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Hello all City Council members,

My name is Emma Covill and I am emailing you to urge you to reconsider the increased funding for the police department. I personally believe that even within the police department, important things like the Crime Victim Advocacy program are being underfunded while new showers, motorcycles, and riot gear are being proposed.

I think every officer should have to wear a body camera. I think that the investment in riot gear, however, shows to our community that Black Lives Matter protesters are seen as the threat, when they have been non-violent. Why does the police department need to invest in riot gear right now when so many people are BEGGING for funds to go to more important organizations?

I am appalled that the budget for the police is nearly $17 MILLION more than the budget for housing and community programs COMBINED.

I am writing to ask you to close the gap. PLEASE increase the housing and community programs budget significantly, and use some of the money proposed for things like showers, vehicles, and uniforms, to do so.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Emma Covill