

From: Barros Hoffens, Jose
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2020 2:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Show your support for Language Access Plan in the next budget
Attachments: LCET Language Access Memo 9-10-2020.pdf; Spanish Language Audit 2020.pdf

Dear Alders,

My name is Pepe Barros, and I am writing to you to ask for your support for the Language Access Plan in the 2021 budget. I have been a resident of Madison for about 4 years. I currently work for the City of Madison as a Pedestrian and Bicycle Outreach Specialist (Bilingual) in Traffic Engineering. I am also a member of the Latinx Community Engagement Team (LCET).

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We cannot continue to marginalize the voices of residents. We want change, and the time is now.

I look forward to discussing this further with you.

Thank you,
Pepe Barros

From: Sheila Martin <sheila0725@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2020 2:45 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Supporting continued MPD funding
Attachments: IMG_2688.PNG; ATT00001.txt

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Dean Alders and Mayor,

This morning we awoke to yet more news about multiple attempted and at least one successful home invasion. The perpetrators included 5 juveniles, at least one who was armed, who stole property, including a car. Thankfully, no one was injured during either the break-in or the high speed chase that ensued.

With all due respect, if you aren't seeing the need to maintain the "continue-as-is" MPD funding, you are either completely out-of-touch with reality in the neighborhoods or choosing denial. I keep hearing discussion of the need for social workers, and I completely support engaging mental health providers in assisting with mental health calls. However you must acknowledge that these escalating criminal events across the city are not appropriate for any other responders than well-trained police officers? And we need to fix the horribly broken system that is releasing all of these repeat violent offenders back to the streets. Whatever it takes to make these governmental services "essential" during the pandemic must happen. If we can find methods to make healthcare, postal service, grocery stores, drug stores, etc function safely, surely we can apply these same principles to the criminal justice/court system and get them back to functional? All violent crime metrics are off the charts across the city. I hear these concerns echoed by many other citizens, as well as concerns that our elected representatives are not being responsive to this data and increased need.

Sincerely,
Sheila Martin
District 13

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mitnick, Matt
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2020 8:13 PM
To: PD PSRC; All Alders
Subject: PSRC Budget Items to Consider
Attachments: PSRC Items to Consider Final Version.docx

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Dear Alders,

Attached to this message is a report from the PSRC Police Budget Subcommittee, containing MPD budget elements to which the Council may want to consider.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we hope that this will be useful.

Thank you,

Matthew Mitnick
PSRC member and Police Budget Subcommittee Chair

Veldran, Lisa

From: Matt and Alissa Hirscher <mahirscher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Budget cuts to police

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Mayor, City Alders-

I implore you to not cut police funding from the city budget. My wife and I have been life-long Madisonians of 43 years, and this by far is not the city we grew up in. We do not feel very safe in this city anymore. We have had bikes stolen in broad daylight, our cars rummaged through and damaged on multiple occasions. It is unlikely we will be spending any evenings downtown or on State Street anymore, regardless of a pandemic or not. We have even talked about moving out of this town, something I never considered before.

This is completely reactionary. I cannot think of a worse time to attempt this social experiment.

Matt & Alissa Hirscher
Lewon Drive

Veldran, Lisa

From: Rosalie Migas <romigas@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2020 6:21 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: police funding

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Dear Alders,

As the city budget is being finalized, I am hoping you can increase funding for the police department. We are seeing an increase in crime around the city and the police need proper funding to keep personnel available to respond appropriately.

Regards,
Rosalie Migas
5913 South Hill Drive
Madison, WI 53705

From: gettehorne@charter.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2020 3:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] MPD 2021 budget

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Georgette Horne
Address: 6340 Merritt Ridge , Madison, Wi 53718
Phone: 608-770-1466
Email: gettehorne@charter.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

It is my understanding that the MPD 2021 budget at this point suggests a cut of 4 officers and that this number coincides with the removal of one SRO from each of our 4 High Schools. Although the decision to remove SROs is a done deal, the fact remains that the number of issues within these schools that require police intervention are not going away. It will now require a call to the district station and hopefully an officer is available. If so that officer is now unavailable to deal with other district priorities. Each of you are cognizant of the growing numbers of crimes within our city. I am often saddened by comments about how our beautiful city is changing and that friends/ neighbors are thinking it is time to move... This is not the time to reduce the budget for MPD. We need to give our police force the budget they require to meet the new challenges that a growing city presents.

From: kaviets@charter.net
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2020 4:04 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Support of the Police Department

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Kathleen Viets
Address: 6 Brookins Court, Madison, Wi 53716
Email: kaviets@charter.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Hello,

I will keep this brief and to the point.

I am extremely concerned about the current state of our city. Crime is escalating out of control. None of us are safe, when out in the community or in our own homes.

Many of you and our Mayor want to take away funding the Police Department desperately needs. The money allocated is, already, not enough.

The lack of respect shown for the officers that risk their lives for all of us, including you, is shameful.

Please end the political gamesmanship and do what is right to try and save our city!

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter.

Veldran, Lisa

From: John S. Pinto <pinto@chorus.net>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2020 9:56 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: MPD

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Dear Alders, it is your sworn responsibility to keep the citizens of Madison safe. Accordingly, please restore any proposed cuts to the proposed budget and also add positions, so that the officers not so stressed out. – John S. Pinto, Madison, Wisconsin

Veldran, Lisa

From: Dave Tobin <dave99er@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2020 10:07 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Cc: Dave Tobin; Aimee Tobin
Subject: Don't cut the police budget

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We are very concerned about public safety for all Madison residents, and very concerned about the rising level of crime in Madison.

Please reconsider your thinking on this topic, and do not cut the Madison Police budget.

Thank you,
David and Aimee Tobin
5002 Bayfield Ter., Madison WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: P Wehrle <pcwehrle@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: More money for Madison neighborhood centers NOT Madison Police.

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Dear Alders and Madam Mayor -

Once again Vic Wahl is using the official Police Blog to demand more money for police - at a time when current police efforts have been ineffective at stemming crime. Vic Wahl and his officers lack the competence to deal with the problems our city is facing. We cannot arrest our way out addiction. and poverty.

The solution isn't more money for the Police - the solution is for Vic Wahl to spend more time doing his job and less time begging for money he doesn't deserve. The police don't serve or represent us because they don't live among us. I'm tired of people who resent Madison working on our police force, coming into our neighborhoods and damaging our communities.

The solution to our problems isn't more out of town cops. The solution is to give more money to social workers and on-the-ground groups who actually live in the city.

Sincerely,

Peter Lawrence-Wehrle
3310 Cross Street
Madison, WI 53711

PS : I also wouldn't mind if the Common Council reiterated to Vic Wahl that it is inappropriate to use his public platform to lobby the citizens for more money.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Raechel Pundsack <raeraech@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 5:45 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Amendment 10

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Hello, I am writing in opposition to item 3, Amendment 10. Our resources are desperately needed elsewhere, funding CARE teams and supporting alternatives to incarceration. Please vote against Amendment 10.

Thank you,
Raechel Pundsack
North Lake Mendota Neighborhood

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amie Hoag <amie@bress.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 6:36 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. While I believe the police force is a vital community service, it is already over-funded. We should be directing funds toward programs that prevent crime and improve our community.

Thank you,
Amie Hoag
317 N Baldwin St
Madison, WI 53703
920-737-2445

From: Carol Hermann <hermann.carol.l@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 7:13 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in this amendment. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall and that other city departments are being asked to make budget cuts.

A great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime but do have substantial adverse effects, disproportionately impacting Black and Brown lives. See, for example, Steve Elbow's Capital Times article "'None of this has changed': Madison's racial disparities have gotten worse, despite decades of reports, task forces and funded programs".

Note that the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and, in a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this. I urge you to defeat this amendment and look for other ways to improve the public health and safety of our community by investing resources in departments and programs that focus on building community capacity rather than punishment and incarceration.

Sincerely,

Carol Hermann

Veldran, Lisa

From: LN Alliet <lnalliet@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 7:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 10 and any further expansion of MPD. Madison needs to be expanding support for housing, health care, and education - especially in the downtown area - and not continuing to expand MPD when many other departments are receiving cuts.

I am sincerely disappointed that my own Alder, Zachary Henak, has continued to introduce this amendment - first to the Finance Committee and now to the full Council.

Please oppose Amendment 10 and any further expansion of MPD.

Sincerely,
Lee Alliet

4737 Sherwood Rd, Madison, WI 53711
lnalliet@gmail.com

From: Emma Cifrino <emma.a.cifrino@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 7:28 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Budget Amendment #10

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Sincerely,

- Emma Cifrino

Emma Cifrino, DMA

PhD (Historical Musicology) in progress @ UW-Madison

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she/her/hers

From: Amber Doss <amberndoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 7:38 AM
To: All Alders
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Sincerely,

Amber Doss

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Support for the Police

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Mayor and Alders:

RETHINK the police funding and provide them with more support!

On Saturday night, there was another large scale shooting incident on the west side of Madison which has affected residents throughout the city. The incident will have lasting effects on the individuals involved, the entire neighborhood and Schwoegler's. At a time when families and businesses are struggling due to the pandemic, an increase in city-wide violence should not be added to their concerns.

What are you willing to do about this?

I am keenly aware of the calls to defund the Madison police. As a Madison resident, I reject the negative stance toward MPD that is being exhibited by many elected City officials. This lack of support (and knowledge) is evident in words and actions.

Many of the recommendations in the 2021 Budget call for a reduction in police services. These include reductions in programs, community outreach and staffing. **I ask you to reject these reductions and keep officers in our neighborhoods.**

Janet Hirsch
Madison Resident

From: Abby Joy <ahotch5162@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:10 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition of Amendment #10

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Good Morning Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

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Best Regards,

Abby Neumann

From: Donoso, Jose Maria
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:12 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: My Support for the Language Access Plan in the 2021 Budget
Attachments: LCET Language Access Memo 9-10-2020.pdf; Spanish Language Audit 2020.pdf

Dear Alders,

My name is JoseMaria Donoso, and I am writing to you to ask for your support for the Language Access Plan in the 2021 budget. I currently work for the City of Madison Building Inspection Division as a Housing Inspection Supervisor and I was the creator and then the Leader of the Latinx Community Engagement Team (LCET) for the first 4 years and currently I am an active member of the LCET. The LCET has been supporting the Department of Civil Rights with the implementation of the Language Access Plan, the plan is very important as I believe it is a great resource that all City agencies have to continue improving their services and continue gaining the trust of the Spanish-speaking community and all the other communities of color.

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I look forward to discussing this further with you.

Thank you,



JoseMaria Donoso (First name: JoseMaria)

Housing Inspection Supervisor

Building Inspection Division

Madison Municipal Building, Suite 017

215 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd.

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From: Jill Olig <purplefaerie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:22 AM
To: All Alders

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From: Stacey Garbarski <contact@staceygarbarski.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:56 AM
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From: Amy Diestler <diestleramy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Amendment 10

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Sincerely,
Nicole Spear

Madison 53703

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ryan Hartkopf <ryanhartkopf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 10:59 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: I oppose budget amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to amendment 10 of the operating budget to accept the COPS grant for the hiring of additional officers. In a time when we are supposed to be reducing the budgets of city agencies and when the citizens of Madison are pushing for greater investment in community resources, it is tone deaf to commit to investing more city resources into policing. I ask that we view policing as a last resort and not as a solution to social problems.

If we are going to invest \$586,600 in something over the next 3 years I would ask that it be mental health and violence prevention services. Investments in these areas will pay dividends and reduce the need for policing.

Thank you,

Ryan Hartkopf
6633 Raymond Rd
Madison, WI 53711

From: Pamela <peprn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Violent crimes

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To my Mayor and City Alders, This is NOT the Madison we all know and love. Violent crime in our city and neighborhoods is dramatically increasing. In my neighborhood on the east side, we had cars racing down N. Thompson shooting at each other. Near Stoughton road, a shootout broke out the other night. A shootout on the westside with 1 dead. Strong armed robberies on the northside. Shots fired yesterday on Hays Rd. There are bullets whizzing around all over and it is only a matter of time before more innocent people get killed. Now is NOT the time to cut MPD funding, we need more officers and more resources going toward finding and removing these dangerous individuals who don't think twice about shooting a gun in the city. With the protests, riots and destruction downtown, it appears that our neighborhoods have been left without adequate police coverage. How is it possible to justify cutting the MPD budget in a time like this? How does cutting the MPD budget allow them to provide more training for officers? You hold the responsibility for what actions are taken to keep Madison residents safe. By cutting the MPD budget, you are all but ensuring that this violence will continue for years to come. I urge you to NOT accept a budget cut for MPD, rather increase their budget and allow MPD to get back to patrolling the neighborhoods and put an end to violent crimes.

Please hear the cries of the people for protection and hope in our city we all love.

Pamela Berkowitz

From: Katelyn Danielson <katelyndanielson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 12:19 PM
To: All Alders
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Veldran, Lisa

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Michelle A Quinn <mickwhale@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 12:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Letter Supporting Amendments to Fund Police especially Community Outreach for Agenda Item 3 Tues 11/10 CC Meeting
Attachments: MPD.letterofsupport.Quinn.Nov08.2020.docx

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Dear Alders,

I do not envy you the tough decisions in confirming the budget. I do want to support our sustaining programs that foster community ties, including funding the MPD Community Outreach program.

I have attached a personal letter and include it in full in the body of this email, if you prefer to just read it here. Please represent those of us who choose to live in Madison, dedicated to the belief ALL lives matter, including those who serve on the front line when alterations or emergencies occur.

My career as a speech language pathologist training students included serving families through early intervention of preschool children. One way their view of the world expanded beyond home was to learn who their community helpers were. For this unit, we role played various important roles with people with whom they could regularly interact: the cashier, shelver and bagger at the grocery store, the doctor, nurse, and nurse practitioner at the clinic/hospital, the librarian, teacher, coach, firefighter and police. Sometimes, we'd visit a fire station. Sometimes, a police officer would meet the children who got to practice greeting and asking questions. After each such exhilarating lesson, the respect young children had for our community helpers was evident in the nature of their play. They imagined becoming more than they were because of these imaginary and actual encounters.

I am provoked to contact you now to plead with you to not throw the baby out with the bathwater, specifically in terms of **funding our Madison Police Department (MPD)**. Our MPD has a national reputation for its team-based, citizen oriented, relational approach to serving our community. This past summer their acumen as a team was on display on the local news as people who gathered downtown hurled insults and objects at them. MPD officers showed up when the heat was on, kept their cool, did what our caring Mayor asked of them to do.

At the exact same time, the MPD blotter and NextDoor App entries attested to escalating violence in and across our city's neighborhoods and the experience or worry about such crimes in turn provoked some citizens to prepare to shoot suspects who trespassed on their lawn.

I commend the Mayor and City Council for creative ways to approach the challenge of how to address a unified approach to the sources of unrest in order to quell violence. However, I urge you to not presume or place the scars of other places in the nation where police conduct is reprehensible on our police force. The data here speak of a force who want to encourage and scaffold on the Good in their relations with us. **If you shrink the MPD in size, what will that do to their stress and wellbeing when serving in volatile situations that aren't necessarily scheduled to occur at an even or predictable pace?** If you eliminate the portions of their current program that allow citizens to get to know the police officers as people, and they to know the people as law abiding most of the time, how can you guarantee a 'we are all in this together for the good of all' mentality?

I reside in and represent the Westmorland neighborhood where we are forging an alliance through the Good Neighbor Project with our MPD, so to increase our commitment to community identity and involvement. Homegrown here in Madison, the **Good Neighbor Project** is under consideration in several other cities and states, recognized for the power of its promise to foster community ties. **Please do not cut the community outreach arm of MPD. Otherwise, how will our children experience firsthand that all who are community helpers are heroes and heroines, because promote, keep and safeguard peace in times of celebration, emergency, conflict, and increasingly, violence in our city?**

I am counting on you to stand by and for the MPD who have served us so well in the main. Data from 2020 indicate now is not the time to strain their resources or their personnel. At a minimum, wait until you have data from the new initiative to see if those with mental health issues can be served solely by those people without calling on our police, and learning if downtown vandalism was a one-off or perennial concern. Thank you for carefully weighing what we know about the statistics of blight versus right thinking by our MPD force, versus what occurs in places without the level of training, compassion commitment and teamwork our own MPD has attained.

Thank you for your work; please represent us by supporting amendments before you this week.

Michelle Quinn
Chatham Terrace
Westmorland Madison
53711

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From: Andrea Collins <andrea.kellyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 1:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

As a resident of Madison at 1218 Rutledge St #4, I am writing in opposition to the 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

It is completely unnecessary and, in fact, counter to the interests of the citizens of Madison to expand the police budget as proposed in amendment 10. Police do not prevent crimes. There is no return on investment for hiring more officers. There is, however, return on investment in actually investing in the people of our community. Use the hundreds of thousands of dollars you would be spending in the coming years on these proposed officers to fund any of the things we have been shouting at you to fund. Better mental health and crisis services, more efficient food distribution to people that need it, housing and opportunities for houseless folks -- all of these things and more would serve you better in your effort to reduce 'criminal behavior'.

Moreover, these newly hired police officers would be much more likely to profile Black residents of Madison and assume their guilt of crime. Steve Elbow, in his Capital Times article, notes: "In 2004, blacks, who made up 6% of the city's population, accounted for about 15% of traffic citations and 29% of arrests. Last year, at 7% of the population, blacks were issued a quarter of city traffic citations, and in 2018 constituted 43% of arrests. In the same time frame, the proportion of black juveniles arrested went from 49% to 66%." We cannot keep investing in a system that disproportionately harms Black and brown residents of Madison and beyond. It is absolutely imperative that these funds be used for things that the *community* wants -- not just wealthy business owners and status-quo-maintainers. Over the last six months, the community has shown to you in innumerable and varied ways that prioritizing the MPD in the city budget is exactly what does not need to happen. From protest and unrest in the streets, to council meetings, to the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council's adoption of a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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, it is clear that the time is now to divest from MPD and invest in community. Amendment 10 does the former. Please listen to the people of Madison.

Best,
Andrea Collins

From: rynkathy@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 3:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Please, Please Do Not Reduce the 2021 Police Budget

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Kathy Losby
Address: 542 Charles Lane, Madison, WI 53711
Phone: 608-238-6910
Email: rynkathy@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Alders,

I wrote to my Alder, Zak Henak, last month and today I write all of you plus the Mayor asking you, no, begging you not to reduce the budget for 2021. Don't reduce it until after the alternatives to assist the police are fully functional.

How would you feel if you called 911 to report your home was burglarized only to hear the words "oh sir, we have no idea when we can get to you". That's worrisome. That's what happened to us in September 2020 and I don't think I'll ever forget those words.

You know the police are understaffed. You know they're working long shifts - we're all dealing with COVID but the most important reason to not reduce their budget now is because of the uptick of violent crime and crimes committed by teenagers.

I listened to a safety zoom meeting the alders hosted. Also attended a session a few years ago hosted by Alderman Skidmore, Chief Koval, Sheriff Mahoney, DA Ozanne. I hear the concerns but please, hear the concerns of all.

Every time we walk past our refrigerator we see the dent from the rock they used to break the backdoor window. Every night at 10:50 PM I think about what happened in our safe space - our home.

Kathy Losby
542 Charles Lane
Madison WI 53711

From: LOGAN M KLEIN <lklein8@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 4:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Sincerely,

Logan Klein
726 W Main St
Madison WI, 53715

From: David Sterken <dgsterken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 4:44 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Madison physician supporting budget amendment #3

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I am writing as a physician in Madison to express my support of budget amendment #3, to increase funding of the COVID Relief Fund, which will be discussed at the common council meeting on November 10th.

As you all know, the pandemic is already surging in Dane County and it will undoubtedly be even worse this winter when residents will be stuck indoors because of the weather. Additional funding is very necessary, particularly because we will likely reach the point where additional restrictions will need to be put in place again to protect the public, and these restrictions will unfortunately further exacerbate the economic effect of the pandemic, especially on marginalized communities. Therefore, government funding to mitigate these economic effects is crucial.

I will be available to speak at the meeting on November 10th (and/or if it gets extended to the next two evenings). I am not a public health expert, but if anyone needs a first hand account of the current strain on our healthcare system and the medical reasons to predict that things will get much worse before they get better, I would be happy to provide input, especially if there is anyone on council who does not think we will need this additional funding.

David Sterken, MD

From: Rachel Jones <rachel.e.1.jones@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 4:51 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Rachel Jones

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From: Rianna Mukherjee <rcmukherjee@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 4:54 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: OPPOSE Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Dear Alders of Madison,

My name is Rianna and I'm a constituent of yours. I hope that you will oppose Operating Budget Amendment 10 and use those crucial funds to support other City programs. Tax payer dollars should not go to adding more officers to MPD as this is a critical time to act regarding mental health and breached trust. We could use that money to create a mental crisis team, rather than add more officers to the force. Please consider my thoughts.

Best,
Rianna

From: David Sterken <dgsterken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 5:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposing Madison budget amendment #10

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I am writing to express my opposition to budget amendment #10, to hire more police officers and further increase the cost of MPD to citizens of Madison, which will be discussed at the common council meeting on November 10th.

MPD's funding is already increasing by around \$2.6 million dollars while other agencies are having their funding cut by a total of \$3.3 million because of the pandemic. This amendment is to "accept a grant," but as you know, the grant only lasts 3 years and does not fully cover the cost of the 4 additional officers' salaries even during those 3 years, thus the costs to the city are significant. This is money that could be used elsewhere.

Police do not prevent crime, but rather serve to help enforce penalties after crimes are committed under the premise that doing so will serve as a deterrent to future crimes, a premise for which there is weak scientific evidence at best. There is better scientific evidence that addressing the root causes that lead individuals to commit crimes will result in less crime in the community, so we should be spending money on that instead.

Having more officers on State Street will not solve the problems with "violence, property crime, and quality of life" as the amendment suggests. I don't think anyone could reasonably argue that the increases in crime on State Street over time are due to a lack of police officers. I urge you to spend this money on evidence-based community interventions instead.

David Sterken

Veldran, Lisa

From: Islam, Tehmina
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 5:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Message to alders

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Dear City Alders,

I am writing to you today to ask you to please vote no to operating budget amendment \$10, 2020 COPS grant. Please invest in broader community services while defunding the police.

Thank you,
Tehmina Islam
Licensed Midwife
2809 Commercial Ave
Madison, WI 53704

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Tehmina Islam, CPM, LM (she/her/hers)
Access Midwifery, LLC
Providing homebirth midwifery care for our community
www.accessmidwiferywi.org

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. ~ The Talmud

From: Kathy McComb <kamccomb@tds.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Budget

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> Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Madison Common Council Members,
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> Thank you for taking the time to read my email and for your consideration.
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> Sincerely,
> Kathryn McComb
> 14 Winterset Circle
> Madison
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From: John Lazaris <jglazaris@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 7:16 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: MPD agenda Item #3 Common Council Meeting Nov. 10,2020

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We write in support of Amendment #9 and the COPS grant described therein. We also support increased funding for MPD, not decreased, so they are not left with a 1.25 million deficit. Our communities need more neighborhood patrols, not fewer. Following popular trends is not something that will withstand the test of time as policy goes. National surveys have shown 80% of people in Black communities want more policing, not less. We all want to feel safe and to be safe. State Street is no longer a desired destination for many. People just do not feel safe going to many local places. With more stray gunshots, and some accurate, it does not seem to be the time to decrease our MPD. Sincerely, Barbara and John Lazaris, Madison, WI

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Tiffany Coolidge <tiffany.coolidge@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 8:05 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Proposed Amendment #10

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From: Marcia Vandercook <marcia.vandercook@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 10:19 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Bidar, Shiva
Subject: Oppose COPS grant funding

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to oppose Operating Budget Amendment 10, accepting a COPS grant to hire four more police officers to create a Downtown Entertainment Zone Team. While I support taking care of our downtown, I don't think that adding a dedicated police presence will have the desired effect and will likely reinforce our already serious racial disparities. I oppose an increase in the size of the police force generally, given the many competing priorities. Please invest my tax dollars in community services like affordable housing, crisis response, and street outreach and hosing support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcia Vandercook
2310 Rugby Row, District 5

From: Philippa Bergmann <pb.supercherie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 10:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Amendment #10

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Philippa Bergmann
27 Anniversary Ct.
Madison, WI 53704

From: Kerida O'Reilly <keridadpt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 11:44 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating Budget

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Kerida O'Reilly
District 7

From: Caroline Larson <calarson033@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:55 AM
To: All Alders
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Carrie Larson M.Ed. CCC-SLP/L
Doctoral Candidate
Communication Sciences and Disorders
University of Wisconsin-Madison

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Mayor; Henak, Zachary; All Alders
Subject: Amendment #10 Cops Grant

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Dear Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and Alders,

Thank you for all the work you are doing to address budget issues alongside the many other concerns we are having as a City.

I would like to thank Alder Harrington-McKinney and Alder Henak for submitting a new amendment (#10) regarding the COPS Grant. I think it is worthy of a deeper dive and reconsideration for why this dedicated team in the Entertainment Zone downtown is crucial at this time.

In reading through the COPS Grant application, I was once again struck by the professionalism and exemplary standard of our Madison Police Department. Our Department goes far and beyond what was required in each category, fulfilling nearly every item, and was already awarded this Grant.

Even before the craziness of 2020, Madison had seen a substantial rise in violent offenses (homicide, shootings, substantial and aggravated batteries, sexual assaults and weapons offenses) within the downtown Entertainment District. Violent crime increased 30% from 2017-2019. Many social service agencies are located in the heart of this zone, serving vulnerable populations in need of housing, mental health treatment, and/or drug or alcohol counseling. The combination of characteristics (alcohol, drugs, social services, environment and violent behaviors) have made this area a distinct challenge in maintaining order. After extensive analysis, in collaboration with downtown stakeholders, the MPD determined that the best solution is a new Entertainment Zone Team.

This dedicated team would focus on problem solving alcohol-related concerns, managing special events, working with area stakeholders and agencies to address the vulnerable populations, and quality of life issues on upper State Street and the Capitol Square by forming collaborative partnerships with other agencies surrounding the zone and identifying other emerging issues through education, enforcement, outreach and environmental adjustments.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, you likely recognized the critical need for this new team, as your signature is on the Grant Application, dated 3/9/2020. This federal Grant has obviously been awarded, and for some reason, the Common Council is debating whether or not to accept it. A lot of time and effort goes into applying for a federal grant, and I don't think it's common to go through the process, be awarded with the grant, and then decide not to use it. With the problems compounded in the area this year by a global pandemic, increased homelessness, protests and some civil unrest, it seems this team is needed now more than ever.

Police currently have a positive working relationship with social service providers and many committees, groups, businesses, and neighborhood associations within this zone. The problem-solving strategy would focus on reducing the seriousness of incidents/harm and improve the response to the area, as well as improving citizen perception here, which has recently taken a big hit. We need to transform this vital area into the safe and thriving downtown zone it once was. A dedicated and trusted team will go a long way in restoring this key part of our City, bringing in tourists, business, and increased revenue. This increase in revenue could easily pay for the phased in cost of this small team to the City over the next few years.

Key social service organizations, such as Catholic Charities, including The Beacon and Bethel Lutheran Homeless Services are strongly supportive of this initiative, as well as numerous restaurant and business owners in the Entertainment Zone (please see linked letters of recommendation, which were included in the COPS Grant application).

Alder Harrington-McKinney and Alder Carter, strong Black women on the Council, spoke positively about the positive effects this team would have by building trust and relationships with those who live and work in the zone as well as the benefits to other parts of the City. Officers are frequently being called from other districts to help downtown, and this dedicated team would help with that problem as well. Our MPD values proactive policing, visibility, and community building, not only reactive calls for service. But with the current short staffing, the vast majority of every patrol officer's hours is spent on obligated time (reactive patrol), allowing less time for proactive problem-solving and networking. This team would be freed up to invest quality, proactive time in this small but vital area we all know and love. It would also maintain the MPD's authorized strength after losing the SRO contract for 4 officers in the high schools.

As a resident of Madison for 21 years and one who spends a lot of time in this zone, I see the current and growing issues and hope, for the sake of the Entertainment Zone and our whole City, that you will move forward and allow the already awarded COPS Grant to be implemented. Please read the linked letters of recommendation below and please vote in favor of Amendment #10.

Link to Letters of Recommendation:

<https://app.luminpdf.com/viewer/5fa9463cdde77d0012771e75>

Link to COPS Grant Application:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=e08d285f71&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1682670269581285190&th=175a0bb1ec80d746&view=att&disp=inline>

Sincerely,

Bonnie Roe
District 10
(608) 239-1748

Veldran, Lisa

From: amy@kellconsulting.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:46 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Funding for MPD

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Amy Kell
Address: 15 Oak Creek Trail, Madison, WI 53717
Email: amy@kellconsulting.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

I was out walking my dogs early Saturday afternoon on October 31st 2020 when I heard the gunshots being fired at Wexford Ridge. As with others in our community, I later learned that a man was killed at the scene and two others were shot and taken to the hospital. The getaway car was abandoned somewhere on Odana Road and the individuals fled.

I live in Tamarack Trails which directly abuts Wexford Ridge. Here at Tamarack, most of our residents are seniors, and some are frail elderly. A concern that many of us share is this: what if the bullets had hit an innocent resident out gardening at the time? And another more basic concern: are we not safe?

The statistics show that crime is continuing to rise in Madison. Some would say that crime is rising unabated. Yet while one of the most important jobs of city government is to ensure the safety and security of its residents, recent actions of some of our Alders suggests that they are not protecting us. Not providing sufficient funds for MPD is one such example.

If crime were going down, maybe we could talk about budget cuts. But now is not the time. Eliminating 1 million in the MPD budget is irresponsible at best. And refusing to accept the 250,000 COPS award from DOJ, which Madison won in a national competition, is nonsensical.

Unlike other cities, Madison has a highly educated and professional police force. Our officers are oriented toward the best practices of community policing and community engagement. They deserve our respect and our funding.

Please fully fund our MPD.

From: Hannah Eldridge <hveldrid@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposing Operating Budget Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Amendment 10 proposes adding more police officers while we are in an enormous revenue shortfall. I am baffled that, confronted with the problems of racial inequity, social injustice, and the pandemic, some of the Common Council members are suggesting more of the same. Why do we think doing the same thing over and over again will solve the problem, when hiring more police--as Madison has done in each of its past budgets--has not improved either crime rates or racial disparities? This isn't particular to Madison nor is it just my opinion: a wide body of research by (among others) David H. Bayley, Daniel J. Koenig, , Harvey Krahn, Roger Lane, Charles Silberman, and Samuel Walker, and Mollie Weatheritt. We also know that increased policing exacerbates racial disparities.

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Sincerely,

Hannah Eldridge
2626 Park Place
Madison WI 53705

Veldran, Lisa

From: reporting@cityofmadison.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Fund the community, not the police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Erica Jessen
Address: 1213 Spaight St, Madison, WI 53703

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

We need social services - not police. Ensure that any budget or contract renegotiation puts Madison residents first and fund social services to support mental and physical health, boost affordable housing, traditional education and unconventional learning opportunities. Fund our community not cops.

Thanks,
Erica

From: Sharon Atwood <shalon.atwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:51 AM
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Shalon Atwood

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jill Annis <jill@simplyorganizedwithjill.com>
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Subject: OPPOSE Operating Budget Amendment 10.

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I would prefer the city of Madison invest in more social services than a larger police force. Health care, mental health care, affordable housing, and job centers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jill Annis

2518 Berkley Drive
Madison, WI 53719

From: Audrey Nelson <adstarr70@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:16 AM
To: All Alders
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Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: COPS GRANT 2020 (Amendment #20)

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Please vote in FAVOR of Amendment 10, the 2020 COPS Grant, as it has my full support. History has well taught us that a city without law, without authority, and without the ability to enforce that authority, is a city of anarchy and chaos. We NEED our law enforcement personnel and agencies. While any entity has its occasional 'bad apple', most officers are hardworking GOOD men and women, who have invested sacrificially for years within our community. They know the city already, have established relationships and rapport with our citizens, and have already been trained on local regulations and expectations. We cannot afford to lose more officers at a time when our community is experiencing so much additional increased crime and violence. I am losing count of the times my own very middle class established neighborhood has been exposed to rapid gunfire just in the past 6 months. As you likely are aware, over 50 rounds of ammo were just fired in the parking lot next to Chuck E Cheese, at Schwoegler's Bowling Alley, on the west side of town. This is NOT the time to eliminate positions from our much needed police force. This is NOT the time to be cutting the budget to our already overworked, underpaid, and over strained police force. This 2020 COPS Grant allows for the reallocation of existing personnel to an area of great need, still serving our local community and citizens. Please vote in favor of it.

--Linda Sey

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carrie Ouradnik <carrieouradnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: No more increased MPD budget please

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Carrie Ouradnik
3017 Maple Valley Dr
Madison 53719

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ting Hsuan Hung <THung@edgewood.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:56 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Henak, Zachary
Subject: please don't cut MPD budget

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Hi,

With the crime incidents increases, I don't think it's a good idea to cut MPD budget. We need more officers doing patrolling and responding to calls. We need law and order in place. As a tax payer and a voter, I ask you please don't cut MPD budget.

Thanks!
Ting-Hsuan

Veldran, Lisa

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Support MPD & Public Safety in 2021 Budget

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Dear Mayor and Alders:

As a long time Madison resident, I ask for your **SUPPORT of the Madison Police Department request for additional officers and funding.**

Community policing is an area where I want to see continued growth. Without a full staff of patrol officers, these areas are already being cut. Without additional staff, the cuts to community services will continue.

I do not want to lose officers who are engaged in the community, such as Community Policing, Neighborhood Officers, Gang Unit, or Mental Health officers. These are all services that our community expects to receive.

Thank you for considering these as you move through the budget process.

Janet Hirsch
7311 Cedar Creek Trail
Madison, Wisconsin 53717

Veldran, Lisa

From: Becky Otte-Ford <raonine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:59 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating budget

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

We cannot afford either the long-term financial costs or the cost to Black and Brown lives that hiring more police officers will entail. We need more social services, affordable housing, and persistent, diligent anti-racism work, not more people with guns.

Thank you for choosing the good of the city by not accepting this proposed amendment.

Rebecca Otte-Ford
1027 Chandler St
Madison, WI

From: Jacobi Wozniak <jacobiwozniak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:00 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Amendment #10

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Jacobi Wozniak

Veldran, Lisa

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: 62322 Oper Amendment #10

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Amendment #10-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
7311 Cedar Creek Trail
Madison, WI 53717

From: Sarah Frohardt-Lane <sarah.frohardtlane@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

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*Sincerely,
Sarah Frohardt-Lane*

From: Susan Lochen <sdlochen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:28 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Police funding

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in support of increasing police funding in the budget. I know that sounds strange coming from an old lefty. I still fully support directing greater resources to the neighborhoods in need of services in our changing city. But this should not come at cost to a stressed police department who instead need our help to better serve the community. I have lived here over 50 years and saw the transformation of police practices under Chief David Couper (who later went on to become an Episcopal priest). Ours was a national model of police as community peacekeepers, not adversaries. I believe that most officers in Madison still operate that way, though of course there have been a few bad or inept actors over the years. I understand and validate the emotions that are behind the “defunding” movement. Police departments should definitely be de-militarized. But now the pragmatic work of true community peacekeeping must be considered.

To that end, I hope that the budget will include greater police funding with the stipulation that the money MUST go to additional officers hired, better screening and training of new hires, and most importantly, social worker support staff. Ideally a social worker would be on call to accompany officers on domestic disturbance calls and mental health emergencies. Aftercare plans should follow every such call. There are also several nonprofit social service agencies with street teams in our city and their support could be integrated into such a system.

We have a chance to build a policing model to be emulated by other cities. Let’s pay homage to Chief Couper’s ideals <https://www.wpr.org/people/reverend-david-c-couper> and support MPD with the kind of community resources that better serve all our neighborhoods. All this takes money. If it takes a referendum to financially support that, let’s put it out there. I think it could be written to satisfy most everybody’s concerns and that it would pass.

Sincerely,
Susan Lochen
District 10

Sent from my iPad

From: Lisa Hansen <laax86@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:33 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Proposed Amendment #10 of 2021 Operating Budget

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to proposed amendment #10 of the 2021 operating budget. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Why is MPD being given a possible increase in budget when other departments are having to make cuts? Is it not true that the Executive Operating Budget for 2021 is already budgeting \$2,566,877 more for police field and support services than the adopted budget for last year?

Why invest more in policing when a great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime? The return on investment is essentially zero, as esteemed criminologist David Bayley noted in his book "Policing for the Future":

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The people of Madison and across the U.S. have strongly voiced their concerns and demands for change. The time is now to invest in our communities, not the police! As sociologist and policing scholar Alex Vitale writes: *"We have to articulate a different vision of*

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Sincerely,

Lisa Hansen

1302 Dewberry Dr

Madison, WI 53719

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amelia Royko Maurer <roykomaurer@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 11:41 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Please oppose Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10 and I'm using our team letter because I cannot say it any better.

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Sincerely,

Amelia Royko Maurer
608-332-5042

Veldran, Lisa

From: Richard Hofland <rehofland@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 11:43 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Law & Order - Do Your sworn duty

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We need MORE POLICE not less. The only ones killing Black and Brown people are other Black and Brown people. And we need to keep our streets open and not blocked by illegal protests without parade permits. This is what the majority of Madison residents want. LAW and ORDER!!!!

Resident of Madison since 1947
Registered Legal voter since 1968

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kathleen Harker <kathyha1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 11:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Harker

350 S. Hamilton St. Unit 704
Madison, WI 53703

From: Juliana Bennett <jrbennett001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Citizen Concern for City Budget Proposal

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Sincerely,
Juliana

From: Jessica D <jessdufault@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: opposed to Amendment 10

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Hello all Alders,

I OPPOSE Operating Budget Amendment 10 as this amendment would further expand MPD!

This amendment, by Alders McKinney and Henak, authorizes accepting a COPS grant to hire four more police officers to create a Downtown Entertainment Zone Team. Over a three year period the city would pay \$586,600 and the grant would cover \$500,000. Thereafter the city would cover the FULL COST of their salaries (\$390,423 starting in 2024). The Executive Operating Budget for 2021 is already budgeting \$2,566,877 more for police field and support services than the adopted budget for last year (a large increase while other city departments are being cut)! We don't need to expand MPD even more – we should be defunding MPD to be able to support other community services!

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This same amendment was introduced by Alders Carter and Henak at the Finance Committee meeting a couple weeks ago and it was defeated. It is now being reintroduced here??

The city always, always, always hires more cops. It's the Madison way. I am here to make sure it doesn't happen this year.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Anne Egan-Robertson <anneeganrobertson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Do not fund Amendment 10

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Dear Council Members:

Please do not fund Amendment 10 that calls for hiring more police officers. Madison does not need more police. What is needed is money to support social services, in this case particularly for responding to emergency situations.

Sincerely,
Anne Egan-Robertson

From: Tish Johnson <tish.johnson920@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Please Do Not Cut Our Police Budget

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Good Afternoon,

I'm writing, again, as incidents of violence and crime continue to grow and escalate in our community (homicides, gun violence with 75 shell casings, youths with guns breaking into homes, stealing cars and more in just the past week.) Protests continue as well, and even if they are peaceful, add to the challenges we face.

So far, there is no path to resolution and no end in sight. Our police are overworked and spread way too thin while so many of us grow more concerned and afraid each day for our safety and the safety of the whole community. I do not see how this would be a time to cut our police budget.

Mayor Rhodes-Conway, I know I am one of many who reach out to you in emails and I hear people speaking up at the many meetings I attend to express fears for our safety and our concerns for an underfunded police department. However, we receive very little open acknowledgement of our concerns. Instead, we see you continue to move forward to significantly cut our police budget, oppose proposals that try to maintain police funding and take steps to fund exploration into new support services and future service delivery models. Although I support looking at new and better ways to deliver needed services, I do not support cutting our police budget/defunding our police while we explore the possibilities.

I am asking you, again, to please reconsider your position and do not cut our police budget.

Respectfully,

Tish Johnson
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Madison, WI 53711
608-225-3420

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: 62322 Oper Amendments 1 & 1a

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CC Budget Amendments 1 and 1a- Create or fund a Director or program of Resident & Community Engagement

Please **OPPOSE these amendments.**

As a Madison resident, it appears that *the change in title is a way to distance the alders from their constituents*. Not a direction that I support. As Alder Baldeh noted in his November 8, 2020 article in the Wisconsin State Journal, this is another step that will "destroy the tradition of citizen-alder representation."

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 additional tasks based on the requests and competencies of the individual Council members. Moving forward, I would expect that most alders would miss this support.

Without a job description and reporting structure, this change should not be made. The full council needs a separate discussion on the broader topic of the CC and alder's relationship to the residents of Madison.

I am unclear why this is paired with the discussion of the Operating Budget. You are putting the cart before the horse.

Janet Hirsch
7311 Cedar Creek Trail
Madison, WI 53717

From: Aj Johnson <ajgardener3x7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget- Please consider...

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Sincerely,

Alta and Tim Johnson
2264 Monroe St.
Madison, WI 5371

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***What does God ask of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.
—Micah 6:8***

From: Diana A. Drier <drier@waisman.wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Reprioritize the MPD Budget!!!

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Dear Alders,

WE DO NOT NEED MORE POLICE OFFICERS. WE NEED MENTAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS. WE NEED OFFICER RETRAINING. WE NEED THE BLUE LINE TO BE ERASED. WE NEED POLICE BODY CAMS FOR POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. WE NEED RESPECT FOR OUR BROWN AND BLACK COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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Sincerely,

Diana Drier

Diana A. Drier
Cell Therapies Project Leader

Waisman Biomanufacturing
University of Wisconsin- Madison
1500 Highland Avenue
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Tel: 608-262-9446
FAX: 608263-5725

From: Jennifer Edwards <jennifer.edwards1024@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. In a time of budget crisis and visible police brutality and oppression in our city, it is unconscionable to force budget cuts on crucial organizations while continuing to increase funding for expanded policing- we don't need more cops in the streets, we need community support, reparative efforts and more money for schools, healthcare, and support for low-income communities (the very same communities the cops continue to over-police and perpetrate violence against). Vote No on Amendment 10 and put resources where they'll help our community.

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Jennifer Edwards

Veldran, Lisa

From: Marilyn Mussallem <lmussallem@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Cc: Marilyn Mussallem
Subject: consideration for policing in budget
Attachments: Mayor and council letter regarding policing.pdf

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From: Stacey Williams <swilliams6681@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 1:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Amendment 10

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Sincerely,
Stacey Williams
Madison resident - Emerson East

From: chuckmargebils@msn.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 1:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Support Madison Police Department

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Marge Bils
Address: 1101 Woodland Way , Madison , Wi 53711
Email: chuckmargebils@msn.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Alders: It is time for the Common Council to support Madison Police department & provide them with the resources they need. Shots fired is up 76% from this time last year. Police officers are stretched to the limit. Please accept the federal COPS grant that would add 4 officers to the downtown Entertainment zone.

Stop demonizing police officers. They are not "burglarizing black communities or killing black & brown bodies " as someone commented at a Finance Committee meeting. Madison police officers go above & beyond the call of duty by picking up the pieces after a crime is committed & work to find justice for victims of crime.

Start supporting the MPD & the taxpayers of this community. You use tax dollars to fund activist groups who disrupt city meetings & block streets. Time to use tax dollars to give MPD what they need!

From: Charles James <cjjames@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Martin, Arvina
Cc: All Alders; Henak, Zachary
Subject: COPS

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Dear Alder Martin,

I have lived in your aldermanic district for over 35 years. In the past three years I have met weekly with a group called "coffee with a cop" at a local cafe. There I have met almost 100 individual members of the Madison Police Department, officers, detectives, command staff, 911 operators, support staff, captains of the six district stations, and the current chief and his immediate predecessor. Together with other members of the Madison community, I have learned a great deal about the daily lives of especially regular officers, whose job it is to respond quickly to situations that arise. In the past month alone, calls for service by the MPD have escalated to disturbing heights I have also noted that many officers have retired or otherwise left the MPD, taking with them their years of experience working with various communities in Madison, especially the Black community. Lately I've noted an increase in the number of personnel leaving the MPD, in most cases not only because of stress but also because of the feeling that their work is not being supported at the municipal level. I fear that in the near future, perhaps in the next twelve months, we will lose even more officers. This is a situation we cannot afford to allow to happen.

I note that the "COPS" grant is a major agenda item (item 10 in document 62322) for Tuesday's Common Council meeting. I urge you to vote for it. Alders Harrington-McKinney and Hanek have been thoughtful and informed supporters of the grant and of the MPD. They see the need for a police force that is well funded and supported by the community. As I've said before in other letters, the dozens of MPD officers I've met over the years are hard-working, dedicated, well-trained, and socially aware professionals, who are being put under enormous pressure from groups outside Madison who see "the police" as the enemy of especially Black citizens. We are already dangerously close to reducing the MPD to the point where it can no longer serve and protect any resident of Madison effectively. We need more, not fewer, police officers. Although it is a small step, the "COPS" grant will help alleviate some of the pressure on the downtown business district, so that the MPD can deploy officers to other neighborhoods that require service.

"COPS" is, as I say, a small step, but it is one that has to be taken. I urge you and the other alders to vote for it.

Respectfully,

Charles J. James
Westmorland

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nathan D. Mergen <mergennathan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 1:50 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Downton5 Madison initiative

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I support the initiative out forth to get a few more cops, and support the entertainment zone of the downtown district.

Thank you!

Nathan Mergen

Veldran, Lisa

From: Skidmore, Paul
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 2:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fw: Funding Police

FYI

Paul Skidmore, 9th District Alder
City of Madison, Wisconsin
13 Red Maple Trail
Madison, WI 53717
(608) 829 3425
(608) 335 1529 (C)

From: [Edward Fink](#)
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 12:46 PM
To: [Mayor](#)
Cc: [Henak, Zachary](#), [Paul Skidmore](#)

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Alder Skidmore and Alder Henack:

In yesterday's Wisconsin State Journal a Colony Drive resident revealed that one of the victims of the weekend west-side shootings died on his front lawn. As I recall, there was another Colony Drive shooting several months ago.

This morning, we learn of attempted homicides in the parking lot at Schwoegler's on the west side.

We must never forget the death of an 11 year old Anisa Scott, who was shot in the head and later taken off life-support. Where are the outcries of "Say Her Name?"

News reports, over the last few months, indicate a number of shootings between automobiles.

Reports of automobile break-ins are a regular occurrence. See "Next Door" reports.

In speaking with a staff member at one of our high schools, I learned of her unhappiness with the loss of School Resource Officers. She spoke of having to deal with trafficking, among other concerns.

The press reported that 75 State Street businesses were damaged during recent downtown violence. We are also told many of these businesses are unlikely to re-open. Unfortunately, should this be the case, many people will be without jobs.

Here on the west side, Tree Lane Apartments have been a source of many incidents over the past few months.

The Madison School District recently reported their numbers are down by 1000 students. Perhaps, the lawlessness of

Madison has given parents a reason to leave.

From most accounts, we have a very good police department. Perhaps, one of the best in the country. They don't need cuts in their numbers. In fact, we need more police protection. You have an opportunity Tuesday night to make that happen. Your proposed budget amendments refer to the availability of grant money for that purpose. Please take advantage of it!

The city is beginning to look like the wild west! Meanwhile, the city council has indicated a willingness to spend thousands of dollars on more oversight of the police department, one that already has a Police and Fire Commission to monitor its work.

It's time you address the safety of the citizens of Madison! Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Fink

(Former District Attorney of Richland County and current Madison Resident)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jessica Gilkison <jegilkison@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 2:34 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

Today I write in opposition to proposed amendment #10 for the operating budget.

I will not copy and paste anyone else's words. I will simply tell you, again, that we do not need more police officers in Madison (or anywhere). We do need more funding for the arts, for mental health services, for affordable housing, and many other areas. Please allocate our funding in accordance with those priorities.

Sincerely,

Jessica E. Gilkison

110 Glen Hwy, Madison, WI 53705

From: Anna George <aeg0495@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 2:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose the 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. This amendment stands in direct opposition to the city's vision of building neighborhoods and increasing sustainability.

Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Moreover, a great deal of research, including that of esteemed criminologist David Bayley, has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero.

Increases in policing do have substantial adverse effects, disproportionately impacting Black and Brown lives. Steve Elbow reported in the Capital Times: “In 2004, blacks, who made up 6% of the city’s population, accounted for about 15% of traffic citations and 29% of arrests. Last year, at 7% of the population, blacks were issued a quarter of city traffic citations, and in 2018 constituted 43% of arrests. In the same time frame, the proportion of black juveniles arrested went from 49% to 66%.”

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Madison has an opportunity to create a safer, more just city by investing in the community and reducing our investment in a carceral system that penalizes Black and Brown people disproportionately. Help Madison live up to its vision for the future, and reject proposed amendment #10.

Sincerely,
Anna George

From: Julie Whitaker <whitaker.julie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Amendment 10

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Dear Madison Alders,

Thank you for your service to our city, especially during this time of a difficult pandemic, political strife, public unrest, and deep budget cuts.

I would like to see us move toward a different vision of how to build a healthy, engaged, and empowered community. That is why I adamantly oppose amendment 10 to add new police positions. In my opinion, the funds allocated for policing are out of sync with other comparable cities and more than ever are absorbing too much of our dwindling city resources.

I believe that police have incredibly difficult jobs, should be trained well, compensated fairly and respected. I believe there is a role for police and punitive measures for some of the most violent acts. But, more police is not the solution to all social problems.

I am concerned that police have been protected from wage cuts, hiring freezes, and health insurance cost increases, while other public employees have not. **I feel that money allocated to police is absorbing a disproportionate share of tax dollars that could be spent elsewhere.**

People are struggling to pay their rent and put food on the table. Many are facing certain eviction. We desperately need **non-punitive** public solutions to problems born out of desperation and poverty. Social Science research is clear that more policing and imprisonment of people (especially poor people and people of color) do not keep our communities safer in the long run. They create cycles of deep poverty and despair. Instead, I want our city to support family supporting jobs, education, social and mental health services, community empowerment, de-escalation and crisis interventions that rely on other forms of expertise besides law enforcement.

Thank you for reading and considering.

Julie Whitaker

(2417 Fox Ave, Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood, District 13)

Veldran, Lisa

From: marylinnmalloy@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Police Grant

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Mary Malloy
Address: 4414 Mineral Point Rd, Madison, WI 53705
Email: marylinnmalloy@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Accepting the Grant for four additional officers Downtown, makes sense for many reasons.. Here are two. First, accepting a grant is being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers you represent. Without the grant, the needs will remain the same, but instead be covered by officers on overtime at additional cost to taxpayers. Second, as I have shared with you before, reducing the number of officers as the need in our city is rising, before having additional, proven to make a difference, social services and mental health supports in place, is like trying to fix a leaky boat without bailing AND plugging the hole. Both are needed to keep from sinking.

From: Ssenstrom2@charter.net
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] MPD funding

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Steve & Sondra Enstrom
Address: 6001 Danville Dr, Madison, Wi 53719
Phone: 608-274-4798
Email: Ssenstrom2@charter.net

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

We in no way support a decline in funding the MPD. The increase in shoots fired and shootings need to be dealt with immediately. As mass exodus of taxpayers in the city is on the horizon. Be proactive!

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amy Owen <amydownen@hushmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Request to oppose amendments #10 and #4, and support #5, #7, #8, #9

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to request that you oppose 2021 Operating Budget Common Council proposed amendments #4 and #10, and support proposed amendments #5, #7, #8, #9. This is not the time to be putting our city on the hook for future law enforcement expenses when we could instead be investing in alternative initiatives to create greater and lasting community safety. I am especially disappointed to see #10 on the agenda again after the Finance Committee has already spoken on this issue. Funding for housing, public health, parks, libraries, and public art is critical in these times, and provides benefits to all. Amendments #5, #7, #8, and #9 will support many of these important areas, and I ask that you vote to support these amendments.

Thank you,

Amy Owen

3129 Buena Vista St.

Madison, WI 53704

From: Jake Rodgers <jjrodgers1994@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Proposed Operating Budget Amendments

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Sincerely,

Jake Rodgers

515 South Baldwin Street,

Madison, WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Harrington-McKinney, Barbara
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:41 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.; Hardiman, Emily; Wahl, Victor; Patton, Timothy
Subject: 2020 COPS Hiring Program application and letters of support.pdf

From: Carolyn Shadrach <carolynshadrach@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Amendment 10

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Carolyn Shadrach

(2418 Fox Ave, Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood, District 13)

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jess Mullen <jaewalker1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to the COPS Grant

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Dear Alder Abbas and the rest of the Common Council,

I am writing to register my opposition to budget amendment 10, which authorizes the acceptance of a COPS grant to hire four more police officers. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Moreover, a great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime.

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Sincerely,

Jess Mullen
2633 E. Johnson St.
Madison, Wisconsin

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jesse Maupin <hydrostudent@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Budget amendment #3

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Hello, I am writing to urge you to support amendment #3 to add additional funding to the COVID-19 relief fund.

I am a physician working in Madison and we badly need these funds to protect the health of the community. We need to act decisively, and funding is critical.

Thank you.

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Jesse Maupin

Veldran, Lisa

From: JESSE PETRICH MAUPIN <jpmaupin@medicine.wisc.edu>
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Jesse Maupin, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Veldran, Lisa

From: Alice Golubiewski <aliceagolub@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:54 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support the MPD

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I am writing to show my support and to ask you to support the ability of MPD to add positions and accept funds from the COPS grant awarded earlier this year.

The recent shooting at Schwoeglers and break in/car theft/ high speed chase at Midvale Blvd and Mineral Point highlight why we need the MPD to be present and build relationships in our communities.

Alice Golubiewski
2128 Keyes Ave
District 13

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carrie Ledbetter <carrie.ledbetter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support budget amendment #3

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I am a registered nurse working in Madison and we badly need these funds to protect the health of the community. We need to act decisively, and funding is critical.

Thank you.

Carrie Ledbetter, RN

Veldran, Lisa

From: JESSE PETRICH MAUPIN <jpmaupin@medicine.wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 3:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose budget amendment #10

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We do NOT need more police officers in Madison- we need energy and resources focused on managing the deadly surge of COVID-19 that is harming our community.

Oppose budget amendment #10

Prioritize public health and safety over unaccountable warriors with a poor history of serving ALL Madisonians fairly.

Thank you,

Jesse Maupin, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Veldran, Lisa

From: william dye <dyewilliam@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 4:34 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Support for Operating Budget Amendment 4 and 10

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I would like to let you know my wife and I support Amendment #4 and # 10 to item 3 on the agenda tomorrow.

- Assisting the street teams helping our most in-need citizens in Downtown Madison
- Please authorize accepting a grant to hire four more police officers to create a Downtown Entertainment Zone Team – specifically dedicated to downtown.

We live by Warner Park and my wife owns a business downtown.

Thank you for your time.

Veldran, Lisa

From: kim hagerich <donakim23@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 4:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Sincerely,
Kim Hagerich
1514 Sheridan Drive
Madison

Veldran, Lisa

From: Merle Sweet <merlesweet@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: City of Madison budget

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My name is Merle Sweet. I am a 77-year-old Madisonian, who was raised in Madison's Greenbush neighborhood and have lived and worked in Madison my entire life. My wife and I continue to live in our westside Greentree neighborhood home we purchased in 1976 where we raised two children and often enjoyed visits from six grandchildren.

I am writing to request a substantial increase in Madison Police Department staffing in the 2021 budget because I am scared for the safety of all Madison residents and the security of their property based upon the well documented alarming increase in car thefts, burglaries, gunshots, and homicides. I admit that this is anecdotal evidence, but I am certain there is available data to support my contention about the crime rate in Madison. In my lifetime I have never known Madison to have such lawlessness, and you as an elected official are responsible for maintaining public safety.

I am aware there are initiatives being considered in different localities to reallocate money from law enforcement into social programs that can lead to lower crime rates in the future and will gladly acknowledge the legitimacy of such programs/positions once they have proven to be successful. However, this is not time for Madison to run an experiment.

Here's an analogy for you to consider. In areas with a danger of wildfire, residents are advised to cut down vegetation near their homes. Less vegetation means that were a wildfire to occur, it would not engulf the house as well. But if the house is actually on fire, you want firefighters to come and put out the flames, not start chopping down your trees and bushes. With the crime rate as high as it is, we need more police resources to fight crime now.

I believe the majority of Madisonians believe that local police leadership and officers on the street are best equipped to address crime, but more resources are needed. I am well aware that some elected officials have a negative attitude about MPD, albeit unsubstantiated. Are you aware of the education, training, and split-second decision making required of Madison police officers?

Madison has many needs and there must be spending limits, however I believe this is the time for you to set priorities based on the "Important vs Necessary" decision making paradigm. I am sure all the items in the proposed budget are *important* to someone, but this is the time where *necessary* budget requests must come first. Our crime problems will only increase if public safety isn't your top priority.

I believe I have in-depth knowledge about Madison having lived here my entire life and having worked in the Madison Public Schools for 35 years including six years as a teacher, 26 years as an elementary school principal, two years in research and evaluation, and one year as interim assistant superintendent for elementary schools. I have never written to an elected official in my lifetime, but if not now, when?

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be safe. You are obligated to provide the resources to make it happen.

Kindly,

Merle Sweet

From: connymares3@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 5:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Madison Police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Conny Mares
Address: 478 orchard dr, madison, WI 53711
Phone: 608-698-1484
Email: connymares3@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

We need additional Police not fewer. Please increase the number of Police Officers in our budget.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bonnie Ackerman <bonnieackerman@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 5:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: COP Grant

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Dear Madison Alderpeople

Please vote to accept the COP Grant for our amazing Police Department. Crime is, not becoming, out of control in Madison.

The downtown is boarded up, there are gun shots ever day and killings. Not supporting our police and other public safety personnel is ludicrous. Is safety of your constituents not a priority? It seems that way. A million dollar increase should be going to our Police Department; not a million dollar decrease! Please support all possible help for our police.

Thank you
Bonnie Ackerman
17 Oak Creek Trl
Madison, WI 53717

Bonnie

From: Laura Zimmerman <laura.m.zimmerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 5:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposing 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #10

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Sincerely,
Laura Zimmerman

Pronouns: she/hers

From: Elizabeth Jennissen <bethjennissen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 6:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I support MPD

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Dear Alders

Please consider supporting MPD! We need more officers on the streets. The pandemic and the protests this summer has put a lot of pressure on officers and we can't afford to lose officers. Crime is up, suicides are up and we need our officers to help. They are there for us 24/7! Many officers are feeling burnt out and we need to support them, not make them stretched even more than they already are!

Please know I support MPD and would love for you to support them as well!

Beth Jennissen

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From: Erin Schulten <erin.schulten@gmail.com>
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143 Ponwood Circle

Madison, WI 53717

Veldran, Lisa

From: Fab De Souza <Fab.DeSouza@miron-construction.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Police Budget

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To my Mayor and City Alders,

This is NOT the Madison we all know and love.

Violent crime in our city and neighborhoods is dramatically increasing.

In my neighborhood on the east side, we had cars racing down N. Thompson shooting at each other. Near Stoughton road, a shootout broke out the other night. A shootout on the westside with 1 dead. Strong armed robberies on the northside. Shots fired yesterday on Hays Rd.

There are bullets whizzing around all over and it is only a matter of time before more innocent people get killed.

Now is NOT the time to cut MPD funding, we need more officers and more resources going toward finding and removing these dangerous individuals who don't think twice about shooting a gun in the city.

With the protests, riots and destruction downtown, it appears that our neighborhoods have been left without adequate police coverage.

How is it possible to justify cutting the MPD budget in a time like this?

How does cutting the MPD budget allow them to provide more training for officers?

You hold the responsibility for what actions are taken to keep Madison residents safe. By cutting the MPD budget, you are all but ensuring that this violence will continue for years to come.

One of these cuts is a failure to accept an already approved Federal COPS grant that would fund a downtown entertainment area community policing team. Remember that community policing teams are designed to build relationships with the residents and businesses. Business, churches and residents are in favor of this yet the council chose not to accept it. With the rise in crime around the city, we do not need fewer officers and we shouldn't be refusing to accept an approved grant.

I urge you to NOT accept a budget cut for MPD, rather increase their budget and allow MPD to get back to patrolling the neighborhoods and put an end to violent crimes.

Thank you for your time

Fab De Souza, LEED Green Associate
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Beth Welch <bethshohamwelch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 6:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: OPPOSITION to Operating Budget Amendment 10

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From: Andrew Turner <gunhaturner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 6:34 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to the COPS Grant

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Normally I would register my opposition via the interface on the city website, but I'm unable to specify this specific amendment through the interface, so I'm writing to you all instead.

I would much rather see Madison spend funds on services other than policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. Hiring more officers would not reduce the amount of crime in our city unlike other city services, and especially considering the disproportionately adverse effects on Black and Brown Madisonians, I cannot support this amendment which would increase the number of police officers and also eventually reduce Madison funds for other services.

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Thank you for your time.

Andrew Turner

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He/him or They/them

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Veldran, Lisa

From: DJH Photo <djhphoto@hotmail.com>
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Sincerely,

DJ Haugen
111 W. Wilson St. #204

From: Krys Parsons <krysmparsons@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Don't add more police, vote yes for community investment

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Please vote to support the many other budget amendments that invest in community, such as Amendment #5 for the Operating Budget and Amendment #1 for the Capital Budget. We do not need more police, we need investment in our community.

Sincerely,

Krys Parsons

821 Jenifer St

Represented by Alder Marsha Rummel

From: Jaclyn Berghuis <jcberghuis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating budget common council

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Jaclyn Ryan

From: wreichel@charter.net
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:12 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please Accept the COPS Grant

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Dear alders and mayor:

On Halloween when shots were fired at an apartment complex in broad daylight, a friend emailed me to ask where she could find information about what was happening. I turned on my scanner app in time to hear that not only was there a weapons incident call off Gammon Road (which turned into a homicide scene), but also a serious car crash at Mineral Point and the Beltline, plus a motorcycle crash that had just occurred a few blocks from my house. A neighbor later told me she couldn't believe anyone could've survived the motorcycle crash. She saw the scene shortly after it happened. The bike had burst into flames and was unrecognizable, and the victim lay motionless on the street with vehicles whizzing by. Bystanders were scrambling to direct traffic.

The dispatcher twice asked for any officers from West, South or Midtown who could come and secure the motorcycle scene for EMTs and direct traffic, but nobody answered. Eventually she had to dispatch a NORTH district officer and an EAST district officer to come across the city to help. That took valuable time.

Meanwhile at the scene of the other crash, the lone MPD officer told the dispatcher he too was going to need more officers. He even asked for mutual aid from other agencies. No one was available.

If we weren't in the midst of a pandemic, that situation would've been even more dire because it was the day of Freakfest, and most of MPD's additional resources would've already been deployed downtown.

I've been on numerous ride-alongs and have seen this situation play out time and time again--- officers not having available back-up, and sometimes even at weapons scenes. I was along for a call last year on a Monday morning in a parking lot near a bus stop with rush hour cars passing by. There was an argument between two parties and one person allegedly had a gun. When we arrived on scene a crowd had formed. The officer I was with waited a few minutes for back-up, but when it was clear nobody could come, he got out of the squad to try to de-escalate the situation. By himself. In a crowd of angry people where a gun had been spotted. I clung to my smartphone in case I had to record something as a witness. If I was scared from the safety of the squad car, I can't imagine how that patrol officer felt standing in the middle of that crowd trying to calm everyone down and make sure nobody got injured or worse, and knowing only he was there to handle whatever was about to happen next.

When people in our city call 911 for help, is this the type of response they should expect? Should a loved one lay in the street while bystanders scramble to direct traffic because no officers can get to the scene quickly? Do we want our patrol officers to try to de-escalate a gun violence incident in a crowd by themselves? And now in a year when the city is tying a record for homicides and breaking records for gun violence incidents and property crimes, the council is making cuts to MPD's 2021 budget besides.

I understand that it's probably too late to salvage what I fear is a grave misjudgment not to prioritize public safety in the 2021 operating budget—especially knowing the Town of Madison annexation is right around the corner—but I respectfully ask you to please vote to accept the COPS grant to at least stem the tide of the loss of more officers. And if there is any way to pull funds away from something else and put them back into MPD's recruit academy for 2021, please offer an amendment.

Now is not the time to decrease funding for public safety in our city.

Thank you for serving and for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Wendy Reichel - District 10

From: rachel.marie@uwalumni.com
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] No COPS Grant/invest in community services

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Rachel Kiley
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Phone: 920-248-6794
Email: rachel.marie@uwalumni.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

My name is Rachel Kiley and I am a resident of Lake Edge Neighborhood.

I do not support the COPS grant to add more police officers to MPD. I support cuts to MPD and the pre-service academy. I want the city to continue to invest in other ways to help us grow together as a safe community- affordable housing, expanding temporary housing and home a shelters, good public transportation, and mental health crisis workers.

Thank you,
Rachel Kiley

From: Michael M <michaellmalloy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: COPS Grant Funding

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Dear Council,

I am writing in support of accepting the federal grant to fund additional officers. In the past week and a half Madison had suffered a homicide, 4 other subjects shot, burglaries where suspects have been armed, and numerous vehicle thefts.

It would be irresponsible to turn down federal assistance in providing a safer city. If Madison's residents do not feel safe in their city they will leave, leading to middle and upper class families fleeing to the suburbs. This will erode Madison's tax base and empty it's public schools, leaving behind those who can not afford to leave. This will cause even greater struggles for Madison's low income families.

While I understand concerns of taking on the 4 new officers, as some see them as an 'unfunded' liability, Madison is projected to continue to grow over the coming years, and Madison Police will be having to increase its strength to keep up with population increases over the next 4 years anyways.

Thanks,
Mike Malloy

Veldran, Lisa

From: John Alliet <allietjp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 7:23 PM
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Re: Oppose Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 10 and any further expansion of MPD. Madison needs to be expanding support for housing, health care, and education - especially in the downtown area - and not continuing to expand MPD when many other departments are receiving cuts.

I am sincerely disappointed that my own Alder, Zachary Henak, has continued to introduce this amendment - first to the Finance Committee and now to the full Council.

Please oppose Amendment 10 and any further expansion of MPD.

Sincerely,
John Alliet

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From: Charles Litweiler <litweilerc@hotmail.com>
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To: All Alders

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Imagination Center -Amendment -Capital Improvement Plan Finance Committee Recommended

I am not writing with regard to the Amendment. Council members should be aware that no site has been chosen within the some 90 acre Reindahl Park.

Designating asite has been put off until the conclusion of the planning process. However, the planners have indicated a strong preference that the Center be visible from East Washington Avenue and convenient to bus transportation.

There are trees on perhaps only 10 or 15 percent of the Park. No mature trees-say, over 10 years old'-should be cut to accommodate the Center. Originally the proposal was for a Library. Since then it has expanded to include many other functions-health services, job skill training, recreation, etc. If the size needed for these functions cannot be accommodated without cutting mature trees then it must be built on one of the fields north and west of the Shelter. Conditions have changed in the area since the original Library was proposed. It is worth investigating whether the Center could be placed in the unoccupied Sears end of the failing Mall at a price not more than the estimate for construction at Reindahl. Sears also has the auto repair bays; perhaps they could be used in job training.

Obviously Reindahl is more than a neighborhood park. Nevertheless those of us who live the surrounding area should beinformed of planning proposals so that we can weigh in. I don't trust the Parks Dpartment to inform us in advance of decisions. The current prime example is that Parks and MMSD have run an asphalt bike path through what little is left of Reindahl woods. It was probably doneto save time and money as it follows the route of the new sewerage pipeline. Area residents were never informed. The route was not necessary to link up with the existing east/west bike path as it could have gone in a straight lineon the west side of the Community Gardens and not the circuitous present route.

Bottom line: 1} propose the site early 2) inform area residents of your plans 3) Give them time to weigh in before making final decisions. Personally I will work to make residents aware if any proposed plan involves cutting mature trees.

Chuck Litweiler
District 17

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From: Luca Riitano <luca48@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Madison 53703

From: Emily Weiss <emilyweisswi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to hiring more police officers

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Hello Alders,

My name is Emily Weiss, and I live at 18 Harding St., Madison WI 53714. I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

I do not support using tax money to expand the police force in Madison. I believe the money can be used to help our community members rather than police them. As recent events have shown, an increase in policing would only cause further harm to our Black and Brown community members. The police department has plenty of money. Please use my tax money to fund programs that enrich our community.

Thank you,
Emily Weiss

From: Jenie Gao <here@jenie.org>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:39 PM
To: All Alders; Heck, Patrick
Subject: Opposition to Amendment 10 of Agenda Item 3

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Hello, Common. Council and Alder Heck:

I'm writing in opposition to [Amendment 10 of the Executive 2021 Operating Budget under Agenda Item 3 of the 11/10 Common Council meeting](#), which would create four new police positions for the Downtown Entertainment Zone Team (DEZT).

The creation of the DEZT is tone deaf at best and cruel at worst on so many levels:

1. The existence of police is based in slavery and the preservation of wealthy people's property. This is why the crucial debate following George Floyd and BLM protests was that of **property versus people**, and why there was such a backlash to programs like the Downtown Recovery Program, that used public tax dollars to fund downtown properties before protecting human life.
2. The creation of a "Downtown Entertainment Zone Team" is perhaps the greatest Midwestern euphemism for more police protection for Madison's wealthiest business district. We're still in a pandemic and will continue to be in 2021. What on earth do we need "Downtown Entertainment" police for? Will these police be arresting drunk people for hanging out at bars and concerts this winter during a pandemic? If that were their main purpose, wouldn't it be cheaper just to close down the bars again? Or do we actually want police downtown in case of future protests and riots?
3. The DEZT, though initially funded by the COPS grant, will need to be matched by the city with \$586,600 in the first three years. The program would then wholly funded by the city thereon after, costing \$390,500 in taxpayer money annually. This is working class taxpayer money funding the protection of downtown businesses.
4. Madison is seen as Wisconsin's liberal, blue dot. Yet despite our 82.4% voter turnout, despite a populace that seemingly agrees with higher taxes on the wealthy and more aid for the working class and unemployed during a pandemic, our ideals shift when it comes to downtown. We **know** in this country that the wealthiest people pay the least in taxes, and that the tax burden **increasingly rests on the shoulders of working class people**. We have liberal, wealthy people in Madison who believe that they themselves should pay more in taxes. **Yet when the issue centers on the needs of the downtown businesses, suddenly it's no longer the calling of the wealthy to fundraise and help close the social gap created by unfair tax laws and insufficient wages, but rather the job of the working class taxpayers to fund the protection of property. This is morally inconsistent and unacceptable.**
5. There are those who will say that this is overly harsh on downtown businesses, that, like most businesses, have suffered a great deal during the pandemic. This is not to discount their suffering. It is, however, to say, that you cannot claim to be a "reimagined downtown" working towards anti-racism and equality when you continue to reinforce the very problems that made downtown unequal in the first place. Taking half a million dollars of taxpayer money to invest in policing that will most negatively impact Black people, while putting Black Lives Matter signs and murals on your businesses, is hypocrisy.

I implore **you who serve the community in public office** to oppose Amendment 10 of Agenda Item 3 for the increase in funds for police and the creation of a Downtown Entertainment Zone Team. This is a misuse of public taxpayer money. You showed up to the people's protests. You maybe even have a Black Lives Matter sign in front of your home or a statement on your website. Please demonstrate your understanding of policing in this conversation and do better.

Jenie Gao
jenie.org

From: Katharine Conostas <kmc24080@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposing 2021 operating budget amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Moreover, a great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero. As esteemed criminologist David Bayley noted in his book "Policing for the Future":

"The police do not prevent crime. This is one of the best kept secrets of modern life. Experts know it, the police know it, but the public does not know it. Yet the police pretend that they are society's best defense against crime and continually argue that if they are given more resources, especially personnel, they will be able to protect communities against crime. This is a myth.... Changes in the number of police within any practicable range will have no effect on crime."

But increases in policing do have substantial adverse effects, disproportionately impacting Black and Brown lives. The consequences of ongoing increases in policing are evident in reporter Steve Elbow's Capital Times article "'None of this has changed': Madison's racial disparities have gotten worse, despite decades of reports, task forces and funded programs". Elbow notes:

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"We have to articulate a different vision of justice. We have this degraded notion of justice in the US that's been reduced to punishment and revenge. We need to talk about justice as a strategy for creating safe communities that are healthy and sustainable, that have a future," Vitale said. "We can achieve that not by driving more people into the criminal justice system, not by chasing people around with guns, but by giving them resources to solve their own problems."

Note that the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and, in a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this.

Sincerely,
Katharine Millroy Conostas

Veldran, Lisa

From: Marina Sharifi <sharifi.marina@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:59 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposing Operating Budget Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Amendment 10 proposes adding more police officers while we are in an enormous revenue shortfall. I am baffled that, confronted with the problems of racial inequity, social injustice, and the pandemic, some of the Common Council members are suggesting more of the same. Why do we think doing the same thing over and over again will solve the problem, when hiring more police--as Madison has done in each of its past budgets--has not improved either crime rates or racial disparities? This isn't particular to Madison nor is it just my opinion: a wide body of research by (among others) David H. Bayley, Daniel J. Koenig, , Harvey Krahn, Roger Lane, Charles Silberman, and Samuel Walker, and Mollie Weatheritt. We also know that increased policing exacerbates racial disparities.

Amendment #10 directly contradicts the will of the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council resolution, calling on the Mayor and the Common Council to adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this. The Finance Committee *also* rejected a version amendment at its last meeting, and yet here we are again. The Executive Operating Budget for 2021 is already budgeting \$2,566,877 more for police field and support services than the adopted budget for last year (a large increase while other city departments are being cut)!

Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. As a citizen of Madison, I want libraries, parks, fixed streets, and better schools, not more police in riot gear when I express my right to free speech and assembly.

Sincerely,

Marina Sharifi
2626 Park Place
Madison WI 53705

Veldran, Lisa

From: Erin Lemley <afuzzybird@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I oppose amendment 10

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to oppose the 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed amendment #10 to accept a grant to hire more police officers and create a Downtown Entertainment Zone team. There is no reason to expand policing in Madison, and that money can be used to benefit our community in so many ways that will actually improve the quality of life for Madison residents.

Increased police force size does not decrease crime and does not make us safer. It definitely does not make our Black neighbors safer! The racial disparities in policing in Madison are frankly sickening, and we should be considering how we could use this funding to prioritize the needs of our communities of color instead of further expanding our police force.

Sincerely,
Erin Lemley
1703 Rowland Ave #1
Madison, WI 53704

From: Angela Witt <angelakwitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition of the Commkn Council Proposed Amendment 10 to the Operating Budget. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #9. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Policing has disproportionately negatively impacted Black lives and the lives of other people of color, and so spending scarce revenue on additional policing does not make sense.

Further, the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council has adopted a resolution calling for identifying ways police resources can be reprioritized toward needed social services. Amendment 10 would do the opposite of this. Please oppose this amendment.

Sincerely,
Angela Witt
Melrose Street, Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Kate Behrens <breathenout@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: budget: fight systemic racism

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Hello,

I am a longtime resident of Madison. My alder is Grant Foster. I am emailing you to encourage you to carry out the community wishes expressed by the many BLM demonstrations.

I strongly support continued efforts to reallocate money away from the police budget to services that support mental health, affordable housing, and any and everything else that serves to address the systemic structural racism that is so rampant in our city.

Thank you for all you have done. We can and need to do so much more, without delay.

Sincerely,
Kate Behrens

From: Innoveering <fwb@innoveering.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget

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I am Fred W. Bergmann, 938 E Dayton St. fwb@innoveering.com Madison resident and property owner.

I am writing in opposition to Amendment 10 of the 2021 Operating Budget. I am firmly opposed to increases for policing in Madison. The needs the city faces are diametrically opposite to the idea that more police presence will bring better results. I would have liked to see the law enforcement division budget reduced by comparably with the overall reductions other departments were tasked with. That would have made the overall budgeting picture rosier. It could have been a substantial amount to address ongoing situations such as mental health interventions with a team other than uniformed officers, homelessness, loitering and other problems that currently sap our police officers' time. They are often babysitters in situations where their uniforms and the perceptions of their presence are not productive for resolutions. Creation of the proposed Downtown Entertainment Zone Team is just spending money to spend money. People spoke out very clearly just a couple months ago that our priorities for the city are NOT to increase the amount of policing, but rather to invest in community projects that address the underlying problems. That would be a cost-effective approach. We have an urgent need to house many homeless this winter immediately. Please put that on the agenda.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles <gildrievoyles@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to expansion of MPD via Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in Opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. During this time of revenue short fall it is unreasonable to expand the policing even if it is through COPS grant. This grant would only partially pay for the creation of a Downtown Entertainment Zone Policing team for three years, after those three years the city would need to pay for those officers. Increasing the size of the police force does not increase the safety of the city. Increasing the safety of the city can be done by investing in community programs, education, and mental health support. Please oppose this amendment and begin the process of moving Madison away from a policing system reliant on punishment and control and toward a restorative justice system that focuses on supporting communities and repairing harm.

Thank you,
Evy Gildrie-Voyles
202 Farley Avenue
Madison, WI 53705

Veldran, Lisa

From: Melanie Sard <mnsard@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 9:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: common council budget

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To the Madison Common Council,

Regarding the 2021 budget, I am writing to ask that you vote against increased police funding, and instead invest in community services.

Vote against amendment #10 of the operating budget. We do not need more police officers. In the fight for racial justice this has become a touchstone issue, and it is important to me as a resident of Madison that we be part of the solution, not part of the status quo. Please do vote to spend our money on the many other budget amendments that need funding, such as:

Capital amendments #1, 2, 3, and 5

Operating proposed amendments #1, 3, 5, and 6

Thank you for listening!

Melanie Sard
District 15
4029 Rockwell Dr

From: Kelsie <imbakingbread@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:14 PM
To: county_board_recipients@countyofdane.com; All Alders
Subject: Don't add more police, vote yes for community investment

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I am writing to ask that you vote against adding more police officers, and Instead invest in community services.

Vote against amendment #10 of the operating budget. We do not need more police officers! We need to prioritize Black Lives. Police are an inherent danger to our community with corruption and cover ups and suspicious car chases. The community has spoken and we want to abolish our current police and justice system. We need to listen to Freedom inc and work together to build something new that isn't all for the wealthy and white comfort at the expense of Black Lives.

Please do vote to support the other budget amendments that support community. Like eviction prevention, crisis response team, funding affordable housing, food pantries, addiction support, public transportation, childCare and birthing support etc. Everyday people are struggling and need support to survive.

VOTE IN SUPPORT
COUNTY BOARD O-1, O-2, O-3, C-1

VOTE AGAINST
COPS GRANT #10

Thank you for reading.

Kelsie Morschauser
25 high point woods dr
Madison WI 53719

Sent from my iPad

From: Mary Pustejovsky <darktownstrutter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:28 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Budget hearing

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Hello

I am not able to attend the budget hearing to speak, but I wanted to voice my support for all initiatives related to walking and biking. I'm also in favor of the crossing guard program moving out of the police department. As we look to increase safety in our community and use our resources wisely, one of the best investments we can make to meet our safety and sustainability goals is to invest in biking and walking.

Walking and biking has many benefits for the city:

- People are able to live healthier lives with physical activity when they feel safe
- Decreased traffic crashes, when people are not driving vehicles
- More people walking and biking means less wear and tear on our roads
- Less police needed when there are fewer vehicles on the road or causing crashes that require responses from officers
- Directly contributes to fewer greenhouse gas emissions, meeting our climate goals
- Less air pollution from vehicle exhaust, causing fewer respiratory issues

I encourage you to keep all funding for walking, biking, and transit. These are the most cost-effective measures the city can take as we struggle to balance the budget.

Thank you for your time, and for your service to the city.

Regards
Mary Pustejovsky

From: Rebecca Hill <captainmousepants@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:30 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Carter, Sheri
Subject: OPPOSE Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Hello,

My name is Rebecca (she/they) and I live in District 14 of the city of Madison.

I am writing to oppose Amendment 10 of the 2021 Operating Budget which hires 4 officers for a "Downtown Entertainment Zone Team."

I implore the Council to consider the *current and urgent* needs of the Black and Brown communities in Madison TODAY, rather than the allocation of hundreds of thousands of dollars toward downtown entertainment next year, which we don't even know will be safely possible for public health yet.

Yes, entertainment is nourishment for the soul, and if the public is gathering for entertainment by next year at a scale that demands extra security staffing, it damn well better only be after our communities' most basic needs for care and services are met. There is nothing to celebrate when people are still on the streets without housing, struggling with health and hunger. To look away from those in need in order to fund party security would be utterly disgraceful.

As your constituent, I need you to hear the calls from the community to look at different ways of creating public safety other than policing. The articles, books, and stats are all laid out for you if you take the time. And if you don't personally have the time, I ask that you pay attention and respect to those that have put in massive amounts of work to study and compile this information, those who imagine a liberated and free future for all. I understand that it's difficult for many to wrap their heads around a world after defunding police. I felt that resistance too, before I learned more about the entire movement. I understand that Alders and the Mayor may have some deeper discomfort about their relationship to police if they were to vote in a way that the police don't like, even when the wishes and demands of the public constituency are loud and clear. That very feeling is proof that the police ALREADY have too much power that's not theirs to have, and it's time we take it back.

A better future is possible and we need you to hear us and take the right next steps.
No new cops.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ken Swift <kswift@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 11:25 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Police support

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Dear Alders and Mayor of Madison,

Please support the police by adding money to the CAHOOTS-like program our Mayor has taken on as a way of sending the right professionals to situations in responding to police calls. Social workers and counselors are more likely to help in many instances rather than the outcomes we've seen where death is the result - Paulie Heenan and Tony Robinson come to mind...

Please fund the CAHOOTS style program for the safety of Madison residents.

Sincerely,

Ken Swift
1238 Rutledge St. 53703

From: Masaru Oka <masaru3@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 11:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: oppose 2021 operating budget amendment 10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to the 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #10.

Our city is experiencing an unprecedented budget crisis due to the impacts of COVID, and we must be careful about how we decide to spend our money. While other city departments are being forced to make do with less, MPD is demanding increases. Given how large MPD's budget is, rejecting their increases can fully sustain many other departments.

Furthermore, the summer saw our city asking for less but more efficient policing. For millions of dollars to be diverted to more specialized and effective services. A great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero. As esteemed criminologist David Bayley noted in his book "Policing for the Future":

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Sincerely,

Masaru Oka

301 S Yellowstone Dr #115

Madison, WI 53705

Veldran, Lisa

From: Debra Rogers <derog80@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Today is the 8th anniversary of Paul Heenen's senseless killing by a known rogue MPD officer. I'll not forget hearing those shots, and the horror of learning what had taken place around the corner that night. It's affected me and this community ever since. In exhaustion, tonight I write to you yet again to ask you to do the right thing about this police force. I can no longer be surprised that there's a move to increase the number of police officers in Madison, as it has never once failed to happen in the eight years I've been watching closely. After all the years of listening and learning in depth about all these issues, after getting a year-long study done by a respected group of police reform experts and an excellent detailed report, after the sustained efforts of this community to make this department responsive to the concerns of those who live here, after this extraordinary year of demonstrations by people of color and others who demand real, substantial change, here we are with the perennial move to hire more police. This is nonsense, and an insult to the years of passionate effort we've put in. I refuse to accept your giving ever more of this city's limited resources to those who make our lives harder, less secure, who persist in seeing Madison's residents as their enemy when we protest injustice, inaction, and their very refusal to improve.

I know I'm not alone in seeing the pain around me from this pandemic, all the suffering of Madison's people, and the yawning need for help of all kinds for people who aren't staying afloat. Yet while saying there's no money for the city to support its people through the myriad solid community programs that exist and are desperate for funds, there's this bloated police department and a proposal to add to it with more permanent salaries. I have no more arguments to make against indifference and twisted priorities, only this steadfast demand: Do not hire more police. Use your positions as our elected representatives to make the changes that must happen. We need social supports, help for families and individuals, and someone to respond to mental health crises who will never, ever shoot the person in crisis. Not more cops.

Enough already.

Deb Rogers
1331 Jenifer St.

Veldran, Lisa

From: John Smallwood <JSmallwood@afscme32.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:15 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Save Parking Utility Positions, Amend #21 - Operations Budget

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Dear City of Madison Alderpersons,

I am writing to you today, encouraging you to Save Parking Utility positions in the Operation Budget.

I support Finance Comm. Amendment No. 21, Restore funding for Parking Utility Cashiers. Please do not move Parking Utility into the Police Department.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sent from my iPhone

From: ulrike dieterle <ulrike.dieterle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:27 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: ulrike dieterle
Subject: Budget - MPD Cuts

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I would ask Council and the mayor to seriously reconsider any cuts to the MPD budget. We have seen a substantial rise in crime this year. It would be irresponsible to cut MPD's budget now. In fact, they should see an increase to allow for more officers and more trainees.

Safety should be a priority. Thank you.

Ulrike Dieterle, 323 N Blackhawk Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nola <nolamsn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:44 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating Budget Amendment 10 - I oppose

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To my elected leaders-

Can we afford Amendment #10 from a moral humane, or financial standard?

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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For individuals in crisis, professional non-police response is far more appropriate and humane, less likely to escalate, more likely to have longer lasting positive outcomes, and less expensive. *Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10 -morally or financially.*

Sincerely,
Nola Allen,
Madisonian

From: Devon Snyder <djsnyder2@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:53 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Defund Police

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

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Sincerely,

Devon Snyder

431 West Mifflin St. Apt 317

Veldran, Lisa

From: Justin Glodoski <madjustin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:41 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Save Parking Utility Positions, Amend #21 - Operations Budget

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Joseph Keyes <jkeyes1a1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:25 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Support for Expense Budget Amendment Resolution #10 - COPS Grant

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Mayor and City Council Alders,

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you tonight. My comments are in support of proposed Amendment #10 for the acceptance of the 2020 COPS grant. Madison has seen major increases in crime. The city has just tied its murder rate record. The number of shots fired has totally eclipsed the previous record. At the end of September there had been 837 shots fired. Of course, that number needs to be increased by at least 75 for the Saturday night gun battle at Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes. The current year-to-date shots fired is now over 930 which is definitely not representative of a safe community. Additionally, crime in Madison is mobile and those shots fired incidents can and have happened in all parts of Madison.

Currently, the Downtown entertainment district has been hit hard economically by COVID-19 and violence. This area needs help to restore its once vibrant retail and restaurant business. A vaccine for COVID-19 should be available in the not too distant future. However, Madison residents are hesitant to shop and eat in this area for fear of further violence. The COPS grant is needed so those additional officers can stabilize this area to make it safe again for patrons.

What happens if the additional officers are not added through this grant? Downtown businesses will fail due to lack of customers. Currently, it is estimated that a third of entertainment zone restaurants will go under. It is my understanding that there is a good possibility that 50% of the entertainment zone businesses and, especially those on State Street, will go bankrupt if customers cannot be incentivized to come downtown and patronize those retail stores and eateries. The customers have to feel safe to come downtown. When this lack of demand materializes, there will be empty store fronts. Rent will not be paid. Landowners will rightly ask the city assessor for reduced assessments based on the lack of rents. This will lead to materially reduced property taxes. And it is recognized that the downtown entertainment district pays a substantial amount of property taxes to the City of Madison.

Finally, other social service groups like the Beacon and Catholic Social Services support and welcome the addition of those officers. Those agencies face security needs and those officers will help answer that need for those agencies.

I urge you to support and vote for proposed Amendment 10's COPS grants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Keyes

Veldran, Lisa

From: Lindsey Lund <lindseylund@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:37 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: NO on Operating Budget Amendment #10.

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO ASK YOU TO STOP DOUBLING DOWN ON POLICE???? STOP! Please do not support this amendment.

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Sincerely,

Lindsey Lund

2141 E Dayton St, 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ruth M Benzie <rmbenzie@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:43 AM
To: All Alders

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Dear Alder Henak

I have lived in Madison since 1969. I am now frightened re the out of control crime "terrorism" taking place. We can make all the city improvements we want but if we fear to use them what purpose does it make. Citizen safety should be primary! Our little house contributes \$7000.00 plus to Madison. And that number continues to raise. In the past I fully supported our taxes but we are now not getting the services necessary especially safety.

These are trying times and citizens look to elected officials to keep our best interests in sight while forward planning.

Ruth Benzie
Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Michael W Schroeder <schroeder.mw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:11 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Save Parking Utility Positions, Amend #21 - Operations Budget

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Dear City of Madison Alderpersons,

I am writing to you today, encouraging you to Save Parking Utility positions in the Operation Budget.

I support Finance Comm. Amendment No. 21, Restore funding for Parking Utility Cashiers. Please do not move Parking Utility into the Police Department.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael W Schroeder

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carissa Wegner <carissa396@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: YES in Favor of COPS Amendment

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Good morning Everyone,

I'm writing to ask you to please vote Yes in favor of the COPS Amendment this evening.

I've lived, gone to school, and worked in Madison since 1997 and have a small family. I am no longer feeling safe in our community. I'm worried about speeding vehicles, gun shots, and increasing crime.

My 78 year old mom owns a condo downtown and I no longer want her to take the bus to and from my house, so I've been driving her back and forth in my car this year. I worry about her being a victim.

I 100% support all pilot programs to decrease violence, but I don't think right now is a good time to decrease MPD funding.

Thanks for reading and considering voting Yes in favor of the COPS Amendment.

Sincerely,
Carissa Wegner
District 10
Piper Drive Madison, WI

From: P Wehrle <pcwehrle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:16 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please support real commiunity change, not additioonal Cops

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Dear Alders,

The Proposed budget for our Madison Police has serious flaws. Over a three year period the city would pay \$586,600 and the [COPS] grant would cover \$500,000. Thereafter the city would cover the full cost of their salaries (\$390,423 starting in 2024).

The Executive Operating Budget for 2021 is already budgeting \$2,566,877 more for police field and support services than the adopted budget for last year (a large increase while other city departments are being cut)!

In my opinion, the funds allocated for policing has been inflated for years, out of sync with other comparable cities and more than ever absorbing too much of our dwindling city resources.

I believe that police have incredibly difficult jobs, should be trained well, compensated fairly and respected. But, police have been protected from wage cuts, hiring freezes, and health insurance cost increases, while other public employees have not. Money allocated to police is absorbing a disproportionate share of tax dollars that could be spent elsewhere.

It's time for us to come up with better solutions to our problems than "More Cops".

Peter Lawrence-Wehrle
3310 Cross Street
Madison, WI.

From: Eleanor Terry-Welsh <eterrywelsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:29 AM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: opposing 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to the 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Moreover, a great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero. As such I would consider such an action irresponsible under the best of economic and social circumstances, but given that we are in the middle of a pandemic and major economic down turn, the effects of which are being felt most acutely by those same communities that bear the brunt of police violence, expanding policing now is not just irresponsible, it is cruel and inhumane.

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I continue to be deeply disappointed that the city of Madison values property and the appearance of safety over the lives of its community members. We should be investing in the health and safety of all Madisonians, and it has been shown time and time again that increasing policing is not the way to do that.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Terry-Welsh

Veldran, Lisa

From: Chris Judkins-Fisher <peaceableplatypus@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment 10

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Hello Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment 10. Instead of increasing spending on policing, we should be prioritizing funding social services. That's especially true given our reduced budget for the upcoming year.

Thanks,
Chris Judkins-Fisher
402 Clemons Ave
Madison, WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: James McMaster <jamesmcmaster29@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:50 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Budget Amendment 10

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To the Common Council,

I am writing to oppose budget amendment 10. At this point in the year, after all that has happened this summer, after all that the movements for racial justice both in the city of Madison and nationwide have taught us, my reasoning should be obvious. Unfortunately, for at least two of the alders on common council, it seems that it is not.

We must not hire any additional police officers. The city cannot afford the additional cost (even years down the line), especially when MPD is already overfunded. Any scholar of policing or grassroots organization supporting black and brown life in Madison will tell you that this amendment will have adverse affects for the communities of color in our city. Police do not keep us safe, they maintain a racist social order. This is all the more true under COVID.

I am also writing to insist that **all COVID-related budget cuts must come out of the police budget.** Anything else is a betrayal of George Floyd and the movement that seizes the streets in his name. This, to me, seems like the most obvious solution in the world given what the pandemic has exposed about our backwards societal values, evinced in our mistaken budget priorities. I would hope that my representatives on common council come to view things similarly.

Thank you for your time,
Dr. James McMaster
(District 2)

From: Megan Kennedy <megan.marianne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:59 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Sincerely,

Megan Kennedy

TAA Steward, GNS, UW Madison

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From: Al <alsundby@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:06 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: MPD budget opposition

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I am greatly opposed to the MPD budget that has been proposed. We need more officers, not less! The amount of shots fired incidents has greatly increased the need for officers as well as first responders for those that have been shot and we are seeing deaths as well. They are needing to work more overtime hours to make up for the lack of staffing. This is not going to be sustainable for the police force.

There are many other problems as well. The protests have not helped of course. But there is also the ongoing problems of stolen cars and the complete lack of traffic enforcement. The amount of speeding and tailgating is completely out of hand. This lack of traffic enforcement will likely lead to more traffic accidents and possible loss of life.

Thank You,
Alan Sundby

From: Mary Kateada <marykateada@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:34 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Agenda Item #3 / Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

As always, thank you very much for your work. I write with all due respect to register my opposition to tonight's Agenda #3/Amendment #10. I wrote to the Finance Committee two weeks ago about my opposition to the COPS Grant and I'm writing to you all now. ENOUGH! Please.

As I understand it, the Executive Operating Budget for 2021 already has a \$2,566,877 increase for the MPD. I know the call to *Defund The Police* can sound alarming but you all know the reality. A Budgetary increase of over \$2,000,000 is not defunding! Please don't let go of any chance to change the way policing happens in Madison, be it the refusal to accept this grant and the financial demands it will place on future budgets, or in finding and funding other community services to better meet our community's needs.

The MPD needs to change. Please don't let go of that call.

Sincerely,
Mary Kateada
3529 Lucia Crest
Madison
608-442-0054

Veldran, Lisa

From: brian johnson <brian48johnson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:35 AM
To: council
Subject: Police funding and accountability concerns

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Mayor and Council members,

Every day the news covers more stories of shootings, violent crime, and theft plaguing Madison. What I don't see every day are stories about an epidemic of police brutality, racism or police accountability issues.

Madison has a progressive and integrated police force that many other cities can only dream of having. Their funding should not be cut but rather it should be increased until the crime problem we have right now is under control. The Police Accountability Board and other community action groups should be focusing first on helping the police do their jobs and holding the court system accountable for providing real repercussions and serious deterrents for today's criminals. Once our current crime problem is under better control, then we can talk about reallocating budgets for social programs to help reduce future crime and provide common sense police accountability.

And while I agree it is important that we do hold the police accountable for their actions (and fund them so they can do their jobs successfully), it is equally important that we hold the public accountable for their actions as well.

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Let's have some common sense on our Common Council. Now is not the time to be reducing the police budget or talking about "defunding the police". Now is the time to resource our police to help stop crime today, so we can begin building social programs to improve tomorrow.

Respectfully,

Brian Johnson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: brian48johnson@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:39 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Police funding and accountability concerns

Recipient: All Alders

Name: brian Johnson
Address: 5505 Tolman Ter, Madison, WI 53711
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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Amanda Coviello <amanda.coviello@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:48 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition of 2021 operating budget amendment 10

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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 C.

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Amanda Coviello (she, her hers)

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802-299-5420

Madison, WI

From: Ella Nowicki <ellacnowicki@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:00 AM
To: All Alders; Heck, Patrick
Subject: Opposition to Amendment 10 of Executive 2021 Operating Budget

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Dear Common Council and Alder Heck,

My name is Ella Nowicki and I am writing in opposition to Amendment 10 of Agenda Item 3, the Executive 2021 Operating Budget ("Accept the 2020 COPS Grant") which would create four new police positions for the Downtown Entertainment Zone Team (DEZT).

I believe that the creation of the DEZT zone will disproportionately harm Madison's Black community and privilege business interests over people. I am concerned that this move is a continuation of Madison's policing approach over the summer, which aimed to repress BLM protests and prioritized property over human life.

Furthermore, I believe that the funding of increased police presence in a Downtown Entertainment Zone is a waste of funds. I cannot understand the reason for a Downtown Entertainment police team, as the pandemic means that there will not be concerts or large events downtown in the foreseeable future. What are these officers meant to accomplish? If their purpose is to enforce COVID restrictions by arresting noncompliant people at bars, for example, we should instead be focusing on the more effective and cheaper strategy of closing down the bars. The DEZT seems to me to be aimed at increasing police presence downtown in case of future protests, yet MPD has proven themselves time and again to be violent and unfit to protect the people of Madison, particularly Madison's Black residents.

The DEZT, though initially funded by the COPS grant, will need to be matched by the city with \$586,600 in the first three years. The program would then be entirely funded by the city, costing \$390,500 in taxpayer money annually. This is working class taxpayer money funding the protection of downtown businesses. Why not invest money into other neighborhoods?

Certainly, Madison's downtown business have suffered during the pandemic. Yet there are serious issues of inequality in Madison's downtown spaces which would be reinforced by creating the DEZT. We should not be using half a million dollars of taxpayer money to invest in policing that will most negatively impact Black people. There are other, better ways to support Madison's small businesses--not just downtown but throughout the city.

I ask you to oppose Amendment 10 of Agenda Item 3. This is an important opportunity for people in public office to demonstrate their understanding of the systemic racism inherent in policing. Instead of further funding the police, let's start a conversation about how we can better use these funds and avoid enabling more harm.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Ella Nowicki
1015 Sherman Ave
Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jim Jenkins <jgjenkins5266@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:14 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Police Budget

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We are seeing daily violence in all areas of the city. Gangs are shooting at each other without regard to who else may be injured or killed. We need more police, not fewer. Please do the right thing and maintain the police budget. This isn't Ferguson MO. Our cops are well trained, community spirited and fair to all people.

Jim Jenkins
1134 Frisch Rd.
Madison
608-516-2912

From: Evan Flietner <eflietner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:19 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 10

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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 #10.**

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Sincerely,

Evan Flietner

From: rcoloni60@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:41 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

Recipient: All Alders

Name: RANDALL COLONI
Address: 145 Farrell Street, Madison, WI 53714
Email: rcoloni60@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Dear Alders, November 9, 2020

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

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We need police to be available to respond to the types of situations they are well trained to handle asking them to be social workers is a bad fit, both for the officer and the person being responded to.

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We are at a point in time where several events has coincided to create an opportunity for change. The pandemic has show the world that all the human arrangements and systems we have put in place can be tossed aside by a microscopic 'bug'. clearly they are not immutable. Blacks and People of Color have rightfully demanded that police brutality and murder must be addressed, and a great many whites have come to recognize the validity of these demands. Finally, the incredible racism and us vs them mentality of Trump's administration has come to a close, opening the door to at least the beginnings of moving us towards justice and better ways of doing some things. Not total change, just the start of becoming more in harmony with our earth and it's people.

Sincerely, Randy Coloni

From: Flutterby Vixen <flutterbyv@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:48 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Sincerely,

Iris Hutchings

From: Gayle Westfahl <gayle.westfahl@snc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Reduction in police and public safety

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Hello!

I am writing just to share my preference that the City of Madison not enact the cuts the draft budget proposes for the Madison Police Department.

While I understand that now is a good time to review policing structures, review processes, training and action, I don't think cutting Madison's Police budget will help achieve this for the following reasons:

- Fewer funds = less training for officers, which is the opposite of what I think we are striving for
- Insufficient staffing in stressful working environments = greater stress, less accuracy and care, lower morale, greater confusion and increased turnover (which also means less experience on the force and increased numbers of poor interactions with citizens due to limits of human capacity)
- Madison must look specifically at its own police force, efforts made in recent years already and take its own situation into account in planning strategically - not assuming Madison's force is the exact same as the "average" police force in the country and treating it as such

I personally know and have worked with several officers in Madison and am amazed at their ability to do their job while still loving people. Of course, I do not know all of the officers, but I do know that in general our police force has been responsive. It has also been under great duress and stress in the last year - I know that morale is currently down - and the lack of community support certainly doesn't reward their faithful efforts in the past year.

At this time, more than ever, we need a relationship of mutual goodwill and respect between the city, police, and efforts to improve racial inequities - giving each other the benefit of the doubt and the resources needed to move forward with further review, training and development.

Thank you,

Gayle Westfahl

From: Lana Robotewskyj <lanarobotewskyj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:00 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Budget cuts

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DO NOT cut the budget for police.

I'm working right now and don't have the time to expand, but you have to know that much of Madison does not support this. Given the escalated crime, cutting the police force will only make criminals more brazen to do more harm, as they know the police force is spread thin.

I'm not registering to speak against this at tonight's meeting as I'm afraid of BLM and their activists. It's terrible that I have to fear to have my voice heard.....what does this say about our current climate?

Please make Madison safe again.

Lana Robotewskyj
143 Milky Way
Madison WI 53718

Veldran, Lisa

From: Olivia Barrow <obarrow12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Don't hire more cops - reject the COPS grant, AGAIN

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

I wrote to you all a few weeks ago (see below) when this grant was proposed to the Finance Committee. I spoke at that meeting, along with dozens of other Madison residents who believe more cops do not make our community safer, in fact, they do the opposite.

The only thing I have to add to what I wrote then is that it is a waste of everyone's time to bring an item that was defeated by the Finance Committee before the Common Council. Please listen to the people and vote against this tonight.

Best,
Olivia

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From: Olivia Barrow <obarrow12@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 26, 2020 at 3:31 PM
Subject: Fund community services, NOT and expanded police force
To: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>, <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

Dear Alders,

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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In contrast to policing, 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, and can be expected to provide an excellent return on investment.

It is also congruent 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."

Likewise, programs like the envisioned Crisis Response Team, inspired by the Eugene CAHOOTS program, leave everyone better off. 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.

Sincerely,

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Breanna Illéné <breanna.illene@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Amendments 3,5,6 and Oppose Amendment 10 to 2021 Operating Budget

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in regards to the 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendments. I support amendments 3,5, & 6 and oppose #10. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall but we need to support those in our community who are most struggling and I believe that involves robust support for affordable housing and homelessness initiatives.

Thank you,

Breanna Illéné
121 Lansing St, Madison
District 15

From: Adrienne Barberg <adrienne.barberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Item 3, Amendment 10

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Dear city of Madison alders,

My name is Adrienne Barberg and I am a resident of district 5. I am writing to you to state my strong opposition to item 3 (budget) amendment 10 of tonight's meeting. I do not believe that we should be expanding our police department, especially given our local, state, and national issues with racialized policing. Now is the time to invest in preventative measures like education, housing, and mental healthcare. If we do not address the roots of our problems and instead turn to policing, we put people at risk, waste money, and fail to produce solutions.

I hope you will choose to invest in the people instead of the police.

Best,
Adrienne Barberg

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From: Madeline Sall <maddy@sall.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:34 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposed to Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. I am frankly frustrated by the continued need for so many community members to express this same frustration on what feels like a loop. My fundamental concern remains the same - we are growing the budget of MPD while simultaneously making enormous cuts from desperately needed social services.

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Sincerely,

Madeline Sall

1253 Williamson St. #3, Madison 53703

From: whkcomm@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Support the Police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Walt Keough
Address: 1102 Saalsaa Rd, Madison, WI 53711
Phone: 608-206-1245
Email: whkcomm@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

We know several families of former neighbors have moved and are living now elsewhere in Dane County, and every action by the Council that compromises the safety and "middle class lifestyle" here reduces the attractiveness of our neighborhood in comparison with Verona, Middleton, etc. This has to be affecting property values tax revenues at the margin. A big investment is being made in our area for stormwater runoff, but the sounds of shots being fired more than negate the enhanced feeling of security that these infrastructure projects could bring. Looking to the future, with subsidized high speed broadband reaching farther out in the County, fuel costs seemingly permanently low and the declining quality of Madison schools, the City of Madison needs to do those things in its own power to maintain the attractiveness of its middle class neighborhoods.

Walt Keough
1102 Saalsaa Rd
Madison 53711
608 206-1245

From: Gisela Wilson <giselawilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:49 PM
To: All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Madison Operating Budget Amendments - Item 3 Amendment #10

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allalders@cityofmadison.com
SRhodes-Conway@cityofmadison.com

November 10, 2020

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

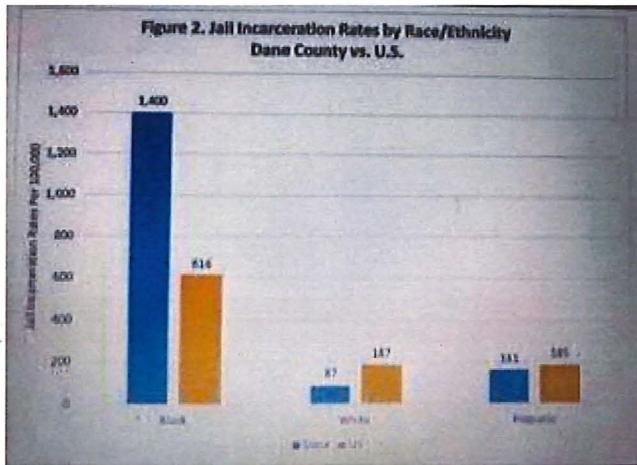
I writing today concerning the proposed 2021 Executive Operating Budget. Specifically, for the reasons given below, I:

☉ OPPOSE Budget Amendment 10

To re-iterate my comments to Finance Committee on October 26th when this amendment (then #9) was defeated, **I strongly OPPOSE Budget Amendment 10** 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, Union=protected, 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, at least gradually, to be able to put more supportive, less harm-inducing, 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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This is another example of Alders' repeated mistaken priorities in investing in police over other needs of the community. For one relatively minor example, where were the funds for a community liason from the Task Force on Equity in Music and Entertainment? Where are the resources to ensure that a pilot program of something along the lines of CAHOOTS isn't doomed to fail given the extensive evidence for MPD's, Madison, and Dane County's mishandling of mental health calls and substance abuse issues while it continues to dance to the tune of Tavern League?

Sincerely,

Gisela F Wilson, PhD
1244 Morrison Ct
Madison, WI 53703

Veldran, Lisa

From: Liz Light <liz.light3377@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In Opposition of Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Hello Alders,

I am writing in opposition to Operating Budget amendment 10, acceptance of a COPS grant to hire 4 additional MPD officers.

To grant additional funds for more police at this moment in our local and national history feels not only ill-timed but also unnecessary. Research tells us an increase in police does not lead to a decrease in crime. Alternative approaches to improving safety in the entertainment district of Madison have been explored and offered. It is up to y'all to listen to research and the community when committing to approaches that will close gaps in racial disparities in policing and safety in Madison.

We must work on the issue of excessive policing of Black and brown community members now if we wish to envision a future of equity, safety, and growth for our community in the future.

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

From: Colleen Neary <ccneary@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: OPPOSE Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Sincerely,
Colleen Neary
2124 Winnebago St.
Madison, WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nathan Piontek <nathan.piontek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget

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Hello all,

My name is Nathan Piontek and I currently reside at 2015 E. Washington Ave. Apt. #2 Madison, WI 53704. I'm asking for you all to oppose 2021 Operating Budget Proposed Amendment #10 at tonight's City Council Meeting. Instead of expanding police operations, please divert funds to actually effective public safety initiatives that serve to support community health. Thank you for your time.

From: Dominique Haskins <dhaskins37@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 1:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Parking Utility

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My name is Dominique Haskins and I've been employed with the City Of Madison Parking Utility for 20 years. I'm a veteran and just as I loved serving I love my job. I am thankful for the amendment finance passed halting layoffs for cashiers. I'm very grateful to be employed and I look forward to the day redeployment ends and I can return to parking.

Please vote in favor of restoring funding to our cashier positions. Amendment 21. Thank you for your attention to this email.

Dominique Haskins

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From: scheller steve <steve_scheller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Police Budget

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Please do the right thing and show some level of support for our Madison Police Department, instead of doing everything in your power to disable them.

We need MORE POLICE, not less. The ones killing Black and Brown people are other Black and Brown people. And we need to keep our streets open and not blocked by illegal protests without parade permits. This is what the majority of Madison residents want, LAW and ORDER!!!!

How is it that public and private property can be defaced, and roads can be blocked by "protestors" on a whim, with absolutely no penalty? While a citizen trying to make his/her way around illegally parked vehicles, and agitators in the street, gets assaulted, arrested, and social media "terrorists" attempt to get citizen fired from his job?

Do your job! Do what is best for the City of Madison!

Steve Scheller

From: jxd@athletics.wis.edu
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 1:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Support police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Jerry Darda
Address: 15 sturbridge circle, Madison, Wi 53717
Phone: 608-831-9420
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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Please do all in your power to financially support the Madison police to the maximum. Listen to their union. Everyone's safety is at risk now more than ever.

Don't use silly arguments such as all departments are experiencing cuts because there is NO comparison for example to having city trees replaced or large trash items picked up bimonthly compared to people getting shot at on a regular basis especially people of color. Take advantage of the near quarter million dollars available in federal funding to boost our officers.

Frankly, if the police were directed by the mayor to prevent property destruction during the recent demonstrations-it could have been done preserving businesses and their taxpaying contributions to the city. Take responsibility for this.

Finally, there is no excuse for downtown Madison to look like a war zone as it now does with boarded windows You all should be seriously embarrassed by the commercial damage because the police were not allowed to do their job. In addition you chose not to financially help out damaged businesses to insure that some stay in business.

This is no time to defund police You need to do the opposite, give them the help that they need They are the very BEST.

Jerry Darda Bonnie Darda Chevelle Dolphin Isabella Rocha All voting age residents of 15 Sturbridge Circle.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Harrington-McKinney, Barbara
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 1:51 PM
To: All Alders; PD PSRC
Subject: Fwd: 20-018_Central_Entertainment_Project (002).pdf
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I am forwarding the application related to The COPS GRANT

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From: Claire Heuckeroth <heuckerothc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

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Sincerely,

Claire Heuckeroth, Madison 53711

From: wilsonstroy669@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] MPD

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Troy Wilson
Address: 617 Orchard Drive, Madison, Wi 53711
Email: wilsonstroy669@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

The city of Madison has seen a very concerning uptick in violent crime over the past few weeks. Many residents, including myself, are extremely concerned to patronize businesses. Recently, interim chief Wahl reported in his blog that the common council and the mayor must make fiscal decisions regarding public safety in Madison. Under a current proposal, the Finance Committee would use 230,528 in federal grant money and 117,052 in city money in 2021 to add four police officer positions Becker, 2020. I acknowledge the current fiscal strain the city is facing due to the unprecedented novel coronavirus pandemic. I would point out, it would be prudent to accept the federal grant that would aid in retaining the salaries of 4 Madison police officers. Now is not the time to cut positions from the MPD. I believe that the hearts of the common council and the mayor are in the right place, however, now is not the time to debate public safety. When a municipality is offered a federal grant, it is extremely prudent to accept the grant. The uptick in violence is hurting our reputation as a progressive city that is seen as one of the best places to raise a family. Public safety is owed to the citizens and visitors of Madison. Currently, the MPD must pull away resources from the quality of life issues that many residents want and deserve to be addressed. I applaud the city of Madison for their vision to reallocate what calls police officers handle, however, there is no concrete plan in place. Right now, the city needs to take action. Our police officers are stretched thin as it is, while there is a shot fired call almost every night. I acknowledge the root of the uptick in crime is deeper than what meets the eye, and that we need to invest in those who have systematically oppressed, however now is the time to provide aid to our police officers. The MPD has had to reallocate officers from neighborhood outreach positions due to the resources being stretched thin. The neighborhood police officers, akin to SRO's or school resources officers are an indispensable tool used in order to build rapport between the community and the police.

I would strongly advise avoiding cutting from the operating budget of the MPD. Now is not the time to cut positions from the MPD. If cuts are necessary, I would advise looking at the capital budget rather than the operating budget, which entails the salaries of our civil servants. At certain times, the MPD can have as few as 20 police officers on duty at a time. There are currently 6 districts in the city of Madison. That would mean that at certain times, there may be only 3 officers per district. There are immense negative externalities regarding this public policy problem. When there are only 3 officers per district, the citizens and police officer's lives are in jeopardy. When there are fewer officers, the officer first on the scene could be outnumbered and put in danger. Put yourselves in the shoes of a police officer. It is dark, you are on the scene, and you know that the scene is active. Backup is on the way, however, due to the fact that there are only 3 officers on duty, you must wait for backup, or hope that an officer or deputy from another department can assist. What would you do in this situation when you are in danger with no assistance? I applaud our officers for presenting great restraint in these situations. Research has shown that there are more officer-involved incidents when the officer is outnumbered. No one wants an officer-involved incident. It is imperative for public relations for officers to handle tense situations with care. However, it may be nearly impossible to handle with care when an officer is outnumbered. I would strongly advise making cuts if necessary to the capital budget of the MPD. The city owes it to its citizens, visitors, and first responders to live lives that are free from fear and uncertainty. Please consider the negative

externalities that would come attached to cutting MPD positions.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amanda Leipold <amandaleipold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:12 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Item 3, Amendment 10

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Hello Madison Common Council,

I am a constiuant and I OPPOSE Operating Budget Item 3, Amendment 10. We need to invest in mental health intervention and eviction prevention not more police. Please remove operating budget item 3, amendment 10.

Thank you,

Amanda Leipold
1122 Melby Dr, Madison, WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Amy Hilgendorf <amy.hilgendorf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: We don't need more police, invest in community instead!

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To the Madison Common Council,

I am writing to ask that you vote against adding more police officers, and instead invest in community services.

Vote against amendment #10 of the operating budget. We do not need more police officers. The police budget is already too large and detracts away from other city budget priorities that better ensure the health and safety of our community.

Please do vote to support the many other budget amendments that invest in community, like adding money for eviction prevention, more affordable housing, the Crisis Response Team, and other community assets.

Amy Hilgendorf
107 Sutherland Court #226
Madison, WI 53704

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Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:27 PM
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Sincerely,

Megan Norris
465 Sidney St
Madison 53703

From: Shulamith Ellman <ellman.shulamith@gmail.com>
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Amber L <amber.lefers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Amendment 10 - Opposed

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Alders,

At a time when we should be focusing our efforts to defunding the police and investing in our communities, I am disheartened to see another attempt to do the "same old, same old" approach that simply does not work. Further, the current revenue shortfall is challenging many of the City's departments, and while this grant would provide some funding, it commits the City to paying more than a half million dollars - funds that would be more wisely used to invest in local community initiatives.

So I urge you, please oppose Amendment 10.

Thank you,

Amber Lefers
620 Pine Street
Madison, WI

Veldran, Lisa

From: jajameson@tds.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:50 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Pokice Budget Cut

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Dear Alders:

I may be too late to voice in on this, but I'll try anyway.

Please do not vote for police budget cuts! I don't think that is the answer during our troubled times. I experienced first hand what it's like not to get a response right away to a call, because I didn't take priority. I had been rear-ended in July, and the person fled. I got her plate, called 911 and followed her for a bit. She ended up going the opposite way of where we had started! They told me to wait. I did, but it took an hour and a half for the officer to arrive, while I sat in 90 degree weather. I went into Kwik trip for a moment, but that felt worse, what with covid and wearing a mask. My poor cat was also in the car for awhile, as I had just come from the vet, until I thought of calling my son to come get him. Another problem is people speeding down my 30 mph residential street-Maple Grove Drive by Chavez, and not having officers who can control that by giving out citations. (That's also an income-producer!)

I know these are minor cases, but it's really frustrating not to have the protection we truly need. I'd hate to imagine how much worse it would be to cut service even further for true emergencies.

Please consider my points.

Thank you,

Joy Jameso
608-848-2164
3857 Maple Grove Drive

Veldran, Lisa

From: Laura Gregor <gregorlaura119@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Meeting

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Dear Alders,

My name is Laura and I am a constituent in Madison, WI. I am writing to express my opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment 10. Given the current revenue shortfall, expanding the MPD's already bloated budget while other community programs go underfunded is fiscally irresponsible as well as morally reprehensible. There is a growing body of research that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime, making the return on investment essentially zero. Furthermore, increases in policing have disproportionate adverse effects on Black and Brown lives. Mayor Rhodes-Conway has publicly stated a need to "reimagine public safety" through crisis intervention teams, funding youth programming and activities, and investing in the recently added Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board (amongst others). However, these words ring false if the MPD is allowed to retain the largest budget of any city-funded institution.

I would like to see more money currently allocated to the MPD be diverted to programs to support my unhoused neighbors, some of whom use the front porch of my house as a brief respite from the elements simply because they have nowhere else to go. I would like to see our public health infrastructure better funded and expanded because we are still being ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to see our libraries, which are so instrumental in serving as polling places and sites for early voting, and, as writer Zadie Smith expresses "what a good library offers cannot easily be found elsewhere: an indoor public place in which you do not need to buy anything in order to stay."

Madison has plenty more public programs to prioritize and strengthen without funding a police force that is a proven failure. Please reconsider Amendment 10.

Thank you,
Laura

Veldran, Lisa

From: Valerie Reed Hickman <valerie.r.hickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Comment for tonight's budget meeting

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to oppose Amendment 10 to the 2021 operating budget you're considering tonight, which would authorize the city to accept a COPS grant to fund a downtown entertainment zone team.

I appreciate the work the city has begun doing to rethink policing and how we respond to people in crisis. The State Street area, in particular, seems like it would benefit from creative solutions that don't involve bringing in new police officers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Valerie Hickman
4613 Camden Rd.
Madison

From: wing <wleung_168@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:13 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Tim Birkley; vicepresident.l6000@gmail.com
Subject: Support Amendment #21

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Dear Alders of the city of Madison Common Council

My name is Wing Leung and I have worked as a Parking Cashier for more than 8 years.

As a resident of district 13 more than 30 years, I am asking for your support of Alder Verveer's amendment, co-sponsored by Alder Kemble, number 21, to "Restore Funding for Unfunded Parking Cashiers". This would use \$536,194 of Parking Utility's revenue, which we've collected from customers, not General Fund monies.

While it may not seem important now, once we are able to safely work during this Coronavirus pandemic, our presence is part of providing a safe, affordable parking experience. I have been working mostly at the Alliant Covid testing site since being displaced. This allows me to continue to provide highest quality service for the common good of our residents and visitors.

Equally important. My family and I are in need of the healthcare benefits I earn. Especially during this pandemic. Please vote to support "Restore Funding for Unfunded Parking Cashiers". Thank You.

Sincerely,
Wing Leung

Veldran, Lisa

From: Emily Noble <notkilroy@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Agenda Item 3 Amendment 10

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I opposed Agenda Item 3 (the budget) Amendment 10 (to hire more police officers).

We do not need more officers in the MPD. This amendment is literally the opposite of defunding the police. We can better spend those hundreds of thousands of dollars in investing in our communities in ways that won't cause harm.

We especially cannot afford this since we need to cut our spending due to the pandemic.

I live in district 19.

Emily Noble
Xe/Xyr or She/Her

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

From: Elizabeth Bradley <bettylouseven@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote yes on amendment 21

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Dear Alders,

My name is Beth Bradley and I've worked as a Parking Cashier for the City of Madison for five years. I have also extended my responsibilities within Parking Utility to fill-in Leadworker, Parking Service Worker and Parking Revenue Clerk. Right now this amendment affects myself and my coworkers who I have come to know as my extended family.

I am asking for your support of Alder Vermeer's amendment 21, co-sponsored by Alder Kemble, to "Restore Funding for Unfunded Parking Cashiers". This would use \$536,194 of Parking Utility's revenue, which we have collected from customers, not the General Fund monies.

I honestly think of myself as more of an Ambassador to the City of Madison than just a cashier. I am usually the first person people interact with when they get to the City and the last person they see when they leave. I provide information, guidance and referrals on a daily basis. Cashiers provide an insight to the City, the downtown area especially, that you won't get from a machine or app and are more user friendly and reliable. People look for that human connection when wanting valid information.

We provide a safe and efficient service to those individuals exiting in the wee hours of the night. We are there to make sure people can exit efficiently and safely with little or no trouble. This is extremely important when you have 75 or more cars trying to exit at one time. I have worked many late night shifts and a cashier at bar time can be the difference between a quick exit and complete chaos of honking, screaming and, eventually, physical altercations. We have learned from experience that a cashierless ramp is not an efficient ramp. I have worked multiple events at the cashierless South Livingston Ramp. Trying to have 500 cars exit at one time after a concert is a logistics nightmare. All it takes is one unreadable ticket, one unreadable credit card or a single cash payment at exit to derail the flow of exiting traffic. This results in angry and frustrated patrons which is the opposite of the excellent customer service we are known for. Cashiers have stepped up and worked outdoors in some of Madison's record breaking cold temperatures to make that ramp work.

We assist people when they lose their car and are in tears. We've acted like moms and dads when assisting kids during WIAA events. We have witnessed suicides, a homicide, been physically and verbally assaulted, assisted in medical emergencies and given up family time to work nights, weekends and many holidays. We do it because it's our job. I have worked through this entire pandemic. I've been deployed to do election work in early spring, Streets Division currently and fill-in work when needed within Parking Utility. We want to work. No permanent cashier has declined any deployment option if they are physically able to do the job. I'm asking for you to continue to fund us and not put us into layoff status in the middle of a pandemic. Many of us rely on the medical insurance for our families that we otherwise could not afford. I hope that you will consider saving us and understand the value that we bring to the City of Madison.

Thank you for your consideration,

Beth Bradley

Veldran, Lisa

From: donaldgors@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:48 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Budget / Putting Madison Residents and Visitors At RISK

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Donald Gors
Address: 818 Regent St #3, Madison, WI 53715
Email: donaldgors@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Alders:

Hod now do you logically believe your proposed manipulation of money movement to cover for not wanting to have City employees furloughed. is healthy for Madison?

Oh so it is a gutting of the Madison Police Department !

What your actions, to not have the city workers working have shown the public is, you can reduce total head count by over 35 percent and not have the operations of this city suffer...!

But oh no your hell bent on following the ideas of failed cities of the West Coast to reduce budgets for the Police Department which is really Defunding.

So are you actually Communists, Socialists, Marxists, Tyrannts in sheeps clothing...Certainly State Street, and Crime issues in Madison, sure looks like you are ...

Has more Crimes and more Direct Risks to People Lives in this City gone up or gone down ?

So if you want Madison to look like a haven for Crime and Criminals and More People Die due to not having enough Police go ahead keep up the direction you are choosing to go...

So your telling the taxpayers of Madison that City Employess and Leaders of City Government feel it is too much to ask anyone to not be paid fo 3-4 days. While your actions have resulted in many people, business owners, to no longer have jobs due to Closing down this City ..

Take a Good Look In Your Mirror Everyday and Understand if you Vote to move forward you are Responsible for Creating the Decay of what was once a Vibrant City !

Veldran, Lisa

From: reporting@cityofmadison.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:51 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Defunding the police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Sandra Dearth
Address: 200 W Lakeview Av, Madison, WI 53716

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

City employees have to take ONLY 3-4 DAYS of furlough?? There are people who have lost their jobs because of politicizing the Fear Virus. Foster, what is wrong with you that you would sponsor action that would cripple the police even more? Are you going to tell all city employees -INCLUDING ALDERS- that they cannot call the police for any reason. If you all hate the police that much, then you cannot call them for help.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:54 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I STRONGLY OPPOSE AMENDMENT 11

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 11. It makes no sense to make the Madison Police Department pay gap money for an "optional furlough" program if city employees choose to opt out. Taking funding from the pre-service Academy will have a crushing effect on our MPD at a time when next year's Academy is already capped, due to the transfer of \$250,000 in funding from MPD to this experimental crisis response team. That makes no sense either, before the program is tried and true. The MPD is the only agency that can possibly provide backup. All this at a time when MPD needs 13 additional officers to take on the soon-to-be annexed Town of Madison and its policing needs.

I oppose Amendment 11 in the strongest way possible and am upset you would try to pull this off the night before a public city meeting of this importance.

Bonnie Roe
District 10
Madison, WI 53711

From: Fields, Debbie
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Phone message: Dennis Zitnak

Mr. Zitnak called on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 3:35 p.m. He's a District 1 resident. He's strongly opposed to Operating Budget Amendment 11 re: voluntary furloughs and thinks the idea of using academy funds to make up for any employees who don't voluntary take furlough days is ridiculous. If anyone would like to talk to him, his phone number is 507-525-1758.

Thanks,
Debbie

Veldran, Lisa

From: Norm Sannes <norman.sannes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:06 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Tuesday Council meeting

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Veldran, Lisa

From: reporting@cityofmadison.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Richard Thies

Address: 4715 Sheboygan Ave. #322, Madison, WI 53705

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Sincerely,
Kira Milanich
3741 Johns St
Madison, WI
53714

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa; Bottari, Mary
Subject: FW: Tuesday Council meeting

FYI, Diana

From: Norm Sannes <norman.sannes@gmail.com>
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Subject: 2021 Operating Budget

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When are we going to put our money where our mouth is? Has the talk of defunding the police and supporting programs that will help us long term just empty promises? The cost of the extra officers is never fully subsidized and quickly becomes an expensive obligation on our part and we just keep throwing good money after bad, in a direction we claim to not want to go.

Sincerely,

Kristen Schoepke
5105 Denton Place
Madison, WI 53711

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sarah Beach <sbeachinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Citizen Request to not Expand MPD

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Hello,

My name is Sarah Beach and I live at 890 Sky Ridge Drive. I am writing because I oppose expanding MPD in the 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

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Sarah Beach
890 Sky Ridge Drive, 53719

From: Abe Morrick <abemorricks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:14 PM
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Subject: 2021 Operating Budget, Amendment 10

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From: wreichel@charter.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:15 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Please Oppose Amendment 11

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Dear alders and mayor,

I am vehemently opposed to Amendment 11 in the Operating Budget which will no doubt gut MPD's 2021 recruit academy even further or end up eliminating it entirely next year. In the midst of the increase in gun violence and property crimes and when MPD officers are already working record amounts of overtime, this is not the time to further strain public safety resources.

And I'm so disappointed that alders are pitting city agencies and employees against each other when we should all be working together on solutions.

Please oppose amendment 11 tonight.

Thank you.

Wendy Reichel – District 10

From: Elizabeth Brunner <eabrun@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Current budget considerations

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I cannot understand the current opposition to the Madison police department. I live in an area that has been surrounded by gun fire incidents and I truly appreciate it that we have police willing to respond. It is insanity to cut their budget! I haven't noticed the mayor or any council members coming to help them calm the incidents. Please give the police the monies they need to get the gangs out of Madison!!

Betty Brunner 😊
Sent from my iPad

From: Carissa Wegner <carissa396@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Re: YES in Favor of COPS Amendment

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Also, please oppose Amendment 11.
Thanks,
Carissa

On Tue, Nov 10, 2020, 9:15 AM Carissa Wegner <carissa396@gmail.com> wrote:
Good morning Everyone,

I'm writing to ask you to please vote Yes in favor of the COPS Amendment this evening.

I've lived, gone to school, and worked in Madison since 1997 and have a small family. I am no longer feeling safe in our community. I'm worried about speeding vehicles, gun shots, and increasing crime.

My 78 year old mom owns a condo downtown and I no longer want her to take the bus to and from my house, so I've been driving her back and forth in my car this year. I worry about her being a victim.

I 100% support all pilot programs to decrease violence, but I don't think right now is a good time to decrease MPD funding.

Thanks for reading and considering voting Yes in favor of the COPS Amendment.

Sincerely,
Carissa Wegner
District 10
Piper Drive Madison, WI

From: Jessica Miyake <jmiyake@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:12 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Amendment #10

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To increase police funding at a time when racial injustice and police brutality continues to plague our communities could not be more of touch with what the constituency asks of its government. I beg you to reconsider.

Sincerely,
Jessica Miyake

From: Steve Verburg <stverburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Tierney, Michael
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Please vote no on increased MPD spending -- no on Amend. 10

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Ald. Tierney,

Good afternoon. I'm writing to you as my representative on the Madison Common Council to ask you to vote no on operating budget amendment #10, which would add police officers to the budget.

From a sound budgeting standpoint, it seldom makes sense to use one-time (or short-term) money for perpetual expenses. This is one way the city boxes itself into a budgetary tight spot every year. Amendment #10 uses short-term money to lock the city into long-term expenditures of millions of dollars.

More importantly, rejecting Amendment #10 would mean take a small step in the direction of reducing racist disparities that harm our Black friends and neighbors.

The proposed operating budget for 2021, if I'm reading it correctly, already unwisely commits taxpayers to an additional \$2.6 million for police field and support services compared to last year's adopted spending plan. This is a substantial increase that comes while other departments -- including those that provide services that could help prevent crime -- are being cut, and while we are in the midst of an uncertain economic future with the pandemic spreading like wildfire. We should be reducing MPD spending and moving quickly to support alternative community services and public safety efforts.

In the past you've justified your support for controversial proposals by asserting that your position represents the view of most of your District 16 constituents. If you believe this is the case with Amendment #10 -- a large expenditure of tax dollars for expansion of policing far from the district -- I ask you to begin to lead. Lead your constituents by helping them understand that policing does little or nothing to reduce crime, and that it is a very expensive activity that actually increases the long-term harm. I ask you to use your prominent position to help your constituents understand that there are other measures we can take to promote neighborhood safety. And I ask that you lead by helping our neighbors understand that policing that harms one racial group more than others is unacceptable.

As always, feel free to contact me if you would like to talk.

I've copied all alders because I've seldom received acknowledgment that you have read the emails I send to you.

Thanks for your service.

Sincerely,

Steve Verburg
1614 Wendy Ln

From: Barbara Meyer <bjmeyer53711@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support amendment 10 - accept COPS grant

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please accept COPS grant; our police department will be better served and in turn can better serve our community. it only makes good sense.
thank you.
Barbara Meyer

Veldran, Lisa

From: Senji Benji <senji1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:26 PM
To: All Alders; Senji Benji
Subject: Council meeting tonite, Item #3

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We would like to voice our **STRONG** opposition to the Agenda Item #3, where Council members want to further gut the funding of the Madison Police Dept. This is ridiculous! Making further cuts by taking \$\$\$ out of the new recruits police academy fund is absurd.

Having belonged to a union for over 27 yrs, it is unconscionable that the Mayor or any one of you would ask the police to go back against the contract that was rightly negotiated under former Mayor Paul Soglin. Don't you guys know the basics of labor/professional unions???

Having come from parents who escaped Communism in Eastern Europe during WW2, we can tell you w/o any doubt that one of the steps toward communism is to dismantle local police and law enforcement. Of course, police should be held accountable for their actions, but to further take away funding is a road to disaster.

Please bring back common sense to the City Council!!

From: Lailah Shima <lailah.shima@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote YES for Community Investment, NO for Amendment 10

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Dear Alder Evers and all Alders,

As a resident of District 13, I am writing to thank you for your service to our city and to urge you to vote against adding more police officers to MPD. Please, instead, invest in increased community services.

Specifically, please vote against Amendment #10 of the operating budget.

Please DO vote to support the many budget amendments designed to increase our investment in community. As many people face imminent eviction in Madison, I am particularly concerned about community efforts to ensure that all people have a safe home.

Additionally, it is essential that we sufficiently fund and support the pilot Crisis Response Team. Last summer, I co-created a guide for alternatives to calling 911, in difficult circumstances. Through researching local resources for crisis intervention, I discovered the stark paucity of non-police support citizens can call upon. I hope we can follow the lead of Eugene, OR's CAHOOTS program, to better serve our community.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,
Lailah Shima
2434 Fox Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Barbara Meyer <bjmeyer53711@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: oppose amendment 11

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please oppose amendment 11; we cannot afford to eliminate any police positions. vacancies need to be filled. crime in our city is growing by leaps and bounds and needs a fully staffed and well supported police department to keep us safe. anything less is sheer madness.
thank you.
Barbara Meyer

Veldran, Lisa

From: Carrie S <stenerson.c@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:51 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Budget!

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Dear Alders of Madison,

You have seen us in the streets fighting for less of a police state. Please demand more than \$1 million dollars be cut from the MPD budget. We need those resources going towards the people not the police.

Carrie Stenerson
225 s. Mills st

From: Lara Mainella <laramainella@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:52 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating Budget Amendment 11 - Furloughs for General Municipal Employees

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Hello, I'm writing as the president of the Madison City Attorneys Association and a member of the Coalition of General Municipal Employees, to share my thoughts about the proposed mandatory furloughs in the existing operating budget and the 2 amendments (Amendment 11 and Substitute Amendment 11) to make the furloughs voluntary.

First, my association and the Coalition oppose mandatory furloughs at this time. Why?

- they are being imposed only on a sub-group of employees - the General employees who, since Scott Walker's Act 10, have lost the ability to bargain.
- The same group of employees will receive no raise in 2021, while other employee groups are. This is a double-whammy that results in an unfair pay cut for all general employees.
- Mandatory furloughs are an unfair and inequitable way to balance the budget. It is not a one size fits all situation. The employees in the general municipal groups have a very wide range of income levels and very different personal financial situations.
- It is likewise not completely equitable for those at the top to bear more of the brunt by taking MORE days, involuntarily. How do you know a person at the top of the pay scale doesn't live paycheck to paycheck, supporting family, extended family, parents, children with disabilities? They might be dealing with a spouse's loss of income, unexpected expenses due to Covid, or other life circumstances that nobody can guess.
- Mandatory furloughs, which were a surprise delivered on the day the operating budget was announced, sends the message that the City does not care about and does not trust its employees.
- As of this day we have not heard WHY the City cannot afford to maintain our pay at the current level.

While the MCAA and the Associations are not in favor of furloughs, we would prefer a voluntary program.

- A voluntary program allows those employees who can afford a pay cut through unpaid days off to make that choice, and allows employees who cannot afford it, to not to have their pay cut.
- Failure to support a voluntary program means you do not trust these employees to do the right thing. To take care of our lower paid members. This is discouraging.
- Consider this: we have already AGREED to take zero raises in 2021, even while other groups are getting raises. This should be an indication that we care about the financial health of the City, doing the right thing, and doing our part. We have already done our part by taking no raise.

While we would prefer a voluntary program, we are struggling with Substitute Amendment 11, which would pay for any shortfall by reducing the 2021 police academy. This sets up an unfortunate and unnecessary "us vs. them" situation, pitting labor groups against each other for political theater. Regardless of one's personal views on the institution of policing, it is not right to pit your employee groups against each other in this way.

As for my association: we have a total of 13 members. We are more highly paid than other groups. As of today, 7 members would voluntarily take multiple unpaid days in 2021. One member would take at least 5 days. Other members are feeling disillusioned and let down, others have shared with me that they simply can't afford it. The employees feel abandoned by the City during this Covid crisis and the furloughs are adding insult to injury.

*If we felt the City truly could not afford to pay us our existing wages next year and furloughs were the only way to balance the budget, that would be one thing. However we know this isn't true. This is a matter of priorities. The message being sent is that the General Municipal Employees are NOT a priority.

I have worked with many of you over the years and I know this is not the case, this is not your personal view. Please find a way to support Amendment 11 without using Scott Walker's "divide and conquer" techniques, without setting up groups of employees against each other. We believe the overall financial picture allows it. It just requires enough of you to want to make it work. You have access to the financial information, we do not. Please support a budget amendment that results in no mandatory furloughs for employees.

Thank you,

Lara Mainella

MCAA President

Member, Coalition of General Municipal Employee voluntary associations

From: Sheila Martin <sheila0725@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:53 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Fwd: City Council Meeting 11/10/2020

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Dear Alders and Mayor,

My name is Sheila Martin, and I am a long time resident of Downtown Madison and the Near West Side. I asked to speak tonight as I am gravely concerned about the dramatically escalating crime rates we are experiencing across the city, and the lack of responsiveness demonstrated in the 2021 proposed budget to stem it. As of a few days ago, Madison's violent crime statistics from 2020 have outstripped any year in recent history, in categories including homicides, shots fired, stolen autos, home invasions, and thefts from autos. All of these statistics are up anywhere from 25-76% over 2019, and we still have a couple months to go!! Just the past couple weeks we have witnessed:

- A triple shooting/homicide including more than 75 shots fired in a heavily populated area near two schools on Halloween,
- Several attempted break-ins in Midvale Heights on November 4th,
- The November 5th armed home invasion near Mineral Point and Midvale, which resulted in a stolen vehicle, a high speed chase with police, and apprehension of several juveniles already wearing electronic monitoring devices,
- And most recently, shots fired at Schweglers Bowling Alley resulting in victim hospitalizations

So, my question to you is: What's it going to take to wake the City Council up? How many more people are going to have to be violated, injured or killed across our city before you understand the fear that people are feeling, watching these statistics rise while funds are continuously cut from the police force? After all, they are the only people trained and available to support citizens who are victimized by these violent perpetrators.

I am incredibly supportive of trained mental health professionals responding to true mental health emergencies, and am very grateful to see our city begin to fund this type of responder. However, in the Mayor's own words, this program is "experimental". It will take time to get it resourced, workflows implemented, calls taken, and data collected to measure it's effectiveness at reducing mental health emergency calls to MPD. It seems very short-sighted and irresponsible to cut funding to the only available back-up, until there is demonstrated success with the new "experimental" mental health responder program, especially with the unprecedented complexities of a pandemic, demonstrations, as well as escalating rates of mental illness and violent crime.

I implore you to think carefully about the needs of ALL of the citizens you represent, as you are our voice. Please consider passing Amendment #10, which would allow MPD to accept the COPS grant funds which were awarded to them, and preserve the 4 positions you have slated for elimination. The goals of reducing violence, and property crime, while improving quality of life in the Central District are so critical to our collective well-being. Having a dedicated team for that "entertainment zone" would also assure that other officers remain available to back up the budding mental health team and address the escalating violent crime that is plaguing our city. In addition, I also wish to advocate for voting down amendment number 11, and funding the MPD "continue-as-is" budget, in order to eliminate the additional \$Million plus in cuts that are proposed via other amendments and the mayors proposed budget, and assure they are well-positioned to incorporate the Town of Madison responsibilities in 2022.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: Black Umbrella <blkumbrellaglobal@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:02 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating budget

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-Black Umbrella Collective

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From: Shyelle Aikens <shyelleaikens@gmail.com>
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Shyelle Aikens

From: Jim Mand <jimmand@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:04 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Executive Operating Budget - Agenda Item 3

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Proposed Amendment 4: Madison Downtown Safety Initiative

I support acceptance of the \$393,550 federal grant.

Proposed Amendment 9: Add New Park Ranger

I support this amendment. Having worked on city & county park volunteer work parties since retirement 4 years ago.

I was shocked to find out that a city of Madison's size, with many parklands and acreage all over the city, has such a small paid staff.

If it wasn't for the many volunteers and organizations, the parks could not be maintained, let alone improved upon.

Proposed Amendment 10: Accept the 2020 COPS Grant

I support this grant to create 4 police officer positions. This will at least make up for the officers lost due to Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway's proposed cuts.

The truth is, Madison Police Department is already understaffed, and could use a lot more front-line officers.

Proposed Amendment 11: Make Furlough Program Voluntary

I do not support this proposal. Considering all the sacrifices, lost wages, jobs of the citizens & workers of Madison due to Covid. Why should city and county employees be exempt from making any sacrifices?

And within those taxpayer supported jobs, why should certain subsets be exempt? That didn't happen in the private sector.

Proposed Amendment 11-Sub: SUBSTITUTE – Make Furlough Program Voluntary

Definitely do not support this. Who's crazy idea is this to cut out a certain number of recruits from the Policy Academy, To make up for the lost savings if city employees don't volunteer enough furloughs?

I am concerned about the breakdown in law and order throughout the city of Madison.

The Mayor has not fulfilled her obligations to protect Madison's citizens from the escalating violence.

In fact, she has encouraged it by her lack of any meaningful response. And the City Council has sat on its hands.

The police department needs to be allowed to do their job, instead of being hindered.

I find it remarkable that the Madison Police Department, was praised by former President Obama, and by his Attorney General Eric Holder.

Held up as a national model for Community Policing, yet being so denigrated by its current city political leadership.

Sincerely,
James F. Mand
jimmand@charter.net

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Samuel J Eberle <sjeberle@madison.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: City operating budget

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. A great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero. Note that the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and, in a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this.

Sincerely,
Sam Eberle

From: Nancy Germann <nancyger55@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Budget

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Seriously people. What are you doing with the money for the Rapid Bus Craziness. Both you and I know if and when Businesses do open many will keep their employees working from home as it saves the business money. In addition because you allowed businesses to be trashed on State Street no one will be coming there. Why do you need buses when there us no where to go on the bus. In addition no one wants to come to Madison it's a joke. Born and raised her. 65 years. Get your heads out of the sand. REDIRECT THE \$\$\$ MEANT FOR THE BUSES AND GIVE MPD THE \$\$\$ AND RESOURCES THEY NEED. YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. WATCH OUT FOR TGAT KARMA.

As an afterthought most sane people won't speak up in this crazy town for fear of being attacked by the bulllys known as Freedom Inc, Freedom Youth Squad, Urban Triage. While you're at it look up the term bully in the dictionary and you tell me if that doesn't fit these groups.

It's up to you to make the right decision. If not your family and friends will be another crime statistic in this city. Again you reap what you sow.

Signed Disgusted by what you have done to our dear Madison.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Berkani Research & Impact Analysis
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Public Safety

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in support of Agenda Item 3 - Operating Budget amendments 4 and 10.

SUPPORT Operating Budget Amendment 4

Allocates more funds to the street teams helping our most in-need citizens in Downtown Madison.

SUPPORT Operating Budget Amendment 10.

This amendment, by Alders McKinney and Henak, authorizes accepting a grant to hire four more police officers to create a Downtown Entertainment Zone Team – specifically dedicated to downtown.

Thank you,

Nina Berkani Guevara 710 North St, Madison, WI 53704

From: Gaoia Angie Xiong <angie.xiong02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Capitol Budget and Operating Budget

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My name is Gaoia Xiong. I do not feel safe and represented as a Madison resident, when the city budget is not reflective of marginalized communities and our needs. Since the start of this pandemic, the struggle to find a job, afford housing, obtaining quality health resources and mutual aid resources has amplified. We have also seen how Black and Brown folks have been disregarded during a pandemic, and there is nothing in this budget that I see can protect and help Black and Brown folks in Madison thrive, whether in a pandemic or not. The city council should be protecting and serving all of its residents, yet this budget does not reflect that. It is especially not reflective in having resident's best interest when the city budget continues to invest in institutions that harm us, over investing in the well-being of all residents in the long term. Institutions like the police do not need to be more equipped than they already are. They are definitely not equipped to protect Black and Brown folks.

From: Oona Mackesey-Green <oona.p.mg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Don't add more police, vote yes for community investment

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To the Madison Common Council,

All summer, we've heard the community demands to invest in the community and defund police. In a tight budget year, it's more important than ever to fund services like housing, healthcare and initiatives that center racial justice.

We cannot afford to continue funneling funding into a failed policing & criminal justice system that causes harm. Vote against amendment #10 of the operating budget. We do not need more police officers.

Thank you,

Oona Mackesey-Green
District 15, 4010 Rockwell Drive

Veldran, Lisa

From: Luca Clemente <luca@clemente.top>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

I am not anti-police. I have no desire to take funding away from the police as a punitive measure. However, I do think it is time to begin making serious police reforms. If we want to see real improvements in our communities, we need to be willing to invest more in services that promote mental health and material well-being for those that are struggling. Let's follow through on our commitment to put the people's needs first. Let's have the courage to try something new.

Luca Clemente

2601 Myrtle Street

Veldran, Lisa

From: Victor Villacrez <vvillacrez@hovdeproperties.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Amendment #10

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Dear Members of the Common Council,

As a resident, business owner and community leader in Downtown I ask that you vote in support of the COPs grant amendment #10. Give our merchants, our visitors, our residents, people of Madison and our spirits some **Esperanza!** That means HOPE in Spanish and that is what we need in downtown right now. Every little bit will help.

Thank you for this consideration.

Esperanza!

Vic Villacrez
Resident- Downtown Madison.

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From: Heidi Wegleitner <heidimayree@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:55 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In Support of CC O-3 and in Opposition to CC O-10

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Dear Honorable Alders and Honorable Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

I am co-coordinator of the United Legal Workers, National Organization of Legal Services Workers, UAW 2320, AFL-CIO, and have represented Madison tenants in eviction cases since I began my career in 2006. Our union members include legal secretaries, paralegals, and attorneys who provide free legal aid to Madison residents and low income people throughout the State of Wisconsin. Over the past 8 months, the complicated landscape of landlord/tenant law was made more challenging by overlapping temporary emergency orders limiting eviction filings with the goal of mitigating the spread of COVID-19 caused by eviction-related displacement. While these orders have provided protection to some and limited the number of eviction cases, they have not offered universal protection nor permanent solutions. They also raise a number of legal interpretation questions making it difficult for self-represented litigants to enforce protections to which they may be entitled.

Since Emergency Order #15-- the state moratorium-- expired on May 26, 2020, we have seen a steady number of weekly eviction cases return to Dane County eviction court. There will be about sixty households in eviction court in Dane County this week and next and many of them will be Madison tenants. Many of them will be people of color, many will be elderly and/or disabled and on fixed incomes, and several will include households with children. Tenants face eviction even though they may soon be giving birth to a child. Tenants face eviction even though they are terminally ill. Some of them will be trying to claim protections based on a CDC Order halting evictions in certain cases. Most of them will not be represented by attorneys and may be pressured into signing agreements which subject them to eviction in violation of the federal order intended to protect them. When evicted, it will be very difficult for them to find housing in the future and they will be forced to seek shelter, sleep in their car, or double up with friends or family. This, of course, increases their risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and contributing to community spread of the virus. Those who are successful in asserting their protections will have their cases postponed to January. In January the federal CDC moratorium expires and the tenants who have been protected will again face eviction, many of them due to economic circumstances beyond their control.

Recent HUD ESG-CV funds which were appropriated by the Dane County Continuum of Care and this body did not include funding for eviction prevention financial assistance or legal services. Earlier this year, Dane County helped stave off a surge of evictions after the expiration of the statewide moratorium by appropriating \$10M in federal CARES funds to provide financial assistance for rent arrears. That funding has run out. While there is a limited amount of State resources available to tenants in Dane County, it is not even close to enough to meet the demands now and it certainly won't be enough to meet the needs come January 1 when the federal moratorium expires and there will be a surge in scheduled cases and new eviction filings.

The United Legal Workers thanks you for your ongoing support of eviction defense legal services to Madison tenants and we respectfully request you to vote "yes" on Common Council operating amendment #3 to add funds to address the eviction crisis. Our members are on the front lines of this eviction crisis, advocating for broad protection for Madison tenants and development of the law to provide greater protections to tenants during this unprecedented public health emergency. Without access to free legal aid, tenants are without access to justice. Without access to counsel, tenants may not be informed of critical legal protections applicable to their case nor understand the civil procedures they must navigate to preserve and enforce those protections.

Finally, the ULW has committed itself to supporting the demands of the Movement for Black Lives by advocating in forums like these. **We ask that you reject efforts to increase the police budget, including CC operating amendment #10.** We support your work to reform police policy and practice and we support reductions in the policing budget to free up funds for community services.

Thank you for your long hours and dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Wegleitner
ULW Co-Coordinator

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Veronica F <veronicaf@unidoswi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:02 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Operating budget #3 substitute

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Dear all,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support operating budget #3 substituted. Supporting initiatives that support community responses that help meet the basic needs of populations affected by COVID-19 to support and service gaps identified in the Public Health Violence Prevention Plan. A multi-sectoral approach that values and acknowledges the efforts and the work of culturally and linguistically appropriate grassroots organizations need to be center in creating a solution to addressing the current housing crisis. Just in the month of September UNIDOS spend \$12,481 on housing assistance funds and \$5,700 on mental health support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. As the only cultural and linguistic organization in Dane County providing direct services to victims and survivors in the Latinx community the need for funds to address housing insecurity and the threat of eviction during this pandemic is crucial. The funds UNIDOS have allocated to these efforts have mainly come from donors and small grants. Connecting victims with other resources in the community have been difficult and at times impossible. Creating more uncertainty and safety issues for victims, survivors, and their children. Our stronger partner in addressing the housing needs of victims, survivors, and their children has been JFF and they too are struggling at times.

Directing funds to one organization only is not the solution. Allowing organizations the opportunity to apply for funds based on the population that they serve and spread the funds among organizations who have access to communities of color and who have been supporting these communities during this horrible pandemic is the right direction. I fully support this amendment and encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Veronica Figueroa-Velez
Executive Director
UNIDOS
Madison, WI 53713
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Stevi Parmentier <stevi.parmentier@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:04 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget: OPPOSE Amendment #10

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Good evening to the members of the Common Council,

I am writing in opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10. I believe that our city needs to stop allocating so much funding the police for the safety of its citizens. Increased policing has substantial adverse effects that disproportionately impact Black and Brown lives and as someone who values the lives of all citizens in this city, I cannot support an increase to police budgets.

The Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and, in a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this.

Best,

Stevi Parmentier
Eken Park Resident
District 12

From: Pvg123 MadTown <pvgehr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Agenda Item #3, in particular #11 under 2021 Operating Budget-Proposed CC Amendments with Substitutes

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I have several comments with regard to item #11, Voluntary Furlough Program under 2021 Operating Budget-Proposed CC Amendments with Substitutes under Item #3.

If this program is made voluntary and not sufficient numbers of City employees voluntarily take furlough days, the proposal as I understand would ultimately reduce the number of police recruits in the Academy. Given that there is a daily minimum staffing requirement which must be maintained, if the number of recruits is reduced, and usual (or increased) retirements, transfers, or other departures from the police department take place, will there actually BE any cost savings once overtime is figured into the equation?

No matter your personal opinion of police departments, police officers, or law enforcement as a whole, would you rather interact with someone - anyone in any field - who is in the midst of a regular shift, or who is just finishing a double? Do you want your groceries bagged by someone who is in the 5th hour of their 8-hour shift, or someone who is in the 10th hour of their 4 hours of overtime? Do you want to deal with your spouse/significant other/partner/friends/relatives/children after you've come off your third 12-hour day? Or think you can effectively and harmoniously? Decision-making skills and agreeableness are not generally improved by heightened stress levels, long hours, or fatigue. Anecdotal information would suggest that it is likely that many medical misdiagnoses or wrong procedures are made or done due to residents or interns being in the late stages of long shifts - many as long as 24 to 36 hours. In an article on the CDC website entitled, "Drowsy Driving" (which can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/sleep/about_sleep/drowsy_driving.html)

"The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates¹ that between 2005 and 2009 drowsy driving was responsible for an annual average of:

- 83,000 crashes
- 37,000 injury crashes
- 886 fatal crashes (846 fatalities in 2014)

These estimates are conservative, though, and up to 6,000 fatal crashes each year may be caused by drowsy drivers.^{2-4"}

Should overtime be necessary due to open shifts caused by fewer recruits into, and likely increased departures from, the Police Department, it would seem likely that by choosing to make the furlough program voluntary the Council could be exposing the citizens of the City to increased chances that one or more officers are driving while fatigued.

Finally, in a time when many people are unemployed through no fault of their own, and with no choice or say-so in the matter, this proposed amendment not only gives City employees a choice, but also a say-so (by their actions or inactions) to impact the police department, which in turn may impact the entire city. City employees are already blessed to have jobs, jobs with benefits, and this proposal wants to make it voluntary as to whether or not those employees would take what in the greater scheme of things is a relatively minor "hit" of a few days' - spread throughout the year - without pay. Should this proposed amendment be adopted, I am sincerely glad that I am not the one that would need to justify that to either the police department or, even more importantly, your constituents.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gehler
9 Golf Course Rd., Unit D
Madison, WI

From: Caide Jackson <cjackso2@oberlin.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in strong opposition to 2021 Operating Budget Common Council Proposed Amendment #10.

Madison cannot afford to continue to expand policing, as proposed in Amendment #10. That's especially true given the current revenue shortfall. Moreover, a great deal of research has shown that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime – the return on investment is essentially zero. As esteemed criminologist David Bayley noted in his book "Policing for the Future":

"The police do not prevent crime. This is one of the best kept secrets of modern life. Experts know it, the police know it, but the public does not know it. Yet the police pretend that they are society's best defense against crime and continually argue that if they are given more resources, especially personnel, they will be able to protect communities against crime. This is a myth.... Changes in the number of police within any practicable range will have no effect on crime."

But increases in policing do have substantial adverse effects, disproportionately impacting Black and Brown lives. The consequences of ongoing increases in policing are evident in reporter Steve Elbow's Capital Times article "'None of this has changed': Madison's racial disparities have gotten worse, despite decades of reports, task forces and funded programs". Elbow notes:

"In 2004, blacks, who made up 6% of the city's population, accounted for about 15% of traffic citations and 29% of arrests. Last year, at 7% of the population, blacks were issued a quarter of city traffic citations, and in 2018 constituted 43% of arrests. In the same time frame, the proportion of black juveniles arrested went from 49% to 66%."

As sociologist and policing scholar Alex Vitale writes:

"We have to articulate a different vision of justice. We have this degraded notion of justice in the US that's been reduced to punishment and revenge. We need to talk about justice as a strategy for creating safe communities that are healthy and sustainable, that have a future," Vitale said. "We can achieve that not by driving more people into the criminal justice system, not by chasing people around with guns, but by giving them resources to solve their own problems."

Note that the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and, in a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this.

As Sunrise Madison we believe that defunding the police is an essential part of combating systemic oppression in our communities. Black and brown communities in Madison have creative and life-sustaining alternatives to policing. All you have to do is listen.

Sincerely,

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mitnick, Matt
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oppose Amendment #10

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in opposition to Amendment #10 to the 2021 Operating Budget.

Given that this amendment failed at the Finance Committee, I am a bit perplexed as to why it has shown up again. I understand there is every right for this to indeed be the case, I just wanted to share the thought.

This amendment will still cost the city \$117,052. These funds alone could pay for a month's rent for over 50 families. Additionally, we must consider the opportunity costs associated with more police officers. Where have the sponsors of this amendment been since May? Thousands of community members have been out in the streets demanding for public safety reform. This amendment does nothing to address community concerns and is quite frankly a slap in the face to these efforts.

There is no doubt that the Madison Police Department has a stronghold over politicians in this town. Other city departments and entities have had to take greater cuts than the Madison Police Department. We can't claim to be a progressive city or hold these values if our own practices uphold white supremacy and systemic racism.

It is honestly embarrassing to live in a city in which nearly 25% of our city's general & library fund is going solely to the police. It is simply a Band-Aid to a problem that the police department perpetuates itself.

Black and BIPOC lives matter. Please oppose this amendment.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mitnick
202 N Brooks St.

Veldran, Lisa

From: ROpelt <roflog@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: COPS grant

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"Pease vote to accept the COPS grant in amendment 10 and please oppose Amendment 11".

Thank You

Ronald L Opelt

Veldran, Lisa

From: Megan Spielbauer <megan.spielbauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 2021 Operating Budget Common Council

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Alders,

I am writing in opposition to proposed amendment #10 to the 2021 Operating Budget. Madison should not and cannot afford to expand policing like amendment 10 proposes. Much research shows that expanding the size of a police force does not reduce crime, making an investment in police worthless. Further investing in Madison police means taking away potential resources for BIPOC communities and puts those communities more at risk for police violence. Madison's racial disparities are evident, and you all can use this moment to start to rectify those issues. The Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and almost unanimously voted to adopt a resolution that calls on the Mayor and the Common Council to examine the MPD budget and find resources that can be moved to other social services. Amendment 10 does this opposite of this.

Revolution is Here,

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Megan Spielbauer Sandate
She/Her/Ella
University of Wisconsin- Madison Student
Economics and Environmental Studies B.A.



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Veldran, Lisa

From: Lakan Young <lakanidk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:13 PM
To: All Alders; council; danecoda@da.wi.gov; Fields, Debbie; Harrington-McKinney, Barbara; Henak, Zachary; Martin, Arvina; Abbas, Syed; Evers, Tag; Carter, Sheri; Foster, Grant; Tierney, Michael; Baldeh, Samba; Kemble, Rebecca; Furman, Keith; Heck, Patrick; Albouras, Christian; Lemmer, Lindsay; Verveer, Michael; Bidar, Shiva; Rummel, Marsha; Moreland, Donna; Prestigiacomo, Max; Skidmore, Paul; kauljl@doj.state.wi.gov; Kapusta-Pofahl, Karen; Obeng, Kwasi; Veldran, Lisa; Mayor; Wahl, Victor
Subject: Police accountability for the death of Tony Terrell Robinson

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Madison City Council Members,

In solidarity with the recent Black Lives Matter protests, I'm writing to bring your attention to the death of Tony Terrell Robinson under the oversight of the Madison Police Department.

Tony Terrell Robinson was 19-years-old in 2015 when he was reported to the police by one of his roommates for jumping in front of cars and behaving erratically, due to being high on hallucinogens. The report indicated that he was unarmed and needed help. According to the police, officer Matt Kenny heard a "disturbance" inside Tony's apartment and forced entry, after which he encountered Tony at the top of a stairwell. Tony reportedly punched Officer Kenny, and the officer then shot him 7 times, killing Tony. The dispatch audio indicates only 18 seconds passed between the officer's arrival and shots being fired. Tony as unarmed. The Dane County DA ruled that the shooting was a "lawful use of deadly police force." Calling this a lawful use of force implies that police officers have carte blanche to go around shooting anyone without concern. This was a disgusting and egregious use of force, in a situation that could have resolved via deescalation, but instead resulted in murder. Tony needed help and instead he was shot dead.

I ask that this case be reopened and investigated, and that police officer Matt Kenny is held accountable for his actions in criminal court.

Additionally, Madison must increase police accountability by providing transparency on the use of force against subjects, with statistics on the race, gender, disability, religion, and age of subjects made publicly available. Madison should also work to have the state of Wisconsin follow Colorado's reforms in blocking qualified immunity as a defense for police officers in state court.

I also ask for the Madison Police Department's budget to be further downsized to demilitarize the police force, and that the money instead be used for community services and alternative crisis interventions, especially for the homeless and the mentally ill. Doing so will make living in Madison safer for minorities who suffer the brunt of police brutality.

The lack of police accountability is a stain on a group that alleges to serve the people and uphold the law. There is no justice if the police are exempt from the law. If Madison continues to ignore cases like Tony Terrell Robinson's, you will be complicit in upholding structures of corruption.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Bernie Schlafke <schlafkebernardo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Operating Budget Amendment 10

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Please oppose Operating Budget Amendment 10, and prioritize housing for low income and homeless residents and mental health services.

Thank you for your service,
Bernie Schlafke
Resident, District 6

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kevin Gundlach <kevin@scfl.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Budget: furloughs and parking

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Dear Madison Common Council members,

On behalf of the South Central Federation of Labor (SCFL), AFL-CIO, we appreciate the arduous budgetary process the Madison Common Council is currently involved with.

In regards to the City of Madison's Operating Budget, SCFL opposes and supports the following:

- 1) SCFL Opposes the Operating Budget, as-is, under item 3 because of the mandatory furloughs for the General Municipal Employees.
- 2) SCFL Supports Amendment 11, which supports voluntary furloughs as opposed to mandatory furloughs.
- 3) SCFL Supports the Finance Committee Amendment 21 and restore the funding for the Parking Utility Cashiers.

Respectfully,

Kevin Gundlach, President
South Central Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
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The South Central Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO is an umbrella organization consisting of 100 Private and Public Sector Unions representing tens of thousands of workers in 11 Counties within South Central and South Western Wisconsin. We work with non-profits, unions, governmental agencies, elected officials, university & college systems, job training organizations, apprenticeship programs, cooperatives, and businesses in order to achieve economic and social justice for all workers and their families within our shared communities.

From: Pete Schwieger <pjschwieger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposition to Amendment 10

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As sociologist and policing scholar Alex Vitale writes:

"We have to articulate a different vision of justice. We have this degraded notion of justice in the US that's been reduced to punishment and revenge. We need to talk about justice as a strategy for creating safe communities that are healthy and sustainable, that have a future," Vitale said. "We can achieve that not by driving more people into the criminal justice system, not by chasing people around with guns, but by giving them resources to solve their own problems."

Note that the Capitol Neighborhoods Executive Council discussed and, in a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a resolution which calls on the Mayor and Common 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. Amendment #10 does the opposite of this.

Sincerely,
Pete Schwieger
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District 13

Veldran, Lisa

From: John Sorrel W <john.sorrel.weakland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fund crisis intervention center instead of more police

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First off, forgive me for not being familiar with the details of the budget. I was trying to review it but was unable to find the information I was looking for. I just want to express a hope that we can at least eliminate the fear many of us have of calling 911 when someone is having a mental health crisis.

I speak from personal experience. Some years ago, I persuaded a loved one who was going through a psychotic episode to allow her friends to take her to an emergency room for help. She eventually agreed to do this despite being terrified of what would happen due to the paranoia that was part of her psychosis, but which unfortunately was not entirely baseless. We were shocked when, after waiting peacefully in the emergency room, a half-dozen police officers entered the hospital to apprehend my friend. The intake doctor, without notifying any of her friends or family, had called a judge to have her involuntarily committed--after she had voluntarily sought mental health treatment! She responded in terror, which the officers responded to by ordering her to stay calm and for her friends to move away from her. I refused to leave her side and was handcuffed and arrested. She was handcuffed and dragged to the mental hospital. The incident did enormous damage to her trust in the mental health system and, tragically, in her trust in her friends, whom she felt betrayed her. Ironically, the fact that I refused to follow police orders and "interfered with an officer in the performance of duty" was what salvaged a modicum of her trust in me because she saw that I was betrayed along with her. Fortunately, I was only arrested and not killed for refusing to stop being a friend.

This incident did not occur in Madison, but nowhere since have I considered calling 911 if someone was having a non-violent mental health crisis-- because I know armed police will be the ones who will show up and in whose hands the vulnerable person's life will depend. It is utterly obvious that police are inappropriate emergency responders for these situations. The opportunity for disaster is obvious and it scares me to the core.

Recently I attended a meeting with a Westmoreland neighborhood group that is discussing tangible actions we can take toward racial justice. At the meeting, we reviewed a presentation that had been given to Dane County officials on a "crisis restoration center" in Arizona that successfully diverted mental health and drug emergencies away from the police. The group is advocating the creation of such a center and crisis response system--namely, mental health teams instead of police when 911 called for suicide alerts, psychotic episodes, and social problems--instead of a new jail.

I know the county and city are considering setting up such a center and mental health responses services to divert from reliance on police and the jail. I strongly urge this to be an utmost priority.

Rather than funding more law enforcement and jail expansion, I urge the alternatives to policing and incarceration be tried first and that we measure the consequences. In the Arizona case, police calls, arrests, and expensive and terrifying SWAT calls for suicide barricades all plummeted after introducing crisis intervention centers and response. (You may review the slide at 55:00 in the [9/1/2020 Criminal Justice Council presentation](#) for the statistics on this.)

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From: Dan Rolfs <dwrolfs333@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:21 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: MPSEA Operating Budget Message Clarification

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Good evening, City of Madison Alders.

In my testimony at tonight's meeting, I indicated that MPSEA supports the Alternate to Amendment #11 to the Operating Budget. I am writing to clarify that MPSEA opposes mandatory furloughs, which the alternate to Amendment #11 include as currently written. That said, we believe that there are ways to modify the Alternate to Amendment #11 to address this concern.

If furloughs are needed to balance the City's budget, they should be voluntary. Dane County previously had a voluntary furlough program, and we believe it could be replicated here at the City.

General Municipal Employees are already being asked to take no pay raise in 2021, something that MPSEA and our coalition partners agreed to early on in the pandemic. We understand the challenges that our City faces, but further balancing the budget on the backs of General Municipal Employees is not the way to address these problems.

There are funds available to eliminate or minimize this burden on employees. We believe the use of these funds, combined with a voluntary furlough program would help the City address the current budget problems. A snap survey of our members indicates that there is support for a voluntary furlough program, which would allow employees the flexibility to respond to the needs of their household, and ensure that the City's needs continue to be met.

Finally, we are asking you to support the amendment that preserves those positions in the Parking Utility that were originally slated to be laid off. The Finance Committee has already recommended these positions be restored in the budget, and we urge your support for this amendment.

As is often stated, a budget is a statement of priorities. We are urging you to prioritize employees who provide good and faithful service to our fair City.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Rolfs

MPSEA Board President

Member, Coalition of General Municipal Employee voluntary associations

Veldran, Lisa

From: netseek@tds.net
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Police

Recipient: All Alders

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Message:

Please continue to fund the police. Accept the grant for additional officers. With the shootings going up and cars being stolen all over the city, with burglars breaking into occupied houses, this is not the time to cut the police department!

Veldran, Lisa

From: Megan Cain <mcain8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: No on more police, yes on community investment

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To the Madison Common Council,

I am writing to ask that you vote against adding more police officers and instead invest in community services.

Vote against amendment #10 of the operating budget. We do not need more police officers. The police are addressing the symptoms of systemic and institutionalized racism, not the causes. In order to positively impact the lives of Brown and Black people in Madison we need to focus on the causes. All of the inequalities that exist in our city - housing, jobs, income, education, health care, food insecurity, racism, sexism - need more attention and funds to dismantle them.

As an educated and wealthy city we can and should take major action on these issues. We need to show that Black and Brown Lives Matter by redistributing funds to community organizations like Freedom Inc. and Urban Triage who know what our Black neighbors need right now.

Please **do vote** to support the many other budget amendments that invest in the community, like the Crisis Response Team and the Mental Health Triage and Restoration Center.

I know many in our majority white city are afraid of shifting funds from the police force, but I believe this is a direct result of the white supremacist system we all live in. White people are taught to be afraid.

We've seen that increasing funding to the police department over and over again has not solved the issues of our community. Let's try a different path.

Thanks for all of your work on behalf of Madison.

Megan Cain
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4009 Maher Ave.

From: jtcovelli@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Budget/Police

Recipient: All Alders

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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Good morning. I am writing to offer my thoughts on the budget issues. It is concerning that at a time when we have terrifying gun violence in our neighborhoods here on the southwest side, that some would see the need for community policing as anti-black lives matter. The criminals we are facing in our garages are not necessarily black. I don't feel you have done the hard work of parsing the current and systemic problems we are facing. We need a plan in place to stop growing angry displaced children, and, we need to address the crisis of violent youths today. We have begun to address the mental health crisis thanks to Dane County. Should Madison accept a federal grant to fund the police officers we need? You bet. Another winter of covid stress and we're going to explode. With the election over we can start to heal a bit, and create an actual blueprint for our community that will help us reinvent policing and support our citizens. It's not enough to say we will reinvent it. Our lives are at stake.

Veldran, Lisa

From: clpjpp@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:43 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Police Funding

Recipient: All Alders

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Message:

We support accepting the Federal Funding. More Police may not be the only solution but I have not noticed anything but an increase in crime over the last several years when other methods and more funds have been employed. We believe more police would also give them the flexible to work with the other programs that are being requested.

From: Dawn Hearn <dawnhearn@tds.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 11:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Take the federal grant! Don't cut police budget!

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Dear Alders,

Dear Mayor,

Please don't cut the police budget and accept the federal grant. We don't feel safe in Madison with the crime levels that have developed under your reign. Our quality of life with the East Washington Drag Races that occur nightly is going downhill. As well as the crime growing with the encampments.

Please do the right thing for our city and its citizens of all colors.

Dawn Hearn
919 Spaight St
Madison
Lifelong resident

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From: sitadiehl@bellsouth.net
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 11:44 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] BUDGET, Support CARES by reducing Police Recruit Class

Recipient: All Alders

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Message:

During the 2021 budget hearings, I urge you to support an additional 250,000 for a new mental health crisis CARE team based on the CAHOOTS model. The Finance Committee recommends shifting funds within the budget by reducing of the number of police recruits. This makes sense given decades of evidence from Oregon that a CARE program would reduce police calls by 20%. Understanding that the full implementation budget is 1.3 million, I further urge policies to ensure coordination with Dane County to reduce response barriers for those in crisis. Finally, please advocate that the program employ a diverse workforce and fully incorporate of certified peer specialists to ensure that responders can best meet the needs of people in crisis from within their frame of reference. Knowing that the pandemic-induced spike in mental illness will have a lasting effect, Dane County needs to substantially improve crisis response capacity in a cost-effective manner. The CAHOOTS model makes the best use of mental health, medical and law enforcement personnel. Thank you for your service to the people of Madison.