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**From:** Casey Jones <jonescaseye@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:30 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Proposal

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.

Please think of what this will say as a statement, during the current events we are battling with. We are not a "Law and Order" City, we are a community.

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**From:** cmdoming@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:30 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Issue with the 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. This is unacceptable. Our community needs support and care. Overfunding GPD actually puts our community at risk (of over policing and police violence) and means that there will not be funds for needed programs that actually serve members of community and better our community.

I am a resident of Greensboro and have been since 2012. I love this city and am a proud member of my community. 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. Please, now more than ever it is the time to make a decision that cares for and nourishes people and communities directly. I hope you will do the right thing and reshape the budget.

Sincerely,

Cristina Dominguez

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mimi Smith-DeCoster <smithdecoster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:33 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Fully fund community services!

Dear City Council,

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Miriam Smith-DeCoster

2302 Fernwood Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408

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**From:** Sarah Reiland <derisann1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Defund the police

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**From:** Mary Smith <mks4961@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed city budget

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All the best,  
Mary Smith, PhD

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**From:** Lindsey Gulya <ljgulya@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** NO MORE FUNDING FOR GPD

Dear City Council,

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I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensbororising

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**From:** April Forsbrey <aprilforsbreyipc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Funding

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April Forsbrey

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**From:** Chasity Wagner <sillychas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Funding

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Thank you for listening,  
Chasity Wagner

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Chris Veneris <chrisncthespians@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** funding

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Best,

Chris Veneris

Co-Chapter Director NCEdTA

NC Representative EdTA Advocacy Leadership Network

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**From:** Victoria Hussey <snvhussey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Cc:** Sean R Hussey  
**Subject:** Proposed budget

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Best regards,

Victoria Hussey

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**From:** Nicole Aquilina <nikki.bat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed budget

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Sincerely,  
Nicole Aquilina

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**From:** Tori Howerton <veh30@triad.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Community 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. It has been proven in various cities that when the money is directed towards building the community and not the police, the crime rate is reduced and the community becomes stronger. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Tori Howerton

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**From:** Todd Gillen <toddgillen91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Police funding

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.

Best,  
Todd W. Gillen

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**From:** Chelsea Evans <cnevans09@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:51 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Reconsider the 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.

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**From:** Jimmy <jimmysmith130@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:51 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment

"Dear City Council,

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**From:** Kelsey Brand <kelseybrand5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:53 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Concerns

Dear City Council/City Manager,

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.

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**From:** richard hornsby <richard.hornsby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:53 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed budget

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Sincerely,

Richard Hornsby  
Greensboro, NC

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**From:** Martha Adams-Cooper <martharadamscooper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** City Council funding for the GPD

Dear City Council,

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Please do the right thing by supporting community efforts instead of continuing to overrun an already bloated police system.

With sincere hope for systemic change and justice, Martha Rose Adams-Cooper

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**From:** Kelsey Brand <kelseybrand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Fwd: Budget Concerns

Dear City Council/City Manager,

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**From:** Ciara Healey <healeyciara@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Please

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Please, please, please. Research. We can really cause positive change for the community, starting here. For the benefit of ALL.

Sincerely,  
Ciara Healey

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Melissa Richard <melissajrichard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Invest in 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 — and with much care and love for Greensboro,

Melissa J Richard, Ph.D

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**From:** Randall Simmons <randallcsjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:56 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** City Comments

Dear City Council,

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-Randall Simmons

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**From:** Madeleine Klee <m.klee196@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed 2020 budget

Dear Greensboro 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 \$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,  
Madeleine Klee

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**From:** Hilary Flint <flinthj@guilford.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Cut -- PLEASE Reevaluate!

Dear City Council,

My name is Hilary Flint, and 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 reallocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community. For instance, creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I strongly urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you.

Hilary Flint

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**From:** Anjelica Latora <aclatora@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,

Anjelica Latora

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**From:** Haley Mann <vhmann1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:00 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,

Haley Mann

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**From:** Cierra Wakefield <cierrawake@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Funding

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Thank you for listening,  
Cierra Wakefield

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tiffany Albright <tiffany.a.albright@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** prioritize community services, not more police training and equipment

Dear City Council,

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Tiffany Albright  
Greensboro resident  
Downtown employee

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**From:** Donovan McKnight <mcknight.donovan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

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With Respect,

Donovan McKnight

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**From:** Betsy Oldenburg <betsy.oldenburg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:04 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** city budget

Dear City Council,

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Thank you,  
Betsy Oldenburg

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Betsy Oldenburg  
336) 288-3145

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**From:** griffetha <griffetha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget comment

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**From:** Kelsey Daniel <krdaniel7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Concerns

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I realize the importance of the police in the community, but there is evidence to show that by investing in programs specifically for our black and brown communities, we are much more likely to cut down on incarceration and crime, over just being concerned about incarceration of those communities. It’s extremely concerning that during COVID and the protest of police brutality and killings of folks like George Floyd, that the Greensboro police department is being allotted additional funding although it’s being taken away from other areas of the community.

Please address and fix this. As someone who is extremely involved in the Greensboro community, I want to feel proud of what our local government is doing.

If you’d like to reference any additional information on what it looks like when more investment is made in community infrastructure, please check out the following research journals:

[https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/99262/public\\_investment\\_in\\_community-driven\\_safety\\_initiatives\\_1.pdf](https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/99262/public_investment_in_community-driven_safety_initiatives_1.pdf)

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Incarceration-and-Crime-A-Complex-Relationship.pdf>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Kelsey Daniel

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**From:** Susannah Weaver <susieqrw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget 6/3/20

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 \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro could be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put it 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 enriching and uplifting our community.

Sincerely,  
Susannah

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**From:** Carolyn Deberry <cadeberry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** NO to increasing GPD 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.

Carolyn de Berry  
Greensboro, NC

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Emma Parrish <exparrish@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Proposal-GSO 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. Imagine how much safer our communities could be if we had fully funded community programs and social services? We are not immune to police brutality. It happens in Greensboro and we've had enough.

With respect,  
Emma Parrish

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**From:** Motley Studio <hello@motleync.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Please Rethink FY20-21 Budget Proposal

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Dear City Council and Mayor Vaughan,

We're emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. We 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. We are residents of Greensboro, and we are proud members of our community, however we 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. We urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

**Chelsea and the Motley Team**

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**From:** Leanna Kantt <kanttl@guilford.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:16 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Unacceptable budget issue.

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. This is absolutely unacceptable. I am a former resident of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community that I plan to move back to after grad school, 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. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Leanna Kantt

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Guilford College 2019  
Chemistry Major, Integrated Sciences Minor

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**From:** Carrie Hart <carrie.e.hart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:16 AM  
**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 proud member of the Greensboro community and 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.

Best,

Carrie Hart

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**From:** Jesse Penick <jespenick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:17 AM  
**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 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 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, mental health, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

There is a need for police. I don't argue that point, but we have been trying to solve too many problems with that single solution, which is neither good for the officers' ability to provide their true service with compassion, nor is it good for the communities they serve.

Fund the needs instead of policing them.

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**From:** Darisee Peebles JR. <dariseejr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:19 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Unsatisfied with future budget proposal

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 was a resident of Greensboro for over 20 years, and I am a proud member of my community. I went to school all throughout the eastern and northern districts throughout the city, I played on the public playgrounds, I wandered the streets at night. 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. Please consider doing your community is asking. #justiceformarcussmith and all others who have their lives endangered every day by funding an evil, and racist tool like the modern-day police force. Give more to our communities and the people that call this city home!

Passionately,  
Darisee Peebles Jr.

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**From:** Linda Veneris <lindavforvictory@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** City budget 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.

Linda Veneris  
District 4

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Morgan Westerman <morganwesterman50512@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Proposal Feedback

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 have been a resident of Greensboro for over 30 years 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. The recent actions of the GPD do not warrant this extra funding. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,  
Morgan Westerman

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**From:** Catt <catt.livengood@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:20 AM  
**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.

Thank you.  
Catt Livengood

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**From:** Anne Parsons <aparso2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Decrease the Budget for the Greensboro Police Department

To Whom It May Concern,

We are working professionals and parents who live in Greensboro and we are writing to ask that you decrease the budget for the Greensboro Police Department. The protests in the streets require that we respond with more community supports, not less. We cannot provide adequate resources for our neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing if we continue to give millions to the police department.

We ask that you reduce the Greensboro Police Department's budget and instead shift the funds to much-needed community services.

Thank you,

Anne and Bastian Parsons  
6209 Elderbush Drive, Greensboro, NC 27405

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**From:** Carrie Pazdziora <brokenlullaby7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Please Fund Our Community

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Thanks!

Carrie

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[www.carriepaz.com](http://www.carriepaz.com)

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**From:** Sara Schuetzman <sschuetzman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment

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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**From:** Erin Speer <erinfarrell@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:23 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Greensboro 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 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.

A resident of Latham Park,

Erin Farrell Speer  
Director/Choreographer  
310-701-5668  
erinfarrell@mac.com  
Asst Professor of Musical Theatre  
UNC Greensboro

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**From:** Rebecca Long <ralong@gtcc.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:23 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Feedback

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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 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 and strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money in a way that is more uplifting to our wonderful community in Greensboro.

Thank you.

Rebecca Long

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**From:** Cindy Metzger <metzger\_cindy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Plan

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.

Signed, a long time Greensboro resident, Cindy Metzger

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**From:** Emily Zody <emily.zody@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:25 AM  
**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.

Emily Zody

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**From:** emilyelovitz <emilyelovitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Re-Allocating Funds

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Thank you.

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**From:** S. Jedrey <sejedrey@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Community feedback - Do not support proposed budget

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To the Greensboro City Council,

I am emailing about City Manager David Parrish’s proposed budget. I do **not** support that budget. I urge the Council to reject it for the following reasons.

My understanding is that the budget for the Greensboro PD has been **increased** by \$2 million. I also understand the budget for Community Services has been **decreased** by \$1 million and the budget for Neighborhood Development has **decreased** by \$55,000.

I came to Greensboro for university, left for economic reasons and then came back and bought a home. I chose this city.

However, Greensboro would be a safe place if funding went to solving the source of the problems the police are intended to address. Do not over-fund the GPD and escalate tensions.

Instead, please re-allocate those \$2 million, and invest in bettering our city.

Suggestions:

- neighborhood recreation centers
- community services
- housing programs
- other support to homeless populations that help get them into stable housing that in turn set them up for independence

Please re-evaluate the proposed budge. Spend that money in ways that actually improve the city.

Regards,  
Sarah Jedrey

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kashawna Alexander <kjalexander@aggies.ncat.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** DEFUND THE DEPARTMENT

From the Students and Residents of Greensboro,  
As a COMMUNITY, we know (not feel/think, we know) that the budget will be better spent towards the neighborhoods in need of support and housing programs in need of better funding. In addition to community services in favor of the people of Greensboro.

Don't fail the people of Greensboro.

*Lord, Angela*

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**From:** Ashley Leonard <ashleymleonard1580@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:30 AM  
**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 police department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased to one million dollars. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro and a proud member of my community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of overfunding the police you reallocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services and housing programs. I urge you to evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,  
Ashley Leonard

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**From:** Nicholas Keyes <nicholas.keyes16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:30 AM  
**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

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**From:** Abby Karp <abbykarp@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Fund neighborhoods not police

Dear city council members,

To make GSO safe for all residents, please put the money back on Neighborhood Development. That's what makes a community work, not more money for policing.

Thank you.

Abby Karp

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**From:** Jennifer Owens <saalem\_owens@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Opposition to Budget Proposal

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Jennifer Owens  
District 4

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**From:** Joel Gainey <jwgainey@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Community Budget Change Proposal

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Dear City Council,

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Thank you,  
Joel Gainey, a deeply concerned citizen

From: Jeff Aguiar <gryph131@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:31 AM  
To: Virtual Comment  
Subject: 2020-2021 Budget Proposal

To the Mayor, City Manager and the City Council,

I am writing to ask that the proposed budget be amended to decrease the \$2M increase for the Greensboro Police Department while increasing community development services in the sum of \$1M plus additional considerations for infrastructure and service development. While there may not be direct intention in crafting the narrative to read any particular way, it is vital to consider that some of what the communities sees is increased investment in policing while decreasing vital social services for those in need, hurt and harmed by "business as usual".

Divesting from community services in a time when hardship for citizens, residents, the itinerant and chronic experiences of homelessness, are rising seems ill-advised. Particularly with the lack of federal and state coordination: Assuming that federal bills like the CARES acts will come through when the Republican Senate Majority Leader has dragged his feet and the faces of the general American public in the mud, is dangerous. It is a risk that, no matter the outcome, **I, as a long-time Greensboro resident and community member cannot support.** Divesting from community services when those very services need the infrastructure support to transition to a new way of "doing business" and the inflated volume that will be experienced as a result, seems folly for a city presumably focused on uniting the community for harmony and progress.

This effort seems even more unconscionable when we consider a \$2M increase to GPD funds; a doubling down, if you will. On one hand, it tells the story of leadership concerned with property values and entrenchment while also devaluing the work of social services--long-term proven approaches to strengthening communities in developed nations (reference countries like Canada and those in northern Europe). Perhaps it speaks to the ability of the police force to provide hard numbers and direct outcomes that justify such an increase. Maybe it's the fear of what will happen if we divest from state-sanctioned approaches to violence and conflict. **Whatever the case may be, there are yet more cases where police department budgets are not bloated and constructive change is still made.** Examination of recruitment and on-boarding processes; performance evaluation and accountability (including the functionally impotent community review board; impotent used to underscore the patriarchal nature of this budgeting strategy) indicates small budget increases with continuous external accountability.

That doesn't cost \$2M. It ultimately raises the question of what it is that we, as a city and a community, are choosing to lift up as central to our combined success. **Since we don't have that itemized wish list from GPD, I can only assume that we have to blindly trust this investment which makes it feel very uncomfortable.** Especially since events earlier this week, where escalatory action performed by GPD is documented through FB live feeds like those of Triad City Beat and local organizers, demonstrates that on-going work need not be fiscally rewarded, but increased accountability be utilized. As we recognize in education, success is met with the reward of heightening expectations, not complacency.

I urge all decision-makers--elected and appointed--to not just shallowly consider the optics of this decision but to recognize what has become, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, another clarion call across this nation, reverberating across the globe: **how we have been doing things does not work. How we have made decisions hurts people while directly benefitting others. We are all implicated in this but only some of us are complicit.**

Please also seriously consider this particular allocation in light of the \$500,000 of previously allotted funds for participatory budgeting. The message screams loud and clear: we'll "perform" change, to see if we can trust you, but we're going to make sure we--the city elite--protect what's ours. Unfortunately, that doesn't include all of our communities. Too bad, so sad.

Is this the story we want to center in Greensboro? On many days up to this point, it is the story I have heard. It is the story I resist in the ballot box. It is a narrative that needs reframing because if we aren't fully leaning into wealth redistribution, the least we can do is stop increasing funding for "social services" that only protect the few and ALL the property. It speaks to an ethical misuse of funds.

Thank you for considering this perspective and continuing to do the necessary hard work. Those of us out here living emancipatory, liberatory approaches are often not invited to the table through the ballot box, so we are left with only these systemic levers to effect constructive change.

Sincerely,

Jeff Aguiar  
1428 Bridford Parkway, Apt. B  
Greensboro, NC 27407

*Lord, Angela*

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**From:** Julia Tasho <tashoje@guilford.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing about the proposed budget proposed by David Parrish. I understand that the GPD budget has been increased by \$2 million while community services, GTA, participatory budgeting, and neighborhood development have been decreased. Specifically, there is a proposed \$55,000 decrease in the budget for Neighborhood Development. This department is an invaluable asset to those of us who live here in Greensboro, especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to economic hardship.

I am a resident of Greensboro and I am proud to be a community member in this city. I am writing to ask that you not approve this additional \$2 million to the police but rather re-allocate the funds to these other services and programs. Greensboro will be a safer place if you stop over-funding GPD and instead provide these kinds of services for our city's residents. I urge you to reconsider the proposed budget and use this money to uplift our amazing community rather than stifle it.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Julia Tasho

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**From:** Logan Chidester <loganchid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:32 AM  
**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 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,

Logan Chidester

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**From:** Robert Stoesen <robertstoesen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Proposal

Dear City Council,

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I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,  
Robert Stoesen  
Greensboro, NC

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**From:** Morgan Bredon <morgan.bredon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Dear City Council

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Regards,  
Morgan Bredon

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**From:** zeroceres <zeroceres@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** City Budget

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Regards,  
Christiane Vaca

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**From:** Holly Harris <holly.calkins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:35 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** 2021 budget should focus on building instead of policing our neighborhoods

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget for 2021 presented by City Manager David Parrish.

It is disappointing that Greensboro's already inflated police budget is slated for another increase while our neighborhood development funds are shrinking. Are we really about to direct significantly more money to policing citizens than housing, feeding, and caring for them?

Research shows that drawing down police funding leads to safer communities with less violence. Greensboro should begin to draw down police funding and increase budgets for housing programs, feeding hungry citizens, and investing in neighborhood development.

The triad is in a housing crisis with a significant lack of affordable housing available. Shifting money from bloated police budgets will allow us to build more housing and rental units that are safe and affordable for residents. We should invest in our communities and provide support in ways that don't result in imprisonment or injury to citizens. In the future, I would like to see a continued decrease in police funding and new measures for providing health care in the form of free clinics, mental health care, and addiction services for residents.

I am a longtime Greensboro resident. I grew up here and am raising a family here. I hope we can continue to improve our community together in ways that improve quality of life for residents instead of siphoning more money away from neighborhoods to the police.

Thank you!

Holly Harris  
Greensboro District 5

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**From:** Sarah Sills <sarahbsills@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:35 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** GPD Budget

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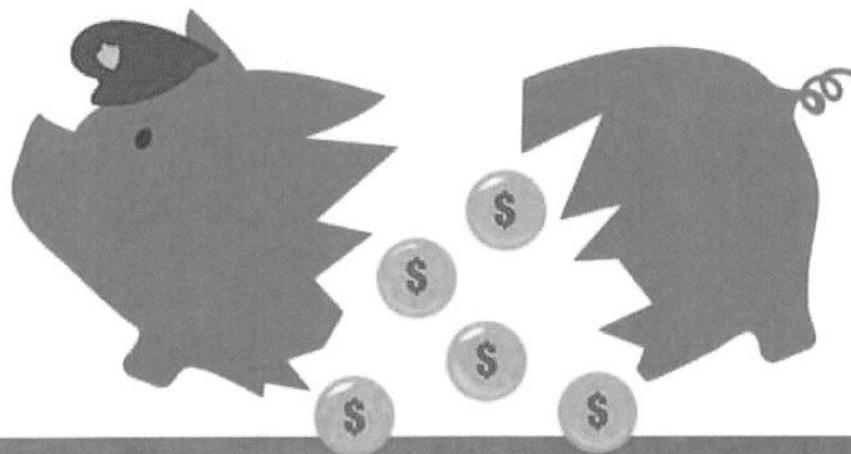
**From:** Britney Jacobs <britney.a.jacobs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Concerned Citizen  
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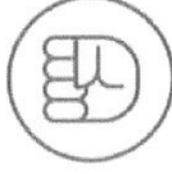
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**GREENSBORO CITY COUNCIL IS  
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**What do you think about the budget?**

**How do you feel about the city-wide curfew?**

**Call City Manager David Parrish: 336-373-2002**

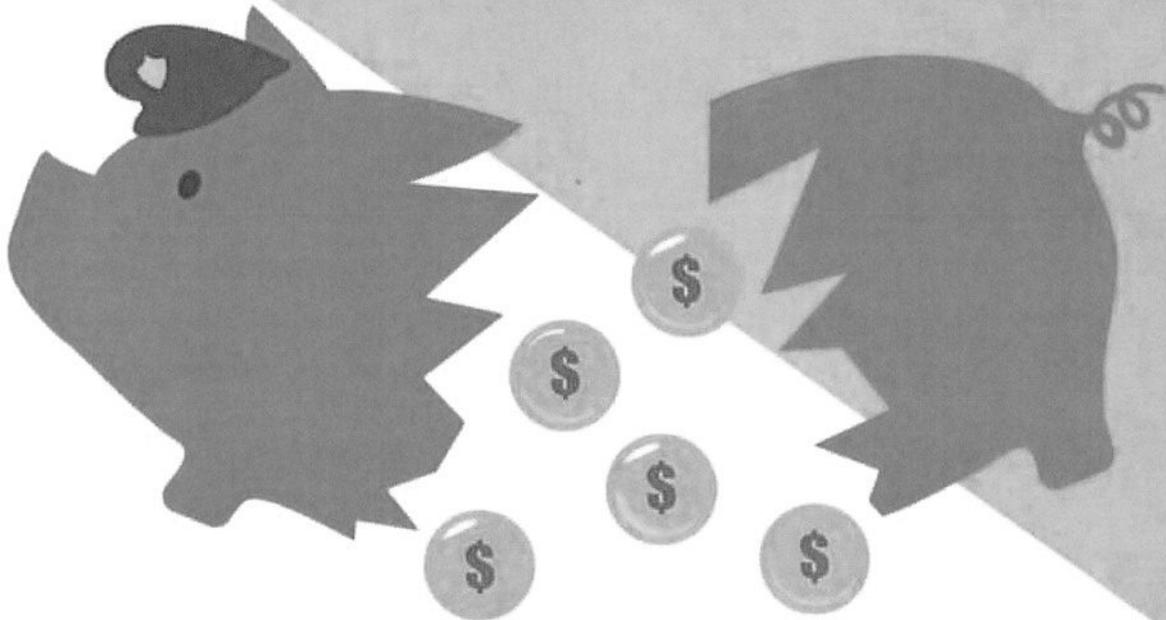
**Email City Council: [virtualcomment@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:virtualcomment@greensboro-nc.gov)**

**Mayor Nancy Vaughan via Facebook on 6/1/20**  
(in regards to the curfew):

**"The (Police) Chief and I have been talking throughout the weekend... This is not a permission slip to harm, harass, or jail innocent people (who are not physically harming others)."**

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# #DEFUND THE POLICE



For 2020, the Greensboro City Council plans on looting \$1 million dollars from Community Services (including Neighborhood Development) & giving \$2 million to the Greensboro Police Department.





# **GREENSBORO COURT SUPPORT**

**Call: 704-559-9154**

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**From:** Sam <browns1@guilford.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
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**From:** Christina Rose <chrisrose2011@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Eliza Gilbert <etgilbert69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish

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Eliza Gilbert

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**From:** Ramya Mulugu <mulugurk@guilford.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget for GPD

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you regarding 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 am a resident of Greensboro and I am a proud member of my community, having benefited immeasurably from facilities like The Music Center through my involvement with Greensboro Philharmonia. I want these opportunities to be available to residents for years to come and I believe that our community will be safer and more successful if the funds were re-allocated from GPD to better our community directly: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs.

I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and invest back in our vibrant community.

Kind Regards,  
Ramya Krishna

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**From:** Thomas Boatwright <thomas.boatwright@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

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Thomas Boatwright

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**From:** Kirstie Hall <hello@hallaroundtheworld.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:38 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Community Feedback

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Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you as a concerned citizen 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,

Kirstie Hall

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Kirstie Hall

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**From:** Rebecca Hamilton-Levi <rhamiltonlevi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:38 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** PROPOSED BUDGET 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. 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.

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**From:** jillian doherty <jillian.doherty89@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** GPD budget

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Thank you

Jillian Doherty

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**From:** Alanna Adams <alannaeadams@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by city manager David Parish. I understand the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million, while the budget for community service has been decreased by \$1 million. More specifically the budget for neighborhood development has been decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro and a proud member of my community, however I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if funding community programs is prioritized. Creating neighborhood recreation centers, enhancing community services, and strengthening housing programs will have invaluable benefits in the short and long term. I urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and consider increasing the community services budget to empower our citizens and work toward a safer future for all.

Thank you,  
Alanna Adams

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Taylor Creed <taylorcreed42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget

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Thank you!  
Taylor Creed

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**From:** Madison Libby <mhlibby@uncg.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** GPD Budget

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Madison Libby

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**From:** Lena Eyring <eyringlb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** 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 am a resident of Greensboro--- I was born here, grew up and went to high school here, and live and work here full time. I am a proud member of my community, however I believe and know 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. If you look at communities across the country, it is not the communities with more police who are safer and thrive more, it is the communities with more resources. The surest way for us as a city to help our communities thrive and stay safe is for us to pour our resources into our communities and people, not increasing the budget of the GPD. It is the people and communities here in Greensboro that make it such a special place.

I urge you to please re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community here in Greensboro.

Best,

Lena Eyring

*Lord, Angela*

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**From:** Kate Patterson <katharynpatterson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Changes

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,  
Kate Patterson  
Greensboro Resident, Speech-Language Pathologist

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**From:** Harry Turfle <anableps@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Fund communities, not more police

Dear City Council,  
I'm emailing you to defund the police and instead invest in communities.

The proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish would increase the budget for the Greensboro Police Department 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. I urge you to fund a better by creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs instead of over-funding the GPD.

I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,  
Harry Turfle

**Lord, Angela**

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**From:** Leala King <leala.colorado@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Reallocate City Funds for a Safer Greensboro

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I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you for everything you do for our community,  
Leala King

*Lord, Angela*

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**From:** Casey O'Hara <caseyohara621@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:47 AM  
**To:** Outling, Justin; Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Resident Comment on Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manger 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 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. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,  
Casey O'Hara

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**From:** Michael Tourek <michaeltourek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

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Sincerely,

Michael Tourek

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*Through the years, I have learned there is no harm in charging oneself up with delusions between moments of valid inspiration.*

- Steve Martin

*Lord, Angela*

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**From:** Ashley Bolick <bolickashley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Defunding 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. #defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Thank you-  
Ashley Bolick

**Lord, Angela**

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**From:** Jalyn Jeffers <jalynmaya@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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**From:** Casey Ohara <cmohara@uncg.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment; Outling, Justin  
**Subject:** Resident Comment on Proposed City Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manger 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 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. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Sincerely,  
Casey O'Hara

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Casey O'Hara  
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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**From:** Parker Perry <parker7perry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** GPD Budget Comments

Dear City Council,

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Parker Perry

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**From:** PINTO, MARIANNA (UG) <marianna.pinto.15@abdn.ac.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Greensboro Police

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Dear Greensboro 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 Service has been decreased by one million dollars. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am not a resident of Greensboro, but I have family and friends that are proud members of your community and I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of overfunding 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 time founding and uplifting the Greensboro community!

Kind Regards,  
M. P.

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**From:** Jeremy Glasgow <jgglasgo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** June 3rd Budget Meeting

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing 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 and strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend money more uplifting to our community.

Greensboro resident,

Jeremy Glasgow

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From: Matthew Giddings <executive@goelsewhere.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
To: Virtual Comment  
Subject: Budget Comments

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Matthew Giddings

**Matthew Giddings** ([he/him](#))  
Executive Director  
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**From:** eloisa blake <emercedeskb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** re-evaluate 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 increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$55,000 dollars. I am a resident of Greensboro, and am a proud member of the community, however- I believe the Greensboro would be a much 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.

Sincerely,

Eloisa Blake

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**From:** Cora Stevens <corastevens01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Reallocating Funds

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Dear City Council/City Manager,

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.

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**From:** Matisse Searle <matissesearle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget Comments

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Matisse Giddings

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**From:** Kyle Metzger <ktmetzge@uncg.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** Virtual Comment  
**Subject:** Budget proposal

Dear City Council,

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Thank you,

Kyle Metzger  
MFA Directing  
Class of 2020  
UNC Greensboro