

Lord, Angela

From: Kati Corbo <corbopirate@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:15 PM
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.

Signed,
a concerned citizen of Greensboro.

Lord, Angela

From: Ashton Crump <acrump12356@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sincerely,
Ashton Crump

Lord, Angela

From: Alexander Zirkle <aszirkle@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

I want my vote counted as **STRONGLY** against the proposed budget. I do not want to see police officers in new cars, with new guns, and fresh uniforms. I want to see their budget cut in half and that money spent to uplift the community with no programs for children, more supplies more medical professionals, and more money spent on improving the rapidly decaying infrastructure of the city. How much money are hospitals receiving? How much are public schools? Can you guarantee **EVERY** student in the GSO school systems will have updated textbooks and access to at least one **FREE** meal a day? **STOP SUPPORTING MURDERS AND START SUPPORTING OUR COUNTRIES SPIRIT AND LIFE.**

Lord, Angela

From: Imani T <prettyeyes1992@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Mary W <mwe765@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-Directing City Funds

Hello,
My name is Mary Workman and I am a resident of the city of Greensboro. I am writing after reviewing the Greensboro City Council's plan to direct Community Service Funds, \$2 million in funding to the city police. In light of recent events, and a history of malpractice and over funding, I truly believe council members should reconsider where this funding is going. Spending this same amount on city housing, community centers, food banks, and other services seems to be a more favorable option. Instead of funding a department that is in obvious need of apparent re-training and restructuring, and whose intent is to fight crime, our city should be focusing on creating a society where crime is less prevalent to begin with, through providing for the people and nurturing the community. I hope you take the time to genuinely review my statement, the statements of others, and pick up the phone to head the pleas of your community.

Sincerely,
Mary Workman

Lord, Angela

From: Kit Corbo <kitfullsteam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

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Signed,

a concerned citizen of Greensboro.

Lord, Angela

From: Hannah Howell <hannahadairhowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: flowers

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 \$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.

Best,
Hannah

Lord, Angela

From: Tessa Young <tessayoung6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: please

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I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by city manager David Parrish. I understand 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 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 your proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Lauren Martin <lauren.mcmartin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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Good afternoon City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand 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. I am a resident of Fisher Park in Greensboro. I love this city, 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 encourage you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,
Lauren Martin
lauren.mcmartin@gmail.com



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Lord, Angela

From: Sarah Jean Sparks <sarahjeansparks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Feedback on Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. In it, 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 a proud member of my community, and I believe that Greensboro would be a safer, happier, and more productive place if instead of increasing funding to 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.

I believe that our community members will rise to the occasion of taking on the work required to make such programs thrive, and that funds spent toward providing these jobs and services, far from going to waste, will enliven and enrich our wonderful city.

Sincerely,
Sarah Jean Sparks
Glenwood Neighborhood

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Sarah Jean Sparks
C. 336.707.9474

Lord, Angela

From: Maya Whitaker <mayaleighwhitaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

Dear City Council,

I'm [calling/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 believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD you re-allocated those funds towards bettering our community, specifically East Greensboro, 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,

Maya Whitaker

Lord, Angela

From: Gayle Canner <ggcanner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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Uplifting our community.

Lord, Angela

From: Robert Shillito <robert.shillito@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Thank you,

Robert Shillito

Lord, Angela

From: Stacy Bateman <kirkman.stace@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Proposed Budget

LDear 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,
Stacy B.

Lord, Angela

From: Adam Oglesby <adamxoglesby@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Gwen Gosney Erickson <ggericks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: RE: Proposed Budget

Dear Mayor Vaughan, Councilmember Outling, and members of Council,

I've reviewed information about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand that this is a tough time to predict and funds are tight. My concern is regarding the city priorities on where to direct funds. Like our federal budget, funds are overly directed to militarization and defense rather than addressing community needs at their sources. If I understand correctly, the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by two million dollars, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by one million dollars. 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 also urge you to consider funding priorities within the GPD to focus on antiracism training, mediation, and deescalation skills over weapons and tactical gear. If we are a community and police are our partners, then funding needs to reflect priorities to facilitate equitable community partnerships.

Gwen Gosney Erickson
Westerwood, Greensboro
(Greensboro resident since 1997)

Lord, Angela

From: Alexandria Hawley <cheer1997@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: Sarah Newell <sanewell47@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Sarah Newell

Lord, Angela

From: Emily <emilykranz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Comment on proposed budget

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Thank you for taking public comments.

I think the distribution of funds to police and other community programs should be reconsidered. Police budget increased by 2 million, with Community services budget reduced by 1 million, puts emphasis and focus on the wrong activities in our communities.

I think Greensboro would be better off if we re-allocated these police 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,
Emily Kranz

Lord, Angela

From: Ben firestone <benfire7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Reconsideration of proposed budget

Dear city council,

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Firestone

Lord, Angela

From: Chrisna Nicholson <chrisnanicholson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: ehhh ugh <hrparlaman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please read.

Dear City Council,

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Lord, Angela

From: Mary Weaver <mweaver3553@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Concerns about the proposed budget

Dear City Council,

I am 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. I have family and friends who are members of your community and a father who works in your city. I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the GPD you reallocated those funds towards bettering the community. Some of these might include, but are certainly not limited to: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting the community.

Please consider the recent events in this country and think about the safety benefits for your community that would come from demilitarizing the police department.

Sincerely,

Mary Weaver

Lord, Angela

From: pdysix@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Devon <devon.curry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Investments

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 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.

Devon Curry

Lord, Angela

From: Anna E Quackenbush <quackenbushae@guilford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Stop this madness

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.

The police do very little to make our community feel comfortable. Not just the white community of Greensboro. As a resident of downtown, I am appalled at their handling of the peaceful protests. Why would you give more money to men who cant even do their job correctly? At least 20 of them stood there as an SUV and a motorcycle ran through a crowd of people. They saw and did nothing. Please dont give them more money. If you do it will make me even more ashamed of my local government.

- a very concerned citizen

Lord, Angela

From: Carlisle Shore <peaceloveanimals100@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget

Dear City Managers office,

I am emailing you about the new city budget proposal by City manager David Parrish. I understand that the budget for the Greensboro Police Department has been increased by \$2 million while the budget for community services has been decreased by \$1 million. I feel it is important that the new funds to the city police be reallocated into the community service budget or the neighborhood development budget. Instead of overfunding the police, it would be safer to put this money into bettering our community through housing programs, building rec centers, and other service work, perhaps even public transportation. Thank you for listening!

Carlisle S.

Lord, Angela

From: Isabell Moore <isabell.moore@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please do not defund community services and over-fund police

Dear City Council,

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Many thanks,

Isabell Moore

1107 Lexington Ave. Greensboro, NC 27403

Lord, Angela

From: Sallie Nicholson <smnicholson08@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Sara Pearson <pearson.776@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Thank you,
Sara Pearson

Lord, Angela

From: Stephanie <stephanieshongut@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:02 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've been a resident of Greensboro for almost 20 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. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Best,

Stephanie Shongut

Lord, Angela

From: Nakeia Wright <nakeia.wright@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Nakeia Wright

Lord, Angela

From: Drew Watterson <drewwatterson90@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Feedback 6/3/2020

I was born and raised in Greensboro; I've spent nearly all of my time on Earth in this city. I have a voice that deserves to be heard.

Our police force needs to be immediately demilitarized and also punished for the way they've handled the recent civil unrest in our city. Our police are an embarrassment for not being able to handle peaceful protests for civil rights in a city that has historically contributed greatly to that cause. I'm sickened when I think about the violence I witnessed when our police force used chemical weapons and projectiles to assault peaceful protesters who were complying with orders (myself included!). The presence of officers in full riot gear only served to stoke the flames of rebellion among protesters who clearly saw what was about to happen. The weak leadership of our city led to an unconstitutional curfew being enforced because they couldn't handle PEACEFUL protests.

The proposed budget increase for the police is laughable. The GPD should not be rewarded for the despicable actions they've taken against us, they should be punished. I propose the opposite approach be taken, divest in the police and invest in public programs and community services that will actually help the people of our city. Our officers have shown their inability to handle the position of power they've been put in, and total incompetence in the face of what should have been a simple demonstration. I once again call for the GPD to be immediately demilitarized and have their budget decreased enormously.

Sincerely,
Drew Watterson

Lord, Angela

From: Ingrid Chen McCarthy <ingridychen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the Police

Dear City Council,

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Thank you,
Ingrid Chen McCarthy

Lord, Angela

From: Jaylan Evans <jevans29@elon.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: A Call To Action

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Jaylan Evans

Lord, Angela

From: QUANSHA WARREN <quansha_k@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget Feedback

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Sincerely,
Quansha Young

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Lord, Angela

From: Thea Cohen <theancohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: City Budget: Defund Greensboro Police

Dear City Council,

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Thank you,
Thea Cohen

Lord, Angela

From: Devon McClellan <euromeles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Virtual Comment

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Lord, Angela

From: nia nickerson <nia4life09@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Opposition to GDP New Budget

Good morning,

I am emailing today to voice my opposition for the \$2 million being allocated to the GDP, where some of the funds are being taken from the budget of community development. I believe these funds would be better suited for other needs such as better facilities for communities such as community outreach buildings (recreation, shelters, etc.) or community development (roads, abandoned buildings, etc). This is especially true for the East Market corridor of Greensboro, who need these funds more for projects such as those above and more, rather than GDP. In times like these, we should be paying attention to those neighborhoods and areas most affected by this pandemic and protests, and those constantly ignored by our government. This would be those neighborhoods that do not have as many resources and do not have the same quality of life as say those in West Greensboro. Instead of funding the GDP, I believe these funds would be better elsewhere. Please take this into consideration.

Thank you,

Nia
North Carolina A&T State University student and resident of the community

Lord, Angela

From: Gui Portel <guiportel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please Reconsider FY20-21 Budget

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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

pronouns: they // them (*What is this*)



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Lord, Angela

From: Allison DeBusk <debuskallison@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please do not take money from Community Services

Mayor Vaughn and Greensboro City Council,

Please do not take money from the Community Services budget to give it to the police department. Our city's most vulnerable citizens need more and better access to recreation centers and housing services and not more policing. We can decrease crime by increasing opportunity. Thank you.

Allison DeBusk
7017 West Friendly Avenue Apt. W, Greensboro NC

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Allison DeBusk

Lord, Angela

From: psychosium . <psychosium@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE!!!

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Lord, Angela

From: Jade Stiles <jadestiles1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Thank you,
Jade Stiles

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Cole Riley <cdriley1@aggies.ncat.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Virtual Comment

At what point do you decide enough is enough? There were calls for police to be checked in the past so what is it that you are waiting for? Another life to be lost? Defund the police and fund the community should be common sense. Help us. Please.

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Alexandra Mauney <alexandramauney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Virtual Comment; Parrish, David
Subject: Re: Proposed budget

I'm following up on this email to apologize for having responded to information that was not totally accurate! I wasn't understanding the budget sheet correctly. However, I stand by my encouragement to continue pouring funds into community initiatives that support communities of color in Greensboro.

Thanks for all you're doing!

> On Jun 3, 2020, at 11:22 AM, Alexandra Mauney <alexandramauney@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear City Manager Parrish and members of City Council,

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> I am a City of Greensboro resident and am writing with feedback regarding the proposed City budget. If I'm understanding the figures correctly, I'm understanding that the proposed budget will increase police department significantly and decrease funding for Community Services (GTA, participatory budgeting, neighborhood development). If this is true, I would love to suggest that the GPD funds be rerouted to support the upbuilding of communities, particularly communities of color (i.e. community services, housing programs, neighborhood recreation centers).

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> Thank you for all you do for the community and thank you for listening to citizens' concerns.

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> Warm regards,

> Rev. Alexandra Mauney

> Resident of Dunleath neighborhood, Greensboro

Lord, Angela

From: Samantha Gainer <sjgainer@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: BUDGET

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Whitney <wlanec.328@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the Police

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Lord, Angela

From: Taneshia <taneshiabutler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: Jayce Russell <jaycethejayce@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: 2020 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. As a proud member of my community and graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if you re-allocated GPD funds towards bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. It is evident from the course of history that these services create healthier and more peaceful communities with lower crime rates, reducing the need for police presence. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

All best,

Jayce Russell

Lord, Angela

From: Emily Rieder <emily.rieder@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Feedback on Proposed Budget

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Sincerely,
Emily Rieder

Lord, Angela

From: Celia Nunez <celianunez17@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defund the Police!

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. More specifically the budget for Neighborhood development has decreased by \$55, 000 dollars. I am a resident and working citizen of Greensboro, and I am a proud member of my community, However, I believe that Greensboro will 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 the community, Thank for your time and attention. I hope you will make the right choice!.

Best regards.
Celia Nunez

Lord, Angela

From: Hannah Stroot <hannahstroot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council's Proposed Budget

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Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Sarah Townsend <townsendsk1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Sincerely,

Sarah Townsend

Lord, Angela

From: Erik Jacobson <mjacobson2@elon.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Concerned Citizen

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Thank you for your time

- Erik Jacobson

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Erik Jacobson
Elon University
mjacobson2@elon.edu



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Lord, Angela

From: Heaven Rogers <hlrogers2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: [Thoughts on] Proposed Budget by City Manager David Parrish

Good Morning City Council,

My name is Heaven Rogers. I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by David Parrish, City Manager.

It is to my understanding 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.

Though I am not resident of Greensboro yet, I will be in a couple months, I have worked in this city and have stayed on campus and I consider this place my home away from home. I love 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 the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community, such as creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs.

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

Another point that I would like to add is about the recent events and the fight against injustices for the Black community. Greensboro is a city of beautiful history. In 1960, four black male students from A&T University sat at a Woolworths counter, peacefully, demanding for Civil Rights. That was heard around the world, but change didn't happen quick enough and I would dare say change and justice still hasn't been served.

This movement, these protesters, are protesting for change against the systematic racism that we see in this country and throughout our counties and cities. I watched a live video of one of the peaceful protests and the peaceful protesters were immediately met with riot gear. I ask you, how does that make you feel when you are peacefully protesting and you are immediately met with riot gear? I would hope you'd say it makes you uncomfortable and that they somehow see you as a threat.

On the other hand, I see many police forces in neighboring cities, as well as throughout the state and country, taking a knee with protesters, yet later those protesters are met with teargas and rubber bullets. Those same police officers that are taking a knee are also tearing up medical tents and dumping out the water of innocent protesters.

There is NO need for police to be in full out riot gear, there is NO need for peaceful protesters to be teargassed, pepper-sprayed, or shot with rubber bullets, there is NO need to aggressively push back protesters when they are nothing but peaceful. There IS a need for change, there IS a need for Law Enforcement to stop targeting innocent protesters. There are more dangerous groups than these protesters and to get specific, I would say the KKK or people that want to harm innocent protesters and make the black community look bad. I was in Greensboro when members of the KKK were on Tate St near UNCG's campus and passing out flyer for a rally, which posed as something it is not. That is scary. As a white woman, I am more fearful of the GPD and white supremacist groups, but I don't have to worry about being a target. My lover, my sisters, and my family have to worry about that just by the color of their skin. Do something about it, change, bring justice. You say you have the power to do so, then do so.

If you want to invoke change, which I sincerely hope that you all do, then I suggest you start with a non-aggressive stance against these peaceful protesters. Hear their voices, know that yes they are going to get passionate and they may yell, but they just want to hear their voices being heard and want to see change. Then you change the training for GPD on how to non-aggressively approach people in situations. An unarmed Black man is not aggressive!

Greensboro set an example for the sit in movement, why can't we set an example for fighting systematic racism and invoke change? What's stopping you? Is it because it's never been done before? Well someone has to start it somewhere and lead to be the right example.

My job in Higher Education has been met with people speaking passionately at me about issues that they have faced, frustrations that they feel, you know what I do, I listen. I stand there and listen. Truly listen to what they have to say and then I ask how can I better support you in your time of need? What can I do with what little power I have to help you and invoke change? That's all you need to do. Do not meet them aggressively, do not be defensive straight out the gate. If you think that these peaceful protesters need to be met head on with riot gear, then you are the issue and that mindset is the issue that keeps feeding into the oppression.

Re-evaluate this budget and what this money is going towards. Re-evaluate how your police force is trained and how they react.

Thank you for your time,
Heaven Rogers

Lord, Angela

From: Caroline Attayek <carolinedayeattayek@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: BUDGET PROPOSAL- 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

Sincerely,
Caroline Attayek

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Anna Luisa Daigneault <moonwheel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Community Feedback on Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

We are living in a pivotal time where we need to re-examine our policies, budgets and how law enforcement works in cities across America. Will equipping a large police force with weapons of war continue to systematically harming people of color, or will it somehow protect them? Would changing the funding structure make a positive difference in the long term? Can defunding the police help reduce the violence that people suffer at the hands of the law enforcement?

It is time to ask these difficult questions, analyze this within the current context, and understand that we can do better. Our policies and budgets should reflect the community's desire for reform, fair treatment and peace.

I'm emailing you today 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 and citizen 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 for reading,
Anna Daigneault
Greensboro, NC

Lord, Angela

From: Gretchen Waldorf <waldorfgretchen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funding

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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, 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 part-time 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."

Sincerely,
Gretchen Waldorf

Lord, Angela

From: Andy Petree <a.petree@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GPD Funding

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Sincerely,

Andy Petree

Lord, Angela

From: Connor Woodbury <connorjacobwoodbury@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro Budget

City Council,

I am disgusted that the budget presented by City Manager David Parrish allows for an increase of two million dollars for the Greensboro Police Department yet budgets for community services have been decreased by one million dollars. As a student of UNCG and future resident of Greensboro this commitment to staying in the pockets of the Greensboro Police rather than listening to the needs of the citizens is sickening.

I firmly believe that Greensboro would be better off without an overfunded police force that serves only to beat and gas it's citizens when they do not agree with the behavior of police across America. The two million dollar increase could be better utilized by funding things that directly benefit our community such as recreation centers, food and housing security programs, and infrastructure.

I strongly urge you all to reconsider the increase to the already bloated police force. They seem well equipped enough considering all the riot gear they have been donning this past week. The money needs to be invested in the community. Your citizens are watching.

Lord, Angela

From: Jurne Smith <cali_b1968@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I am emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. Within this new proposal 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 longtime resident of Greensboro, and a proud member of my community, and I know Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of overfunding the GPD, you reallocated those funds and put them towards directly bettering our community: creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. I strongly urge you to reevaluate David Parrish's proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

With Regard,
Jurne Smith

Lord, Angela

From: Aliyah Thompson <aliyahthompson760@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: The Greensboro Budget Plan

To Whomever It May Concern,

My name is Aliyah Thompson. I have been a part of the Greensboro community for two years now and am outraged by the suggested community services budget cut. Our community needs extra funding, NOT the police department.

I cannot fathom what other items and services the Greensboro Police Department needs more desperately than our youth and other community members. The children in Greensboro desperately need fully funded neighborhood recreation centers. Private recreation centers are common in Greensboro, but public recreation centers are rare. This puts many people, young and old at a disadvantage if they are not able to afford these private facilities. In addition to public recreation centers, an increase in funding for the community budget could help create housing programs. These housing programs are essential to this community. Many people in this city struggle with homelessness and/or poverty. Housing programs can provide them with housing assistance and could potentially help people find affordable, permanent homes.

I hope that you take my comments into consideration and make a decision based on the desires and needs of all the of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Best,
Aliyah Thompson

Lord, Angela

From: Lora Mouna <newsoul336@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Proposal 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. 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 we instead of over-funding the GPD, you re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community. These re-allocated funds could be distributed to 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 for your time,
Lora Mouna

Lord, Angela

From: Keena Jones <keenaljones@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment; Vaughan, Nancy (Mayor); Johnson, Yvonne; Abuzuaiter, Marikay; Kennedy, Michelle; Hightower, Sharon; Wells, Goldie; Outling, Justin; Thurm, Tammi; Hoffmann, Nancy
Subject: URGENT! COMMUNITY MEMBERS THOUGHTS ON THE BUDGET!

Hello,

This email represents my thoughts and the the thoughts of those who can not or are not able to speak for themselves. I was not able to attend the virtual community meeting which took place on yesterday June 2, 2020 as I was protesting police brutality. If in attendance the following thoughts would have been expressed:

1. END THE CURFEW. The curfew should be ended IMMEDIATELY. The curfew is serving as tool of oppression that is targeting young Black people who are standing up for their rights against police brutality in this city and in this state and this in country. The message you are sending to the young Black community is that you value PROPERTY over HUMAN RIGHTS and SOCIAL JUSTICE! Furthermore, all related charges should dropped for those arrested under this unlawful curfew.

2. DECREASE FUNDING TO THE GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT. The proposed additional 4 million increase (up from the actual spending during the 18-19 fiscal year) in the 2020-2021 Fiscal year funds being allocated to the Greensboro Police Department should be redirected to the most marginalized communities. THE BLACK COMMUNITIES. Those funds could be used in several ways. You should use the Greensboro Black communities' input to allocate those funds APPROPRIATELY. You can afford this simply by not purchasing riot gear for the new fiscal year for the Greensboro Police Department. It is an unnecessary expense which only begets VIOLENCE on behalf of the police department at your citizens expense.

INCREASE SPENDING IN COMMUNITIES. The proposed budget DECREASE in libraries and neighborhoods are alarming to me. This will take financial support away the communities who need it most. AND THIS IS OFTEN IF NOT ALWAYS HARMFUL TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY. This is essentially a kick in the face to those community or a KNEE TO THE NECK if you will.

THE BUDGET AS IT STANDS DOES NOT SERVE YOUR COMMUNITIES. I am not sure of the deadline for the budget's approval or if it has already passed. However, it is your duty as a civil servant to STOP this financial oppression in its tracks by reviewing and CHANGING this budget in the above stated manners immediately!

In Power,
Keena L. Jones
Greensboro community member

Lord, Angela

From: Katie southard <katiesouthard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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Sincerely-Katie Southard
2310 Lourance Blvd
Greensboro, NC 27407
336-509-7758

Lord, Angela

From: Andrew Jennings <andrew.jennings12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget

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Thank you,
Andrew Jennings

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Andrew Jennings



M.S., M.B.A., PSM I, PSPO I
Greensboro, NC
336-707-3243
andrew.jennings12@gmail.com

Lord, Angela

From: Amanda Nunn <amandatnunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please fund community support rather than over-policing -- Defund GPD.

Dear City of Greensboro government officials,

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 nearby Kernersville who spends much of my time and money in Greensboro, and I am a proud member of the Triad 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.

The decisions made around this issue will determine if I keep bringing my dollars to your city, or instead choose to take them to other neighboring areas such as Winston-Salem who are doing more to support their community rather than tearing it apart with over-policing.

Best,
Amanda Nun

Lord, Angela

From: Ramona Flint <readrumitome@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funding

Dear City Council,

My name is Ramona, 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. I am a resident of Greensboro and proud member of my community; however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safe place if instead of over-funding the Greensboro Police Dept., you reallocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community. For instance, creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs. Or even, like some communities such as Ithaca NY have done, hiring social workers to be "on call" for community buildings such as libraries where people with mental illness might want to hang out - might be better uses of funding. I strongly urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community. Thanks for considering, Ramona F

Lord, Angela

From: Rosa Hannah <rosamhannah@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Defunding Police

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#defundpolice #justiceformarcussmith #greensboroRising

Thank you,
Rosa Hannah

Lord, Angela

From: Maeve Riney <mmriney@ncsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

To whom it may concern,

My name is Maeve Riney. I have lived in Greensboro my entire life. I am 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 \$2,000,000, while the budget for Community Services has been decreased by \$1,000,000, with cuts also threatening the Greensboro Transit Authority and programs like participatory budgeting. More specifically, the budget for Neighborhood Development has decreased by \$55,000. I am a resident of Greensboro, and a proud member of this community, however, I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the Greensboro Police Department the funds were reallocated towards bettering our community. Creating and strongly funding neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs would all be more beneficial for improving our community. I urge you to reevaluate the proposed budget and focus more of our spending on uplifting our community.

Sincerely,

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Maeve M. Riney
NC State University Undergrad
B.A. Spanish Language and Literature | B.S. Plant Biology

Lord, Angela

From: Hannah Mckinnis <hannahmckinnis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget

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Hannah Mckinnis
She/Her/Hers
Guilford College '20
Psychology Major
Education Studies and Spanish Minor

Lord, Angela

From: Ricardo Perez <ricardoperezjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council's Proposed Budget

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Sincerely,
Ricardo J Perez Jr.

Lord, Angela

From: David Hoggard <davidjhoggard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed City Budget

Hello,

My name is Jackson Hoggard and I was born, raised and soon plan to return to Greensboro and raise my family and contribute to the local economy. I love the city of Greensboro and am beyond proud to call it my home. There are many tough decisions our leaders face during your tenure as elected officials; many tough decisions must be made to shape the future of the city to ensure equity and fairness for all citizens. One decision you face, and the reason for which I am writing today should not be a tough decision for anyone who truly values the community. I am actually ashamed that it is being proposed. The budget proposed by City Manager David Parrish allocating \$2,000,000 to the GPD while simultaneously cutting funding for community services, GTA and neighborhood development is the opposite of how you can help our community to heal. It is high-time we end the militarization of our police force and put that money back to work in growing our communities. I urge you to reconsider this budget and reallocate funding to uplift our community instead furthering the militarization of our police department. Do the right thing, this must stop; it is time for change and you have the power to help.

Best,

Jackson Hoggard
336-337-7593
DavidJHoggard@gmail.com

Lord, Angela

From: klaus schulz <kdschlz514@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Virtual Comment

"Dear City Council,

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Lord, Angela

From: Gmail <honeybeeocc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Funding Request

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Jill McAllister
770-490-8505

honeybeeocc@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone (Most likely with voice-to-text). Please excuse typos!

Lord, Angela

From: Rachel Sommers <rachel.sommers14@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

Dear City Council,

I'd like to address the 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 10-year resident of Greensboro, and 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'm also interested to know where these proposed additional funds would be allocated within the police department. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

Thank you,

Rachel Sommers

Lord, Angela

From: Shannon Barr <shannon.c.barr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Resident Feedback on Budget Proposal

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing today to express concern 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 concerned that the sum of these budgetary decisions is essentially a three million dollar divestment from community well being and prosperity.

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, funding community services, and investing in affordable housing programs. I urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget and spend more money uplifting our community.

I firmly believe that money is more meaningfully and positively spent by investing in our communities. I beg you to reconsider the proposal and spend money in a way that invests in your citizens instead of the police.

Take care,

Shannon (ZIP 27410)

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Shannon Barr, MS, NCC (she/they)

Lord, Angela

From: Kathleen <rightsellkathleen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment

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Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Mary Pham <marphamh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Greensboro City Council Meeting

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 graduate of the University of North Carolina at 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,

Mary Pham

Lord, Angela

From: Sarah Love <sarahlove31@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Regards,
Sarah Love

Lord, Angela

From: Alejandro Joaquin Hernandez <alejandrojoaquin@cca.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Lord, Angela

From: Abby W <awinterknox@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Today

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Thank you,
Abby Winterich-Knox

Lord, Angela

From: Brigitte Borucki <bcborucki13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Protect Neighborhood and Library Funding; Defund Police

Dear City Council,

I'm emailing you about the proposed 2020-2021 budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. After reviewing the budget, I see that it includes plans to decrease funding to Neighborhood Development by \$59,000 and decrease funding to Libraries by \$54,000. It also includes an increase in funding to the Police Department by \$215,000.

I do not agree with these changes to the budget. I am a proud Greensboro resident (District 3) and I care deeply about the future of this community. I do not think these changes to the budget will have a long-term, positive impact.

As a frequent patron of our library system, I see first hand how much they provide to our residents (internet/computer access, children's programs, adult education/life skills programs, job training, etc.). I also know that the library services are most critical to some of our most vulnerable citizens (e.g. lower income, refugees/immigrants, the houseless, those transitioning after a period of incarceration, etc.). Access to education and resources is one of the greatest equalizers in our society and I think it does the entire community a disservice to take away funding from our libraries.

Furthermore, when we invest in areas like Neighborhood Development and Libraries, we provide our citizens with access to resources and build a sense of community. When we invest in people in this way, it has a long-term impact on reducing crime, reducing recidivism, and lowers the need for reactionary, punitive policing.

Finally, we are all aware of the murder of George Floyd and how that has put a renewed spotlight on the way policing and the criminal justice system operates in our country. Particularly, the gross racial injustice. I believe that we need widespread, sweeping reform and that includes the Greensboro police department. The changes we need are vast and structural. Until we have a detailed, actionable plan on how to implement these changes, I think it is irresponsible to increase funding to our police department. Increased funding just reinforces and empowers a fundamentally broken system. I also think it sends a message of invalidation to the minority members of our community who have suffered greatly and continue to suffer under the current system.

I do want to recognize that I think police are critical to our society. It is a dangerous job. To help ensure that the right type of candidate is attracted and retained, I believe that they need proper equipment, training, increased access to mental health services, better wages, increased PTO, etc. However, I want to support those things under a reformed system that does not protect bad officers and encourage a culture of silence, fear, and oppression.

Thank you for taking the time to listen and I appreciate your commitment to public service.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Borucki

622 N. Elm St., Apt E
Greensboro, NC 27401

Lord, Angela

From: Aunyaé Blassengale <ablasspersonal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Sincerely,
Aunyaé Blassengale

Lord, Angela

From: Lazuli Ortiz <laurenreneeortiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: GPD Budget City Council Funding

I'm emailing you about the proposed budget presented by City Manager David Parrish. I understand the budget for 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 Greensboro resident and proud member of my community. I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if we re-allocated those funds and put them towards bettering our community, instead of overfunding the GPD. Neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs need more help. We have roughly 1,000 people currently sleeping in the streets. We should be putting money towards making sure those in need are actually getting the help they deserve from our community. I strongly urge you to re-evaluate the proposed budget.

Lord, Angela

From: mabel emily <mabelemilly23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

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Lord, Angela

From: Isabella A. Lee <lee.a.isabella@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police Department Budget

Importance: High

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Dear City Council,

In light of the recent use of tear gas toward peaceful protestors here in Greensboro and **across** our State, 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.

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Sincerely,

Isabella A. Lee

Lord, Angela

From: Audrey Dubois <amdubois@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Dear City Council,

I am reaching out to comment on the City Manager's proposed budget. I am dismayed to see that the proposed budget would increase the Police Department's budget by two million dollars. I am further shocked that one million dollars could be cut from the Community Services budget, and in particular that the Neighborhood Development budget might be decreased by \$55,000. Cutting funding for these services when many are especially in need of them due to consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic is an especially strong error in judgement.

I love living in Greensboro. I believe that what makes Greensboro a great place to live is the strength of the community, not the strength of the police. I believe this budget misallocates funds in a way that would decrease safety and quality of life for Greensboro residents. Instead of increasing the Police Department budget, the city should fund projects that help our community grow beyond violence: community services, neighborhood recreation centers, housing and nutrition programs, and the arts. I hope for the sake of all Greensboro residents that our council will re-evaluate this budget and use city funds in ways that help people thrive.

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Audrey Dubois
she/her/hers (what is this?)
University Libraries
amdubois@uncg.edu

Lord, Angela

From: Meghan Labean <meghanlabean2441@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Re-evaluate the proposed budget

Dear City Council,

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In solidarity,
Meghan Labean

Lord, Angela

From: Grant Corbett <gacorbet@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed Budget

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Best regards,

Grant Corbett

Lord, Angela

From: David Bond <db76662@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Regards,
David Bond

Lord, Angela

From: Ashley Middleton <armiddleton737@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Budget Request

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Ashley Middleton-Wilson
Lifelong Greensboro resident

Lord, Angela

From: mazzy stormborn <ayonagela@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND GREENSBORO POLICE

Dear City Council,

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Lord, Angela

From: Benjamin Martin <bdmartin92@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Proposed budget

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-Ben Martin
Resident of Greensboro for over 20 years.

Lord, Angela

From: Kate Silton <katesilton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: comment on proposed budget

Good afternoon-

I am writing to urge the mayor and city council to make changes to 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 Lindley Park in Greensboro, and I feel grateful to live in a neighborhood that has advocated for robust involvement from the city beyond policing. However I believe that Greensboro would be a safer place if instead of over-funding the GPD, you redistributed those funds to support ALL neighborhoods, not just ones that have the resources to self-advocate. Updating and creating neighborhood recreation centers, community services, and housing programs would go much farther toward making our community safer than investing that money in the police department.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Katherine Silton

Lord, Angela

From: Lynn Michelle <imgie13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Police Budget

Dear City Council,

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Sincerely,

Lynn Gromatzky

Lord, Angela

From: SunQueen Kelcey <kelceysmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Requesting Budget Decrease for Police

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Hi!

I am writing to share my opinion on Greensboro City Council decreasing the budget for community services and increasing it for the police. The police department already has more than enough equipment, PPE and guns. They even have an overflow of PPE meanwhile hospitals cannot even receive the proper PPE to care for patients during COVID-19. There is no reason why they should receive more money and communities receive less because crime stems from lack of education and poverty.

I also think the citywide curfew should be lifted. All this is doing is encouraging officers to racially profile and harass your citizens. Because I know for sure they are only pulling over black people that are out after 8PM. I haven't heard a single white person say they've gotten pulled over yet.

So please, if you would use the money to build more community centers, improve and develop the neighborhoods then that would be a much better use of it.

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Regards,

SunQueen Kelcey

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"Find your sexy, Reclaim your body & Walk with Confidence"
- SunQueen Kelcey

Lord, Angela

From: Marilou Eller <mheller@uncg.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear City Council,

My name is Marilou. 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.

I hope to see you soon

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Marilou Eller

UNCG BFA Acting '21
UNCG APO '21

Lord, Angela

From: oovoo javer <monet0115@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Virtual Comment
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Best,
Demya Holland