

Lord, Angela

From: Allayne Thomas <allayne.thomas@duke.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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Dear City Council,

My name is Allayne Thomas and I am a resident of North Carolina. I am writing to urge you to reconsider the current allocations of funds in this year's budget. Due to the negative effects of the coronavirus, communities are suffering and in need of support. However, the Greensboro Police Department will increase their share, while other important services and resources go underfunded. Reallocate the money to things that can protect us- eviction diversion, rent subsidies, food resources, PPE, Community Services, and more that will increase the sustainability of our community through this moment.

Thank you,

Allayne Thomas

Lord, Angela

From: Davis Osborne <davisosborne1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Rethink the Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about The proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand That the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for community services has decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development had decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over funding the GPD you reallocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community service, and housing programs. I urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Davis Osborne

Lord, Angela

From: GSO Noise <gsonoise@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE

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Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

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Lord, Angela

From: Lorien Bathgate <lorienbathgate@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget increase of GPD

Dear city council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget raise of the GPD. I think that the money should not be placed there and would be better suited if it stayed in community funds. We need to uplift and help our community, but I feel that we don't need to spend more on our police department. Please re-evaluate this plan.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Caroline Farrell <clfarrell01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Regarding the curfew and budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Caroline Farrell

Lord, Angela

From: Amanda <viens.amanda@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget by City Manager David Parrish

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Thank you,
Amanda

AMANDA VIENS
484.653.8984
viens.amanda@gmail.com

Lord, Angela

From: Natalie Mendoza <nataliem.1211@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund GPD

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Natalie Mendoza
-take care

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Kate MacKenzie <katecat2@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, but I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Kate MacKenzie, zip code 27410

Lord, Angela

From: Aliyah Smallwood <aliyahsmallwood00@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensbororising

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Katia Keller <kk3ll3r@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Also, I do not want so much of my taxpayer money to go to uniforms and “detective clothing allowance”. I understand uniforms are expensive, but to have so much of an allowance for uniforms and less for programs that actually help the community that you policing — that is a problem. Make the programs in place better so we have less reasoning for policing, thus less need for more uniforms.

Thank you,
Katia

Lord, Angela

From: Amelia Fox <ameliakfox@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-allocate funds from police to community outreach programs

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Sincerely,

Amelia

Lord, Angela

From: Yasmine Lansari <ylansari16@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Lord, Angela

From: Luce Grace Kokenge Hartsock <lucygrace.kh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Gray, Donna; Parrish, David; Virtual Comment
Subject: Re: Clarification of Budget Concerns from City Manager

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Dear City Officials,

I have received your email with the correct information regarding the budget and I would like to clarify my position. I am against ANY increase to the police budget and would like to see it vastly decreased. I am asking for more of the city's resources actively allocated (which means beyond a small 3% increase of chronically under-resourced budgets, which barely accounts for annual economic inflation) to community resources, and housing for our community.

Thank you

Lucy
400 S Spring St

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 3:39 PM Gray, Donna <Donna.Gray@greensboro-nc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

This information is from the City Manager, David Parrish and is to clarify information about the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget.

- The budget for the Greensboro Police Department has not increased by \$2M. It has increased by 0.3% or \$215,000.
- The Community Services budget has decreased by \$1M. For clarification though, this budget consists of the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Fund. This revenue line item has decreased significantly for next year by 15.6% or \$1,156,373. This is the cause for the significant reduction in what is labeled Community Services by our organization.
- Neighborhood Development's budget was reduced due to reduced administration costs, not any programmatic cuts.

The Parks and Recreation Department budget though has increased by approximately 3%.

The proposed budget document can be found at <https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/home/showdocument?id=45773>

Thank you,

Donna Gray

Community Relations Manager/ADA Coordinator

Legislative Department

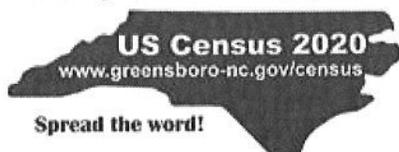
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Lord, Angela

From: Shannel Arellano <shannelnwhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Comment

Dear City Council/City Manager,

I'm emailing/calling you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1 million, with cuts also threatening the GTA and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of this community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation center, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money more uplifting to our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Josh Cook <jboog0513@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Police Department

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community

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-Joshua D. Cook

Lord, Angela

From: Isaiah Jackson <jacksonietj@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Allocation of Funding

Dear City Council,

I'm a university student at UNC Greensboro and I am concerned about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. The budget for Community Services has decreased by one million dollars and the budget for Neighborhood Development has also decreased by \$55,000. I feel like funding to these departments would be better served than giving the Greensboro Police Department a budget increase of two million dollars. I am proud of the community and proud to be a resident here. I feel like the safety of our city would only be strengthened if those funds were put towards bettering our community by creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, community engagement programs, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community instead of over-funding the GPD.

Sincerely,
Isaiah Jackson

Lord, Angela

From: Claire W <claireworsham11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community feedback on proposed budget

Dear City Council,

I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
A concerned citizen

Lord, Angela

From: Elizabeth Sartore <sartdesign@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget comments

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the potential budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro (Sunset Hills) and I am a proud member of my community. I am asking you to re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

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Lord, Angela

From: Kelton Hollister <keltonhollister@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget changes

Dear City Council,

As a longtime Greensboro resident, I am greatly concerned about the proposed budget changes put forth by City Manager David Parrish. Specifically, I am troubled by the proposed overfunding by two million dollars of the Greensboro Police Department and underfunding of Community Services and Neighborhood Development.

As has become obvious over the last week, police departments in general over-police communities of color, especially Black communities. Police departments around this country are using their funding to enact violence upon peaceful protesters. While the GPD have so far held back from using lethal force upon protesters, they teargassed peaceful protesters and allowed white supremacists to accelerate vehicles toward protesters and damage property (including the International Civil Rights Museum) with the express goal of discrediting peaceful protesters and the Black Lives Matter movement, and denied the peaceful protesters a police escort to protect them from white supremacist violence when leaving Sunday night's protests. It should be noted that many of the white supremacists traveled from out of town, whereas most protesters were from Greensboro. If the GPD is supposed to protect and serve Greensboro citizens, why did they teargas their own constituents while allowing outsiders to destroy property and terrorize citizens? Why, when we have a photo of the white supremacist who destroyed an important part of Greensboro's history, has the GPD continued to prioritize enacting violence upon peaceful protesters and enforcing curfew over using the basic photographic evidence readily available to find the person who destroyed an important piece of Greensboro and Black history? If the GPD isn't serving the citizens of Greensboro and already misuses their budget to the detriment of Greensboro communities, how could the City Council justify eroding Greensboro communities further by taking money away from Community Services and Neighborhood Development in favor of overfunding a police department that already uses its bloated funding to discriminate against Greensboro citizens?

In the eight years that I have lived in Greensboro, I have lived in many different areas of the city and have seen firsthand how much certain neighborhoods could benefit from Community Services and Neighborhood Development. Having lived in Glenwood prior to UNC Greensboro's acquisition of most of the area, I saw firsthand how a lack of financial resources and a narrative that overemphasized the crime in the area left my neighbors unable to advocate for their needs and forced many of them from their homes due to UNCG's expansion. I then moved into the Margate on Cone apartments, and was struck by the overpolicing of the area and the frustrations my neighbors felt with police who would come into the community to stop fights or search for drugs without doing any structural work to listen to the needs of the community or provide resources to those staying in abusive relationships or trying to escape a life of crime. This, I think, speaks to the importance of funding community development and services: the police did not serve the community in this way, and in fact actually hindered the ability of residents to better themselves and their community by making them unable to access police resources without risk of harm or arrest.

These issues became most apparent when I moved to the Lindley Park neighborhood. Whereas in Glenwood and the Cone area, I saw police patrolling constantly and performing traffic stops whose goal seemed to us to be based around interrogating the citizenship status of people of color, I almost never saw police patrolling in Lindley. In addition, most of my neighbors were upper middle class or wealthy and almost all were white. There were grocery stores in walking distance, whereas in North and South Greensboro, I often had to drive 20 minutes to a grocery store. My neighbors in Lindley Park were confident enough in their safety from police that they held publicized illegal firework displays on the 4th of July; they also destroyed my Black Lives Matter yard sign on the 4th of July. Again, white people engage in public crime and race-based vandalism, but the GPD were more likely to respond to my neighbors' calls that a Black man they didn't recognize was walking through the neighborhood than prevent illegal activity by white people. Why should we give more funding to a police department that is clearly failing to prevent or address crime perpetrated by white people in favor of focusing on the "crime" of a Black person walking through a white neighborhood?

It is clear to me as a person who has lived in demographically disparate parts of this city and watched Greensboro's crime rates drop due to the tireless work of community advocates rather than police that the only potential moral justification for increasing the budget would be implementing extensive mandatory training on social justice, community engagement, and the role of police in protecting rather than terrorizing marginalized people. That said, I worked in social justice education for years (including consulting with the Greensboro police chief at the time for free), and so I know firsthand that not only are many people willing to do this work for free, but even paid work could not require an extra two million.

The people of Greensboro deserve a police force, budget, and city council that advocate for and protect them. They do NOT deserve a police force that uses its existing budget to attack peaceful protesters to be given two million more to continue behaving in ways more allied with the white supremacists terrorizing our community than the people who need to be protected from them. What the people DO deserve is funding to help improve their communities in tangible and meaningful ways.

Better funding for Community Services could allow victims of domestic violence to get help without getting the police involved (statistically speaking, police involvement leads to a worsening in abuse rather than a lessening), children in underfunded schools can access resources to help them succeed in their education, community center programming can be strengthened to better support residents' needs and provide education opportunities outside of underfunded public schools, food co-op and farming programs can reduce food insecurity and combat the detrimental effects of living in food deserts, and communities can more directly access the services they need. Neighborhood Development initiatives would help address economic disparities that force people in certain parts of town to pay a premium for homes that are structurally unsafe, allow for the improvement or renovation of these substandard homes, help fund recreation centers to provide communities impacted by health disparities and crime with places to go to safely exercise and after school programs to provide youth with positive role models and avoid gang recruitment without enabling police force against Black bodies, and generally provide funding for communities who don't enjoy the historic wealth and privilege afforded to me and my former Lindley Park neighbors because of the color of our skin and the wealthiness of our ancestors.

Ultimately, this decision will be a test not just of the City Council's moral fiber and empathy but its foresight and critical thinking. With trust in government and its commitment to actually serving its citizens at an all-time low, you must act morally and with your constituents at the front of your minds when making this decision. If you believe in the role of government and wish to continue in politics, you must consider both the morality and the optics of every move you make. The loosening of coronavirus restrictions while cases continue to rise in concert with the almost-immediate implementation of a curfew and deployment of police force due to legal, peaceful protest have led many of the people I've spoken to to hold the view that the government prioritizes the interests of businesses and the preservation of inequality over the health and interests of its constituents. You must fulfill your duty to your constituents and your position by taking a strong stance against police brutality, racism, and misuse of governmental funding. You must support Greensboro's growth and improvement through supporting struggling communities rather than funding a department that needs a serious reckoning with its role in our communities before it can be trusted with an increase in funding.

Please imagine how a child from an impoverished area could benefit from programs that prevent recruitment into criminal activity rather than an increase in punishment AFTER a crime is committed. Consider how an initial investment in Community Services and Neighborhood Development will save government money in the long run once businesses and organizations can be financially independent after investment in comparison to a police force whose sole income is based on governmental funding. If you must add to the police's budget (which I say not to give credence to the idea that the GPD needs two million dollars but rather to acknowledge that there are always those who value institutional authority over the rights of individuals), at least do not defund Community Services or Neighborhood Development to do so. Seek outside funding or brainstorm other services to cut. Spread the amount required to be cut around every program so none of them take the enormous hit Community Services and Neighborhood Development will under the proposed budget changes. And while I say this with the knowledge that some would use this as an excuse to discredit my other points, I cannot morally suggest alternative funding methods without also suggesting a cut in salary for the highest-paid city employees. It would barely affect their well-being (if at all) and would give Mr. Parrish, the second-

highest-paid city employee, much more standing with his constituents if he were to propose cutting (or donating a portion of) his own salary for the betterment of his poorest constituents.

Regardless of how you feel about cutting your own salaries, you should at the very least consider alternatives to funding a police force currently enacting violence upon peaceful protests at the literal expense of the communities you are supposed to serve. The only morally correct thing to do in this situation is refuse to cut funding for Community Services and Neighborhood Development and to recognize that the Greensboro Police Department is currently and has historically misused its existing funding to allow for violence and discrimination against Black people and has failed in its duties by teargassing nonviolent Greensboro citizens while allowing white supremacists to enact terror and violence with no repercussions. You must do your duty to your role, yourselves, and most importantly, your constituents, and choose to refuse a two million dollar budgetary increase for the GPD and refuse to cut funding from Community Services and Neighborhood Development. I hope for your own sake and for the sake of all of Greensboro that you do the right thing. Make sure you are on the right side of history; the people of this city are counting on you.

Sincerely and with the full force of moral conviction, Kelton Hollister

Lord, Angela

From: Madison Hines <mhinescreative@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Upcoming budget

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Thank you for reading,
All best,
Madison Hines

Lord, Angela

From: Nakia Hoskins <nhoskins0321@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: Adriana Lane <aslane2@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Citizen Concern Regarding Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Adriana Lane

Lord, Angela

From: Carmen <carmenpenelopem@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: A concerned resident.

Dear City Council,

My name is Carmen Mesa and I am resident of Greensboro, North Carolina. I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GDP you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Carmen Mesa

Lord, Angela

From: miggy232 <miggy232@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: On the city budget

Hello,

I'm writing as a resident of Greensboro regarding the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, discussed during yesterday's (06/02) city council meeting. Specifically, I'd like to voice my opinion that funding for the Greensboro Police Department should be decreased, rather than increased, and the freed up funds ought to be invested in programs that support the health, education, and development of Greensboro's communities. If the aim of policing is to reduce crime and protect its residents, allocating these funds toward programs that provide financial support, educational opportunities, and safe spaces to live and play is entirely consistent with this goal and arguably the most effective way to realize it. This is because, by investing more in the well-being of our communities in order to alleviate poverty, instability, and a lack of opportunity, we will eliminate the primary factors that drive people to harm their neighbors and will find that, in the long run, Greensboro will be a safer and more desirable place to live.

Thank you for your consideration.
Micah Nelson

Lord, Angela

From: Heather Sullivan <hdawnsullivan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Upcoming Budget

Dear City Council/City Manager David Parrish,
I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars, with cuts also threatening the GTA and participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating & strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you for reading,
All best,
Heather Sullivan

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Heather D. Sullivan
Production Associate
501 East Entertainment Inc.
(336) 870-1625

Lord, Angela

From: Ella Rawls <elladrawls@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget for Greensboro

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen of Greensboro, NC

Lord, Angela

From: Jesse Hoyle <jessehoyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Reallocation of items in the budget

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Concerned,

Jesse Hoyle
908 S. Josephine Boyd Street
Greensboro, NC

Lord, Angela

From: Joe Sartore <joesart111@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please support your community

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely, Joseph

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Justin Harmon <justinharmon77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Quit wasting money on the police and support the people!

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. Also, that all city workers are requesting a Step Pay Plan that should be considered this year, not just police and fire. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs and supporting demands of Greensboro City Worker Union UE Local 150 for Step Pay Plan. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Alana Tichenor <alana.napora@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Feedback on Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Alana Tichenor

Lord, Angela

From: Bianca Floyd <bfloyd89@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund GPD

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Dear City Council,

I’m emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

Bianca Floyd

Lord, Angela

From: Reynolds, Adele Ashley <adeler@live.unc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GSO Budget

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Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars, with cuts also threatening the GTA and participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by fifty-five thousand dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I care for the well being of my community, however academic research has shown that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating and strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Adele Reynolds

Lord, Angela

From: Allison Abrams <albrams19@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

I am writing about the proposed budget proposed by city manager David Parrish. I understand that this new budget will increase the budget for the Greensboro police department by two million dollars at the expense of the community services budget that is decreasing by one million dollars. I am a proud member of this community and I believe that our community would be safer and better if, instead of over funding the police department, those funds were reallocated to community services by creating recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to reevaluate the budget and put more money towards uplifting our community.

Thank you,

Allison Abrams

Lord, Angela

From: Aamir Madison <minamaddie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget for Community Services

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Aamir Madison

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Aamir Madison
MBA Candidate '19
Hampton University
Hampton, Va 23668

Lord, Angela

From: Luce Grace Kokenge Hartsock <lucygrace.kh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Parrish, David; Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

Hello David Parrish and City Council Members

I have been a resident of Greensboro for 7 years. I was first called to this city because of its history within the Civil Rights Movement. Now, today, you are a part of that history and many are questioning which side of it you will position yourselves on. I have witnessed first hand the under-investment Greensboro has placed in its housing and community resources - people unable to access safe housing, needing access to resources from their community which simply aren't there or are over-capacity.

I have also witnessed first hand the ineffectiveness of police - escalating situations and endangering community members because they are used so ubiquitously as a force to "solve" issues caused by poverty, houselessness, and other issues which our city should be actively investing in to solve. Instead of offering to help Marcus Smith, who came to them asking for assistance, they bent his body backwards, hogtied, and murdered him.

I am calling on you as the city manager to divest money from the police force and re-invest budget to community services, Neighborhood Development and Housing. To give small % increases on budgets that have been long under-resourced, while maintaining increases to a police budget that has always seen its coffers full would be a disgrace when so many have contacted your office(s) today as concerned and proud Greensboro residents believing in you and believing you will use the positions you have to do good.

Thank you for your time.

Lucy

Lord, Angela

From: Devon Mcknight <devonm8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: defund the police department

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I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

#defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith

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Devon McKnight
336.402.1974
www.devonmcknight.com

Lord, Angela

From: Stacia Tyson <sntyson@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs and even bettering our health services for the youth and elderly of this community. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

A concerned citizen,

Stacia Tyson

Lord, Angela

From: Devon Mcknight <devonm8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: defund the police

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I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

#defundpolice #justiceformarcusmith

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Devon McKnight
336.402.1974
www.devonmcknight.com

Lord, Angela

From: Phoebe Dell <phoebedell9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget for Greensboro

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Phoebe Dell

Lord, Angela

From: Joel Ragan <joelaragan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

My name is Joel Ragan and I am a resident of Greensboro, NC. I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by city manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for neighborhood development has decreased by \$55,000. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of overfunding the GPD, you reallocated those funds and put them toward bettering the community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and consider spending more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

Joel Ragan

Lord, Angela

From: Gui Portel <guiportel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re: Please Reconsider FY20-21 Budget

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Hey there!

Just wanted to let you know, I still feel the same about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. DEFUND THE POLICE!

I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you!

Gui Portel

artist // organizer
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On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 11:58 AM Gui Portel <guiportel@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Greensboro City Council,

My name is Gui Portel and I live at 1108 Highland Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403.

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars (**this is not okay!**), while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars.

I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. **I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget with our tax dollars and spend more money uplifting our community.**

#GREENSBORORISING

In solidarity,

Gui Portel

artist // organizer
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Lord, Angela

From: Bill McNeil <mcneilplanning@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Support all city workers with Step Pay Plan

I support including all city workers in the Step Pay Plan, not just police and fire personnel. Looking specifically at police personnel each officer' bias in treatment of people of color should be considered in pay raises and disciplinary action. I encourage much more funding for and attention to training in non-violent methods of de-escalating confrontations.

Thanks for considering these views.

Bill McNeil

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: webmaster@greensboro-nc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Council Virtual Meeting

Recipients: virtualcomment@greensboro-nc.gov
Sender subject: Community Feedback on Proposed Budget
Sender name: Arianna Alvarez
Sender email: ariannamalvarez@gmail.com

It's plain and simple - invest in community development and community initiatives that make Greensboro amazing. Instead of giving the police a blank check, put the money into making communities beautiful and sustainable. It goes without saying that the protests shedded light on what needs to happen in Greensboro. Greensboro deserves investments that better the people, it does not deserve a funded police force that hurts its constituents. I would like the council to consider a pull back on police funding because it's clear that the police does more harm than good.

Lord, Angela

From: kate benallal <fevadogbenlog@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund Police

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

By highly funding the GPD, you are empowering their role in society, and giving them a false sense of control and a passage to unlawful behavior. I have seen them misuse their power and resources time and time again, endangering the citizens/pets/pedestrians/overall lives of this city. Take action now, please.

Thank you,
Kate Benallal

Lord, Angela

From: Sherry Giles <hollyce.giles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget- Increase funding for Community Services and decrease funding for GPD

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Sincerely,

Hollyce C. Giles

Lord, Angela

From: Katie McKnight <katiemmck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Call to Action

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Thank you,
Katie

Lord, Angela

From: Carter Overbey <c.overbey97@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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As a long time citizen of Greensboro NC, my entire family and I are appalled at the notion that the police department will receive additional funding this year over projects that are more essential to the community. I have witnessed first hand as well as across social media that Greensboro’s police department is beyond funded enough. It is at least funded enough for the police department to continue abusing their power amid nation wide protests. I feel that the budget needs to be revised to reflect the public’s sentiment. We’re the police department actually used to serve and protect ALL citizens this would be a different story but that is not that case and if you believe that it is you’re have blinded yourself from an obvious truth.

With incredible hurt and frustration
Carter Overbey

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Carolina Herrera <cnherrer@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Doug McCollum <dougmcollum05@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensbororising

Lord, Angela

From: Izabela Lane <imlane@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Citizen Concern of Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

Izabela Lane

Lord, Angela

From: Donovan Beatty <djbeatty97@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defunding Police

Hello my name is Donovan Beatty and as we know the relationship between the people in our community and the police barely exist if at all cause the people don't trust them. With the amount of money the police receives yearly only ends up doing more harm than good as there are multiple places that money could be placed to help better our infrastructures, fund recreation centers, and better our communities in general to keep them away from trouble in the first place. More focus needs to be put in education and making sure the safety and well being of Greensboro citizens are upheld instead of putting more money into a system no one trust. As we see with the curfew and police officers with military grade equipment, people don't feel safer or abide by the law more just because more police are out or because the police have better equipment. Please think about your citizens and their needs and what can truly make the city of Greensboro better over control. Thank you

Lord, Angela

From: Andrew Worsham <worshamandrew@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Curfew and Budget Proposal

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To whom it may concern,

I moved to Greensboro in 8th grade from a small predominantly white town in the Midwest, and the diversity in Greensboro really stood out to me as a young kid. That was 9 years ago now, and I am still grateful that Greensboro’s diversity exposed me to so many new ideas and experiences. I appreciated the fact that Greensboro was home to all sorts of people, and to see that the leadership in Greensboro is using unfair curfews in an attempt to silence its population’s protests for justice is incredibly disappointing. Greensboro already faces huge economic and social inequalities between white and black people, and to restrict the population’s right to protest for a more equitable system for black people in our country is both unfair and unjust.

In addition to the restrictions on the population’s right to protest, it has also come to my attention that Greensboro leadership plans to increase the budget of the Police Department. I have heard that it could be a multimillion dollar increase, but in my own research, I found that on page 124 of the Manager’s Recommended FY 20-21 budget (<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/home/showdocument?id=45773>) it says that “The Police Department FY 20-21 Recommended Budget is increasing by \$215,042, or 0.3%.” I was unable to clarify where the information regarding the multimillion dollar increase came from, but in my opinion, it doesn’t matter whether it is a \$215,042 increase or a multimillion dollar increase. With all the protests surrounding police brutality and the inherent flaws with our country’s police departments, it does not make sense to me why we would want to increase funding to an organization that treats so many of our population unfairly.

Please end the unfair curfew that silences protestors and please rethink the proposed 20-21 budget.

Thank you,
Andrew Worsham

Lord, Angela

From: Jay Coston <costonclique@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by 455,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community; however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you reallocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community (creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs). I urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting the community!

Thank you,

Nicole Coston

Lord, Angela

From: Reem Saed <reemsaed01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Police Department Funding Concern

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,

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Lord, Angela

From: Adrienne Flippin <adrienneflippin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Flippin

Lord, Angela

From: Hilliary Johnson <hilliary.j2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

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Hilliary Johnson
Proud Greensboro Citizen

Lord, Angela

From: wrightatiah06@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please Read!! Thank you!!

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: twright2804 <twright2804@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Phone.

Lord, Angela

From: Claire Stromberg <clairestromberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funding plea

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing about the proposed budget presented by City Manger David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro and a proud member of my community, however I believe Greensboro would be a safe place if you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community by creating neighborhood recreation centers, community housing programs and community services,etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

Claire Stromberg
302 Shannon Dr
Greensboro, NC 27405

Lord, Angela

From: andiandi2009@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Lord, Angela

From: Meredith Kreeger <mkr33g@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget FY 2020-21

I am emailing about the proposed Greensboro budget for FY 2020-21.

I urge you to re-evaluate the budget and invest more money in Community Services and bettering our communities.

Lord, Angela

From: sommer fanney <sfanney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Council Feedback - Lift Greensboro Curfew

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the city-wide curfew that affects Greensboro from 8pm-6am daily. The curfew is a barrier to peaceful protesters who want to share their voice to the city, and is a barrier and potential danger to citizens who travel to and from and for work during those hours. A curfew allows an additional timetable for and reason to arrest people who may be innocently traveling to and from work during these hours, and black and brown citizens are especially at risk due to implicit biases we all hold in this society, and because of the anti-racist protests that have been occurring daily which have had many black and brown members of our community present. I understand that the city wants to prevent more damage to property, but it isn't right that many who have not perpetrated this damage are at a heightened risk because of the curfew that was put in place in response.

Please lift the curfew and consider alternative ways to support local businesses who have suffered damages as well as economic hardship due to Covid-19.

Thank you.

Greensboro Resident Sommer

Lord, Angela

From: James Tunstall <jimmytunstall@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget for GSO OD

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Respectfully,
James Tunstall

Lord, Angela

From: Bee Kay <bforpetitionsandcauses@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Lord, Angela

From: Emily Martin <erosemartin99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Thank you,
Emily Martin

Emily Martin

Lord, Angela

From: Lexi Brunner <lexibrunnerr@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from My iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Jahnvi Kumar <kumarj@guilford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Feedback

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Thank you,
Avi Kumar

Lord, Angela

From: Zolfa Alabadani <zolfaa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

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Respectfully,

Zolfa Allamadani

Lord, Angela

From: Bonnie DeBlois <bdeblois5@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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Sincerely

Bonnie DeBlois

Lord, Angela

From: Deayvion Dixon <deayviond@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:58 PM
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Lord, Angela

From: Will England <willenglandcomposer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:38 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please defund the police department.

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Hello,

I understand that community funding is being decreased and police department funding is being increased. I am disappointed and I do not agree with this.

I want the Greensboro Police Department to be defunded.

Will England
B.M., Jazz Saxophone
The Miles Davis Jazz Studies Program
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2016
614.329.1915
willenglandcomposer@gmail.com

I am a human being; nothing human can be alien to me.
- Terence

Lord, Angela

From: Rani Panchit <ranipanchit@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Rani Panchit

Lord, Angela

From: Zainab Hasan <zainabhasanzh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Concerned citizen

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Sajjad, Mona <msajjad119@rams.wssu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:26 PM
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Subject: Defund the GPD

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From: Abiha Hasan <abihahasanmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:17 PM
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Abiha Hasan

Lord, Angela

From: Taylor Cope <tscope91@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Taylor Cope

Lord, Angela

From: StrawberryJelly96 <cnllanham96@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GPD Budget

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C.L.

Lord, Angela

From: Hadaya Keitt <hadayapk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Cordially,
Hadaya P. M. Keitt
(803) 667-2948

Lord, Angela

From: abby gray <abbylanegray@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Thank you,
Abby Gray

Lord, Angela

From: Elizabeth Kilgore <elizabethkilgore@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Important: Concerning Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your time.

Lord, Angela

From: Marianna Norwood <mariannahnorwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Marianna Norwood

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Keyuna Lambert <keyunalambert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:27 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Dear City Council...

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Lord, Angela

From: Brigid Meier <brigid.meier4@gmail.com>
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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Kristin Austin <kristinreaaustin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Thank you for your consideration,

Kristin Austin

Lord, Angela

From: Rachel Samuels <rachel.samuels42@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Have y'all lost your minds?

Hi,

My name is Rachel Samuels. I am a tax paying citizen in this city. For the past 3 days y'all have been buzzing my phone with an emergency alert overwindows. There's no tornado, no school bomber, it's just a curfew to protect the windows of the downtown office buildings. Y'all have lost your minds.

It's bad enough our mayor wants to rip me off and build a parking garage. She wants to hide behind a black police chief but do nothing to protect black and brown citizens in this city. Now y'all cowtow to our Fascist in Chief (may God forever screw him).

If y'all want to really crack down on people start with cutting the police department budget. Do something for the family of Marcus Deon Smith, and realize we need to have a way of recalling y'all before your term is up. You guys are incompetent and need to go. All of you including Mayor Vaughn.

I think it's time to cut the police budget in half and fix those schools y'all can't find the money for. You can look through the complaints and fire the officers with the most of them. Less of them would be better for me and my tax paying neighbors.

By the way f your gd curfew. I am supposed to have freedom of movement in this country. Last I looked y'all get tax money from me but are favoring the Waltons. They live in Arkansas and have billions. So what if their windows get smashed. Do something for your populace for once. Oh wait, I forgot y'all get those kickbacks. Maybe we need to look at that to and prosecute some of y'all, ahem Mayor Vaughn.

Yours quite disrespectfully as you are our problem,

Rachel Samuels

Lord, Angela

From: leah parrish <lparrish2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget proposal

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Leah Parrish
Greensboro, NC

Lord, Angela

From: Amanda Djukic <amandadjukic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:18 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for Community Services has been decreased. Instead of allocating more funds to the GPD consider to re-allocated those funds to trades-based vocational training programs for greatly in-demand trades jobs like electrical, HVAC, plumbing, low-voltage wiring, food service, auto-mechanics, nursing along with neighborhood recreation centers and community services. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money helping the East Greensboro citizens get skills to secure good paying, long term jobs.

Amanda Djukic

Lord, Angela

From: Joe Fisher <jfisher@smartchoiceagents.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Reinvest in COMMUNITY CARE!

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To Whom It May Concern;

I’m emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that projected expenditures for the Greensboro Police Department are over \$2 million higher than 2019-20 actuals. It appears the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars, with cuts also threatening the GTA and participatory budgeting. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. This is unacceptable. For the wellbeing of the residents of Greensboro and the surrounding communities.

As recent graduates of High Point Central, My daughters have provided me details of a number of occasions where Black and Brown students were targeted by police intervention. While I don’t know the details of the projected budget increase, generally speaking, I’m concerned that any spending to increase FTEs will exacerbate police presence in vulnerable communities, like schools. I would like to go on record as opposing this for the current budget, if applicable, and for future budget considerations.

It is my hope funds be used to train our existing police force to confront implicit bias. I truly believe that this would be welcomed by officers currently on the force, and provide them with improved skillsets to deescalate situations more efficiently, which would ultimately require fewer officers. This along with additional resources for community care will move the city of Greensboro and all of Guilford County forward in a time when competing cities are back sliding.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Fisher

Joe Fisher

Office: (336) 217-4657 | Cell: (336) 687-5866

jfisher@smartchoiceagents.com



Lord, Angela

From: Ren Rosewood <renrosewood27@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Proposal

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Lord, Angela

From: Alexandra Koch <Alex.noKoch@web.de>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:15 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Lord, Angela

From: Weston Crutchfield <westoncrutchfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: De-funding the police

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Dear City Council,

I’m emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department, which is already \$78 million, has been increased while the budget for Community Services has been decreased. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs, etc. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Black lives matter,

Weston Crutchfield

Lord, Angela

From: jvette garcia <cheska1244@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Janelle Abad <janelleabad43@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,
Janelle Abad

Lord, Angela

From: Hussein, Areej <areej@live.unc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Social Budget Concerns

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Dear City Council,

I have been a resident of Greensboro almost my entire life. I am very upset about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. The police budget has been increased by \$2 million dollars while the budget for community services has been decreased by \$1 million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a proud member of my community. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over funding the GPD, you would re-allocate those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Regards,
Areej Hussein

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Lord, Angela

From: Tay Whitty <taywhitty@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Lord, Angela

From: Jayden Cyrus <jrcyrus@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

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Thank you,
Jayden Cyrus