to take care of (street maintenance, garbage and recycling collection). What plan is in place for ensuring that there are adequate city services in place when the Town of Madison is annexed? The MPD officers have nearly 200 hours additional training as recruits. This length of training requires that we have recruits in the pipeline so that there is an adequate number of officers trained and available for the continued growth of the City including the annexation of the township. The training academy should be maintained at its current funding level to ensure that we maintain a highly trained police department.

Thank you,

Duane Reichel

From: [Leah Wisdorf](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget 2021
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Leah Wisdorf
121 S Hamilton St Unit 205
Madison, WI 53703
608-225-2637

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To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget Amendments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:29:44 PM

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Sincerely,

Lailah Shima
District 13 resident

From: [Angela Witt](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget Amendments 9, 17, and 19.
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:02:26 AM

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While I am concerned, as are many residents, about violence and especially gun violence in our city, Amendment #17 offers a better approach in increasing funding for civilian violence interruption. Civilian violence interruption programs, like the Focused Interruption Coalition Peer Support program, provide an effective means to reduce violence in the community, and especially gun violence. Amendment #17 would provide additional needed funding for this program. The use of a public health approach to reduce violent crimes is more consistent with the MPD Policy & Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee recommendation #40: "The Mayor and Common Council should further expand the use of a public health approach to curb violent crimes."

It is similarly important to fund programs addressing crises with a professional non-police response, like the Crisis Response Team inspired by the Eugene CAHOOTS program. Amendment 19 better funds this program.

I ask that you fund alternatives to increased policing to better serve Madison's communities by adopting agreements 17 and 19 and not amendment 9.

Sincerely,
Angela Witt

From: [Cory Sprinkel](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget Amendments Support and Opposition
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:48:47 AM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19.

I am in support of funding decisions that reduce the budget of police and increase funding for alternative forms of community support and service.

Simply adding more police does not reduce crime. I encourage you to think critically about how Madison can be a model for more progressive and equitable forms of justice and community care. There are so many amazing programs, organizations, and leaders in Madison doing amazing work to care for our community. Fund them! Train them!

For the past several years, but this summer especially, black and brown communities have been begging for reform. Years and years of disinterest from the powers that be have left these calls unanswered, yet they persist. They will only continue to persist and get louder and louder until substantial action is taken. Report after report will tell you that systemic racism is hurting our citizens and neighbors of color. Within our police system it results in disproportionate amounts of arrests and jailings of people of color, among other negative indicators.

Let us work to abolish these systems that only divide us and perpetuate inequality. I urge you to fund programs advocated for by communities of color.

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He/Him/His
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608 E Mifflin St.

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From: [Lorrie Hurckes](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: operating budget amendments
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Lorrie Hurckes Dwyer

Madison, WI

From: [Becky Otte-Ford](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating budget and MPD
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:07:00 AM

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Dear Alders,

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More policing leads to more people in jail, especially Black and Brown people. Madison needs more resources put into helping people, not punishing them. Racial disparities in Madison's policing have only increased.

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Please use the city's funding wisely, not increasing the MPD budget but instead using funding in ways that will actually help people.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Otte-Ford

1027 Chandler St, Madison WI

From: [Mallory VanMeeter](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget Comments
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:22:51 PM

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Dear Finance Committee Alderpeople,

I am writing to urge your **opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 9** and your **support for Operating Budget Amendment 19** and **Operating Budget Amendment 17**.

I am a Madison resident on the East side, and I live across the street from a popular bar. Recently, I saw upwards of seven cop cars (around 15 or so cops) arrive in pursuit of *one* person of color, who had run behind the building. He had nothing on him except for his clothes and looked to be under the influence. When they pulled him out, cuffed, into the street, a group of paramedics talked with him. Then he was escorted into a cop car and taken away.

I think about this incident a lot. I think there's a general attitude among some Madison residents that our police force are "reformed" or model in the context of the US. I think we desperately need to re-think what adequate government response actually looks like. The situation above isn't something to be proud about. What I saw was a crowd of cops arriving to chase and restrain one guy, who's obviously in need of some kind of support beyond emergency medical care (and likely active restraint). He didn't even receive that.

Police aren't the solution to poverty, or addiction, or social unrest. Expanding the police budget in a year of belt tightening isn't just fiscally irresponsible, it's blind to the actual needs of the Madison community. We have to do better!

Please, I urge you to oppose Amendment 9 and support funding for police alternatives -- like Amendment 19 and Amendment 17.

In solidarity,
Mallory VanMeeter

From: [Brett Mayville](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget FY2021
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:13:43 PM

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1224 Drake Street
Apt 1

From: [Liz Light](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: operating budget, oppose 9, support 17 & 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:58:13 PM

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Hello Finance Committee members,

I am writing to oppose operating budget amendment 9 and to support operating budget amendments 17 and 19.

Our systems of community care must be re-imagined away from the current policing system. Financial support of programs like the Focused Interruption Peer Support Program and a Crisis Response team cannot wait. Black and brown community members will continuously be forced to carry the weight of your decisions which ends up looking like their lives and livelihoods being unjustly threatened by police in Madison.

I am a mental health and disability support professional in Madison and based on my work at the local level, it is clear alternatives to policing in the address of mental crisis is essential.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Light
1601 Porter Ave.
Madison, WI
53704

From: [Kristen Schoepke](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:52:57 PM

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And I'm super irritated that you structured the agenda items such that I could not simply register my support or opposition with the regular form. I'm assuming you did this so that you would have less objections which to me says you don't want to fully represent your constituents.

Sincerely,

Kristen Schoepke
5105 Denton Place
Madison, WI 53711

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Samantha Crownover](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating budget: Opposed to 9; Support 17 & 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:52:20 AM

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Good morning, all,

I am opposing item 16, Operating Budget because I am opposed to Amendment 9 to hire more police officers for the Downtown Entertainment Zone Team.

I am in support of Amendment 17 and 19 to increase funding for the Focused Interruption Coalition Peer Support program and CAHOOTS.

Now is the time for reform.

Thank you,

Sam

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From: [Mary Wichita](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Operating Budget-today's agenda
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:33:18 AM

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Dear members of the city of Madison's Finance Committee,

Below is a letter which you may receive many times today. It expresses my view better and more thoroughly than anything I could write on my own. I urge you to take these considerations seriously as you deliberate today, Thank you,

Mary Wichita, 4221 Esch Lane, Madison, WI 53704.

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Mary Wichita

From: [Mindful Motion](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: oppose Agend item #16
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:20:38 PM

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I am writing here to let you know that I oppose Item #16 specifically because I oppose amendment #9. I fully support amendment #17 and #19.

Madison can no longer afford to support the *current* funding of MPD let alone try to expand it! It is hard to fathom the attempts for expanding police services when we are in a time of revenue shortfall and while simultaneously defunding so many other important community programs. When I say Madison can no longer afford to support funding of MPD I am of course speaking financially but I am also speaking to the mental, emotional and physical cost of already over-policing our communities of color.

Also, just want to highlight that it is pretty clear that Police do NOT reduce or prevent crime! In fact, they cause more harm to our community and by now, you should all be aware that Madison's racial disparities are worsening. You have all had the stats and charts in front of you proving this for a long time and instead of taking action, you sit behind task forces (which have done nothing to correct these stats) and continue funding the VERY system that perpetuates these disparities. It is time to listen to your communities needs and not expand police budgets, in fact defund the police and invest more in programs like CAHOOTS and Focused Interruption Coalition Peer Support Program. These programs are far less expensive, can actually reduce violence in the community and provide more appropriate non-police response and support. I commend the Alders who are doing the actual work to make positive changes in our community, and working hard on these alternative solutions.

Again, I am opposing amendment #9 and support #17 and #19. Please do the right thing and stop investing in a system that harms and instead, liberate ALL communities in Madison by giving us police-free resources necessary to be safe and healthy and to thrive.

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From: [Julie Whitaker](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: oppose Amendment 9
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:35:48 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing to express my extreme **opposition to Amendment 9**, to increase city funding for four police positions. Although I am aware that some of the funding for the first three years would come from Federal Grants, I strongly oppose any current or future city funds allocated in support of these four positions. I would like to see our city move toward **less police funding**. Our tight city budget should be allocated for non-violent means of supporting and lifting our community, such as Amendment 19 in support of a crisis response team.

Note that I've registered to speak at the City's Finance Committee meeting and will now not be able to attend. I could not figure out how to remove my name.

Thank you for your time.

Julie Whitaker (2417 Fox Avenue, Madison, WI)

From: [Harry Richardson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Oppose Item 16
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:40:42 PM

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Dear Alders,

I would urge you to oppose item 16 in the Operating Budget. I oppose hiring more police and spending more funds (Amendment 9) on that department at a time of severe stress on the city budget. I support Amendment 19 more money, \$250,000 for CAHOOTS, a non-police crisis team. I also support amendment 17 to increase funding by \$100,000 for focused Interruption Coalition Peer support program. Both of these programs need more funds and community support, police funding on the other hand should be decreased. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely Yours,

-Harry Richardson
456 N Few Street
Madison, WI 53703

From: [Jenna Ramaker](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: oppose Operating Budget Amendment #9 and support #17 and 19.
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 7:58:33 AM

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From: [Madeline Uraneck](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Opposing Amendment #9, supporting Amendments 17 and 19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:07:29 AM

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I add my signature and support to this well thought out and well researched discussion. You have an opportunity to do something important with these amendments.

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— with [Steven M. Verburg](#) and 52 others.

Madeline Ura-neck

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From: [E](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Opposing cuts for essential employees
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:32:02 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Erik Anderson, Vice President of AFSCME Dane County Employee Group Local 65, and I am writing you to in opposition to cuts for essential employees. We are opposed to no wage increase, Parking Utility layoffs, and the transfer of Parking Enforcement Officer. I am registering my support for public comments made by Brother Walt Jackson of AFSCME City of Madison Employees Association Local 6000 on Agenda Item #16.

Amid the COVID pandemic, our public employees deserve your support.

Thank you,

Erik Anderson, 608-212-3813

From: [Amanda Coviello](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Opposition of Budget Amendment #9 and support of Amendments #17 and #19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:42:09 PM

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Dear Alders,

My name is Amanda Coviello, I am a graduate student at UW-Madison in the School of Education and I live in District 6 represented by Alder Marsha A. Rummel. I am here studying Education because I believe deeply that our educational system in its current form does life-long harm to Black children and other BIPOC students. This harm is in many ways perpetuated by the carceral pedagogical and disciplinary practices that often mimic and act in accordance with local law enforcement. It is for this reason that I know that we cannot address the harm to Black children caused by schools unless we also address the harm to Black children and their families by the police.

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Sincerely,
Amanda

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Amanda Coviello (she, her hers)
amanda.coviello@gmail.com
802-299-5420
Madison, WI

From: [Veronica Sustic](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Sincerely,
Veronica Sustic
115 S. Mills St., #516
Madison, WI 53715

From: [Jessica Slind](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19
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3909 Tulane Avenue
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From: [Evan Flietner](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:49:41 PM

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Dear Alders,

My name is Evan Flietner. I'm a lifelong resident of Madison, and work in cancer research at UW-Madison. As a scientist, I believe it's vital that we examine the evidence when deciding how to best allocate our city's resources in response to crime, and the poverty that serves as the root cause of it. The evidence shows that our current model of policing and crime prevention is not equitable and does not accomplish its stated goals. As such, **I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19.**

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To: [Finance Committee](#)
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From: [Alan Robinson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Alan Robinson

Executive Director | Host | Owner
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From: [Isabel Cupino](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Sincerely,
Isabel Cupino

From: [Devon Snyder](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:07:09 AM

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Sincerely,
Devon Snyder
920-960-6251

From: [Amelia Zirkle](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Parking Cashier Position layoffs
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 7:55:33 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Amelia Zirkle. I have been a Parking Revenue Leadworker for 16yrs. My primary duties are to manage the Cashier staff and revenue field operations on nights and weekends. I am asking you to support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund the Parking Cashier positions. Cashiers are essential to provide a safe public service. Many work big events, nights, weekends and holidays generating revenue for the City and Parking. They are dependent on the healthcare benefits they earn. Please support this amendment so that they are not put in layoff January 1st 2021.

Sincerely,
Amelia Zirkle

From: [Seymour, Aileen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Parking Enforcement/Police Dept
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:51:33 PM

Dear Finance Committee,

As has been my experience as a City of Madison Employee for about 25 years, our City strives to do more, be the best we can for our residents.

We can be proud to say we are City workers and have in the past, been able to say that we feel good about our work and feel safe doing so.

Parking Enforcement must stay within the Police Department for safety, and economic reasons.

We have a rapport with the police, can do more than “just write tickets”, have access to information that we could not have if working for Parking Utility. We are able to find owners of cars when needed, find stolen cars, car registration, and safety issues... only because we are a part of the PD.

We have access to TIME system, radio and communications directly with dispatch, which have been imperative with all that’s going on in this city.

We already have a system, places where the vehicles can be stored, and starting places for the employees throughout the City- since the Police stations are throughout.

What a financial night mare it would be to uproot and start all over again when we already have a successful setup.

I’m giving notice that the City is putting Parking Enforcement Officers’ Safety In Jeopardy if you were to move us from the Police department.

It’s not about calling the police for help(although it is sometimes needed),it’s about the awareness & knowledge that helps us prevent problems in the first place. It’s about communication and relationships that are built among us, it’s about our ability to communicate directly on the radio with Dane County Dispatch.

Financially- You already have the Utility paying for us, let’s not now cost everyone a lot more money and confusion by changing things!

Thanks ,

Aileen Seymour (Parking Enforcement Officer)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sue](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Parking Utility layoffs
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:07:42 PM

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My name is Sue Thompson I have been with the parking utility as a parking cashier for over 20 years. We have worked tirelessly for many years to help the city financially, and now because of the pandemic are experiencing a shortfall of funds, the city deems it necessary to lay-off these employees, that just isn't right. We are dependent on our jobs for our livelihood, health care and future retirements. Many of us are not multi skilled and limited in our capabilities to just slip into other city positions. The City should be able to find away to carry us for awhile till things get better. We are a people oriented city and should take care of our own. Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jack Kloppenburg](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: please oppose Amendment #9, support Amendments #17 and #19
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:52:31 AM

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Friends,
It's time for bold action.
Please oppose Operating Budget Amendment #9, and support Operating Budget Amendments #17 and #19.
Thank you.
Jack

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Jack Kloppenburg
FREE THE SEED! <http://osseeds.org/>

From: [Jess Draws](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please Oppose Amendment 9, Support Amendment 19 and 17 for Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:16:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Jess Draws
3212 Bluff St #1, Madison WI 53705
District 5, Represented by Alder Shiva Bidar

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Jess Draws
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Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: [Will Turnbull](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please Oppose amendments 7&9
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:50:53 AM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I ask that you vote to oppose operating budget amendments 7 & 9 and support amendments 5, 6a, 6b, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 25 at your meeting this evening.

In addition to being unnecessary, Adding additional traditional police officers to the current force is not the right choice when money is needed for more urgent goals that can create true community safety, such as a **COVID-19 relief**, funding an unarmed crisis response team, housing initiatives, violence prevention efforts.

Please also consider sharing in the economic difficulties felt across our city by taking the proposed pay cut and allowing those funds to flow to needed initiatives. In these challenging economic times, I continue to value parks, libraries, and public art, which can be enjoyed by all people at no cost, and I ask you to support these as well.

Thank you,

Wm. Grant Turnbull

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From: [Amy Owen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please oppose operating budget amendments 7 & 9, support amendments 5, 6a, 6b, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:42:05 AM

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Thank you,

Amy Owen
3129 Buena Vista St.
Madison, WI 53704

From: [Sarah Gavigan](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:07:26 AM

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Dear Finance Committee and Alders,

I am writing to ask you to vote no on Budget Amendment #19. While a new Crisis Response Team in conjunction with the Fire Department could work, it also might not. I think this service is better aligned with the police mission, as the police are the first called when there is a safety issue, not the Fire Department. Therefore, I would recommend keeping the money in the police budget and using it to hire and train the Crisis Response Team.

The Crisis Response Team may eventually relieve the MPD of some of these types of calls, but it is possible many of these calls could involve weapons or threats of violence at some point, and MPD may need to respond more often than expected. This is why I think it is important to look for funding for this new initiative outside of MPD's budget. If the new venture is a great success, perhaps there could be budget cuts down the road, when there is solid evidence that it is, in fact, freeing up MPD from some of this work.

Please vote NO on proposed Budget Amendment #19 and allow the MPD the resources they need to respond to the ever-increasing needs of our growing City.

Best regards,

Sarah

From: [Karen Craig](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Police funding
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:04:15 AM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #9 and in support of 2021 Operating Budget Amendments #17 and 19.

It is pretty shocking to me that in light of the need to reduce budgets because of the financial crisis caused by COVID 19 you would consider increasing any spending on police. More policing means more young people, disproportionately black and brown, funneled into the criminal justice system rather than to the help they need. Madison should be better than this. And we can be better!

Amendments 17 and 19 are what Madison needs to be better. The Focused Interruption program provides an effective means to reducing violence in the community, especially gun violence. There was a shooting less than a block from my house last week. Police didn't do anything to prevent it because they can't! That's not their job. They can't be everywhere at all times and we don't want them everywhere anyway. We need support services for young people and programs like Focused Interruption. Prevention is a lot more complicated than throwing money at police. But prevention pays. It will save us money and it is the right thing to do because it keeps young people out of the criminal justice system.

Amendment 19 would give more funding to a professional non-police response. Which is exactly what we need. When our family had some serious mental health crises a couple years ago, we always got a robust police response but we weren't able to get the mental health care we needed at the time. The police, who did the best they could in their capacity, and the system treated our loved one, who was suffering, like a criminal. Because we are privileged enough to be able to provide support (money, health care, and time) to our loved one, he is now doing really well. He is a kind, loving person, with a future. It's an investment not everyone can make, which isn't right or fair, but it pays off. It pays off because a life has been saved and now our loved one is not costing the city, county, or state, a dime. We need to be, and can be, a community who cares. If we as a community make these investments in all the young people we will be safer and save money and lives. Let's invest in community, not police.

Sincerely,

Karen Craig

317 Riverside Drive

Madison, WI 53704

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Karen Craig

KCraig1224@gmail.com

From: [Cailin O'Connor](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Policing and crisis response
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:55:47 AM

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Cailin O'Connor
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Madison, WI 53717

From: [Bianca Tomasini](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Public safety begins with strong communities
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:14:09 PM

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Bianca Tomasini

4926 Odana Rd

Madison WI

From Marian Anderson: "As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold the person down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might."

From: wreichel@charter.net
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: re: Budget Amendments that Affect Public Safety
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 5:22:03 PM

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Dear Finance Committee and Alders,

Please vote no on Amendment 19 to take money from MPD's 2021 academy budget and transfer it to the Crisis Response Team pilot program. While I hope the Crisis Response Team is a great success, this is not a time to cut officer positions in the department or in the academy.

MPD's ability to replace officers is always 12-18 months behind. In order to have the estimated 13 officers necessary just to police the newly acquired Town of Madison land later in 2022, those officers will have to come from that 2021 recruit academy. They will start training in May 2021 and graduate in March 2022.

According to the language in the amendment, the Executive Budget includes money for 39 academy recruits for the 2021 class. That won't even cover attrition plus the 13 additional officers needed for the Town of Madison (nor the impact of the 1 million dollar cut the department must also find and which may also result in further officer position cuts). In addition, more officers are expected to announce retirements or resignations before year's end. Adopting Amendment 19 will cut 5 or 6 officers beyond all of the previously-mentioned losses.

Violent crime and gun violence are on the increase in our city, and officers are working record amounts of overtime just to keep up with required minimum staffing levels—it's unsustainable. And while the Crisis Response Team may eventually relieve officers of certain calls for service, the program is not in place yet or tested. Until we have that team in place and know what challenges the Town of Madison will bring in terms of public safety, please keep MPD as fully-staffed as possible.

I respectfully ask you to please oppose Amendment 19 and also please support Amendments 6a and 9 to accept the COPS grant for the addition of the downtown officers and sergeant (Entertainment Zone Team).

Thank you!

Wendy Reichel
Resident in District 10
Small business owner in District 14

From: [Mike Panten](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Re: Police amendments
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 9:02:51 PM

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Hello Alders & members of the Finance Committee;

I am writing **in support** of Amendment #9, sponsored by Council President Sheri Carter and Alder Zachary Henak. This amendment proposes that the Madison Police Department use \$230,528 in federal grant money and \$117,052 in city money next year to add four police officer positions and reclassify one officer as a sergeant.

I am also **in support** of the Finance Committee's proposal to add \$83,000 in the capital budget for a one-year pilot program for 48 body cameras for the North District. What is to lose? Its a Pilot program, lets give it a try & see if its beneficial!

I am writing **in opposition** to Amendment 19, proposed by Alders Verveer, Bidar, Martin, Carter, Foster and Furman. I am not opposed to the idea of having funding for a new Crisis Response Team in partnership with the Fire Department, butt I am opposed to removing \$250,000 for the 2021 Police Recruit Academy from MPD's budget.

Please, find funding from other areas of the city budget. Give our police the full funding and support they deserve, and these days, desperately need.

Thank You;

Mike Panten
District 3
601 S Sprecher Rd 53718

From: [Mary Kateada](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Resident Support/Opposition
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:04:35 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

I am writing to state my strong opposition to **Operating Budget Amendment #9** concerning accepting a COPS grant to hire 4 more police officers to make up new Downtown Entertainment Zone Team. Didn't we just do much work and prep to create the Civilian Oversight Board and begin the work of DEfunding the MPD and REfunding our communities?

And I am in support of **Operating Budget Ammendments #17 and #19** which do just that.

Please, change is hard and demands commitment. Hang in there and quite trying to undermine the process.

Mary Kateada
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Madison WI 53705
608-442-0054

From: [Timothy Birkley](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Foster, Grant](#)
Subject: Restore Funding for Parking Cashiers
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 11:59:19 AM

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Alders,

My name is Tim Birkley. I am a resident of Madison in district 15. I am the Parking Revenue Leadworker. My job is to oversee the field operations of the Parking Utility on nights and weekends. I am writing to urge you to support Alder Verveer's amendment to restore funding for the Parking Cashier positions, avoiding layoff.

I formally was the Vice President of AFSCME Local 60. I led the fight back campaign a decade ago to stop the elimination of Parking Cashiers. I negotiated the last contract with AFSCME and the City of Madison days before the Supreme Court validated ACT 10. I was on the original committee that formed the City of Madison Handbook that replaced bargained contracts. I am fully invested in Parking Cashiers and City of Madison Workers as a whole.

Parking Revenue Leadworkers oversee the day to day revenue field operations for the Parking Utility. No one has more face to face contact with Parking Cashiers. Some Cashiers have gone years without a face to face contact with their direct supervisor. Leadworkers are entrusted to oversee the biggest events the City offers, most days with a staff of 15-25 Cashiers. I was shocked at the proposal for the elimination of Parking Cashiers and the complete reorganization of field operations. I am shocked because never were the Parking Revenue Leadworkers consulted on what is needed for safe effective field operations. If we were asked, we would reply that we need Cashiers. Once any semblance of occupancy returns our facilities and equipment are not capable of providing safe, affordable parking, without Cashiers.

The amendment proposed, while staving off layoffs of a disadvantaged group of City workers, which is desperately needed, we must acknowledge that this budget still will eliminate more than 15 FTE entry level City positions that primarily have been staffed by women, people of color and the disabled. We must also acknowledge that more than 20 hourly Cashiers, many who have worked for us 10-25hrs a week for years, will not be staffed in 2021 and without the income they depended on. We must also acknowledge that the PPT and FTE Cashiers who have been displaced since March have already suffered a partial layoff. Since July's expiration on the CARES ACT supplemental unemployment benefit, all have suffered a 30% reduction in pay. Many PPT generally work many hours well beyond their contracted baseline, working 6-7 days a week to raise their percentage and earn more. These employees despite the CARES ACT immediately saw a significant reduction in pay and now are currently facing paying bills with 50% of the income they saw pre pandemic.

Not one PPT or FTE Cashiers has refused a work assignment since being displaced from Parking. Only a couple who have a documented disability have not been able to work at some of these placements. They work just fine as a Cashier. They have worked at Public Health covid testing sites, CDA, Streets and Parks. They should be thanked for filling positions in departments and conditions they were not hired to do. The financial hardship they have faced already needs to be acknowledged.

I urge you all to support the funding of the 9.4 Parking Cashier positions proposed by Alder Verveer. The price tag attached to this amendment will not be an accurate reflection of the final cost. Some of these 9.4 FTE positions will be filled outside the Parking Utility and frozen once they are vacated. We have Cashiers currently in last stages of the interview process in other departments. This amendment doesn't address that we are still eliminating almost 50% of Parking Cashier positions, the 15+ FTE positions being reorganized into 7 and the non staffing of more than 20 hourly Cashiers. Parking Utility, as you know is not General Fund dependent. In fact the revenues generated by

these Cashiers has contributed millions to the General Fund. We subsidize MPD by paying the salaries of Parking Enforcement. We pay fees for the right to put meters on the street. These monies generated is greatly the result of the work of the Parking Cashiers slated for layoff.

Please vote to restore funding. Acknowledge the sacrifices and burden already assumed by these workers. What is equitable about laying off arguably the most disadvantaged class of workers in the City from a non General Fund dependent department with millions in reserves? These are your neighbors. Your constituents. The handful that are facing layoff can still be placed at Public Health and other seasonal jobs come March. They will be needed. Do not send them January first into a pandemic without healcare or income.

Thank You,
Tim Birkley
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From: [Emily DeVore](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for Amendment 25 in the 2021 Operating Budget
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:09:08 PM

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Hello,

My name is Emily DeVore and I'm writing to support the amendment #25 to the 2021 Operating budget sponsored by Alder Verveer. This amendment would support improvements to the Crowley Station public space downtown.

I, in partnership with Capitol Neighborhoods Inc, am leading the community efforts on the Crowley Station improvements in 2021. We have received a Madison Neighborhoods grant for this project (\$2,000), which incited us to facilitate community visioning sessions. They have been well attended as has the online visioning survey. Crowley Station is one of the only public outdoor spaces in the First Settlement neighborhood and community residents and businesses are very excited to continue putting effort into making this a welcoming and highly utilized space.

Thanks for your consideration,
Emily DeVore

From: [Heather Keating](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for amendments 19 and 17
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:40:35 PM

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Dear finance committee members,

First, thank you for your service to our community and putting a positive vision for our city into practice.

I am writing to ask that you oppose operating budget amendment 9 and support amendments 17 and 19.

I live in the Dudgeon-Monroe neighborhood and I believe we must reroute safety funding towards new approaches to creating community safety. We must chart a path in a new direction, simply adding more officers does not create more safety. This is clearly shown by statistics. We have other means to create a perception of safety and support for amendments 19 and 17 does that. Reducing police staffing by 1 percent is a small symbolic step we can take in the right direction.

We do not have to accept that the way police have traditionally been funded. I emphatically believe our community would be much better served by a CAHOOTS like program for many service calls that do not require the presence of the threat of violence symbolized by an officer to resolve. We have many kinds of authority we can use, let's use the authority of trained nurses, social workers, EMTs, and Focused Interruption members.

Our elected representatives can show that we support many kinds of strength; strength of force represented by police and other strengths of kindness and community better embodied by other types of trained professionals. We need to rebalance our city spending towards more of the latter.

I hope you will vote against amendment 9 and support amendments 19 and 17.

Sincerely,
Heather Keating

From: [Peter stulgaitis](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Foster, Grant](#)
Subject: Support for funding Parking Cashiers
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 11:01:25 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Peter Stulgaitis. I have been a City of Madison Employee for 22yrs. I am currently a Facility Maintenance Mechanic for Monona Terrace. I was an original employee of Monona Terrace and a lifelong Madisonian, a constituent of district 15. Like the Parking Cashiers who have been displaced, I also have been displaced to the the Streets department. The difference though is I've worked with these Cashiers at Streets for months, and while I still work 40hrs a week I've learned these same people, the Cashiers displaced, have suffered a 40% pay cut through the pandemic. They have suffered greatly financially even as they show up everyday to work the yard without complaint. I already knew how difficult their normal Cashiering job was on nights and weekends as they serviced our Terrace events like Dane Dances, Concerts on the Rooftop and Ironman. Their work, their labor helped make our events a success. These are hard workers and I urge you to support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund their positions. I am confident that in 2021 we will resume at some point to pre pandemic business, and when we do we will need these Cashiers. In no means should we be putting Cashiers in layoff, without healthcare, in a global pandemic when they are not taxpayer dependent. Thank you and please vote yes to fund Parking Cashiers.

Sincerely,
Peter Stulgaitis

From: [Kathryn K](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for funding parking cashiers
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 4:06:41 PM

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Dear finance committee,

My name is Kathryn Kemmerer and I have been working for parking utility for 20 years. I started out as a parking cashier and obtained skills to be promoted to a parking revenue lead worker and now to a parking equipment tech. These entry level parking cashier positions are crucial to parking operations and allow for disadvantaged to obtain skills to be promoted and much needed health care benefits.

Please vote YES on alder Verveer's amendment to find parking cashier positions to avoid layoffs.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kemmerer

From: [Jeffrey Moldenhauer](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for funding Parking Cashiers
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 1:26:58 PM

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Hello,

My name is Jeffrey Moldenhauer I am a Parking Maintenance Worker 1 for the Parking Utility. I support my fellow Parking Cashiers during this difficult pandemic. I'm not sure why we would be laying off people if there is work to be done. If the federal Work Share is ending, why can't we create our own?

Finding Cashiers with the customer service skills to help the good and bad customers is not easy. I would hate to see these fine people discarded just to save a couple dollars.

Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Aaron Schultz](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for Parking cashiers
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 9:23:46 AM

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To whom it may concern,

In a time of a world wide pandemic, Sabrina and the Supervisors of Parking Utility are taking full advantage of the opportunity to restructure our entire department, leaving some of the lowest paid workers to bare the brunt and impact of that low brow decision.

As an employee of Parking Utility I have learned, since I started in this department in 2008, that my department Supervisors never really took the best interest of its employees to heart. We've dealt with poor communication, lack of follow through and little action. From new equipment installations that were supposed to take a few months to taking over 3 years and still not functioning at a 100% or properly. We've encountered numerous events of violence, lawlessness and endangerment at the Lake & Francis Street Ramps and subjected to a lack of protected measures, such as bullet proof glass and added security measures. We are exposed to open air drug dealing, jumpers committing suicides, drunk patrons and belligerent patrons verbal abuse due to equipment failures and mass crowds due to large events. I was told when I took this job by other City of Madison employees and while working in other departments that Parking Utility was the most toxic and negative work environment in the city, which it turns out, proves to be the case.

Yet we Parking Utility employees take it in stride, smiling and providing customer service, representing the City of Madison directly to the public. For patrons visiting Madison we are the only representation and are ambassadors to the city.

So now it's really no surprise that department heads decided, at a time when employees are the most vulnerable, at a time when we are more focused on our safety and health of not only ourselves, but our families, our neighbors and community. At a time where every penny counts, every financial decision is a cautionary tale, every grocery and shopping trip is based on absolute need and not wants. At a time when we, as Parking Utility employees, accept our deployments to other departments throughout the city with dignity and professionalism, bringing the best of our abilities to that department and in my case, being exposed to the elements in the middle of a parking lot at Sycamore Street yard waste site of exposer to the elements. From snow flurries, cold, rain, winds, 100 degree temperatures with little to no protection or the tools to do our job to the absolute best of our abilities. Relying on the goodness of the taxpayers dropping off their broken umbrellas for sun screening at the beginning of the summer, all the while our requests to Sabrina and our department heads during ZOOM employee meetings, requesting rain gear, protection from the elements or a stipend to purchase steel toe boots to perform our duties, go unheard or arrive late to the situation.

We, Parking Utility employees, still perform our requested duties with a smile, professionally working our deployed duties to best of our abilities even though we are treated as outsiders to the department.

With all that said, at this momentous time of a world wide pandemic, it is no surprise that Sabrina and our supervisors want to defund our positions in the operating budget. Taking full advantage of some of the lowest paying wage earners in all of the City of Madison departments. Some would think the obvious action to save our department would be to restructure the high wage earners positions, offering pay cuts to Supervisors positions and not placing the burdens of Parking Utilities financial issues in the backs of the most vulnerable like women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and those who are trying to get a foot in the door with the City of Madison for employment that provides a little security and health care.

Its the American way right? Even in Progressive Madison, those with the most will take full advantage of the little guy. Even if you get paid a high wage, you will get rid of the low wage earner so your life style isn't impacted. We should expect the best from our Supervisors and department heads. We should have confidence that they hold these positions because they are the most qualified and will consider EVERY option and tool available to them to protect their department and the departments workers. Maybe that's a fantasy every employee has for their employers and Supervisors. You would think that would be the goal at the very least.....but not Parking Utility.

To conclude, I will still perform my job exposed to the elements in a different department, with a smile on my

face and the most professional representative of Madison possible. I have no control of the decision you are about to make but I hope, with a clear conscience that you make a decision based upon honesty, facts and your paid ability and take into consideration the hard work and positive impact that every employee's employment you are about to terminate, has on the City of Madison. All the years of service, all the facets of diversity, the dedication and representation as ambassadors to the City of Madison.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

All the best in health,

Aaron P Schultz

Parking Utility Substitute

Sent from my iPhone

From: [wing](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support Funding of Parking Cashiers - agenda #16
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 2:26:44 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Wing Leung. I have been a Parking Cashier for 8 years. I am one that is in jeopardy of layoff. Please support Alder Verveer's amendment to continue funding Parking Cashier positions. My family and I are in need of the healthcare benefits I earn. Specially during this pandemic. I have been working at the Alliant Covid testing site since work share program started in April. I love what I do and specially in this great community. Please vote to continue to fund our positions so that I can continue proudly to serve this great community. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Wing Leung

From: [paul schiltz](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support Funding of Parking Cashiers
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 3:28:56 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Paul Schiltz. I have been a Parking Utility employee for 9 years, and before that I worked as a Box Office Cashier for The Civic Center/Overture Center for 8 years. I urge you to please support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund Parking Cashier positions to avoid layoffs.

My 17 years of waiting on the public in a face to face capacity has shown me that the City of Madison relies a great deal on the front line personnel to help direct residents and non-residents to their destinations in an efficient and timely manner. If you allow the elimination of the Parking Cashier positions, I feel that would be detrimental to the City as a whole.

Please support the cashier positions as they help generate not just revenue for the City, but also good will and a positive perception of the City.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Schiltz

From: [kaifat.lee](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: support of agenda item 16 - funding the parking cashier
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:36:17 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Kaifat Lee, I have been a Parking Cashier for just over 5 years. It has been a great experience working for the city. I have always been working in the service sector, but this parking cashier job does give me great pleasure when I am working with great people every single day. I was working when it was the coldest day in 2019 and when there were those shooting incidents in the parking ramp, but that would never change my mind of being the parking cashier at work. However, this will come to an end when the new year starts. My job is in jeopardy for 2021, please support Alder Verveer's amendment to fund Parking Cashier positions. My family and I are in need of the healthcare benefits and the stable home that I earn. Please vote to continue to fund our positions.

Sincerely,
Kaifat Lee

From: [Tony Li](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support Restore Funding for Unfunded Parking Cashiers
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 4:54:30 PM

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Hello,

My name is Tony Li. I've been a cashier with the Parking Utility for 7 years. I am writing to ask you to support proposed amendment number 21 by Alder Verveer to fund Parking Cashier positions and avoid 19 layoffs of filled positions.

We have been redeployed to other departments and work sites during this time, and have fulfilled all duties that have been asked of us. I am willing and able to work at wherever the City needs us, whether it is within the Parking Utility or elsewhere. I am in support of work share, redeployment to other departments, furloughs, or any other ideas to continue employment and not lead to outright layoffs.

The pandemic has been challenging for every one of us, but I ask that you not take away the livelihood of a select group of hardworking city employees in this most difficult time. I believe there are other less devastating ways to respond to a budget challenge, and I hope you consider them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Tony