

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020
10:00 AM
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Members Present:	Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, <i>Chair, District 6</i> Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Ana Sandoval, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Andy Segovia, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Liz Provencio, <i>First Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Tina J. Flores, <i>Acting City Clerk</i> ; María Villagómez, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; William P. McManus, <i>Chief of Police</i> ; Joe Frank Picazo, <i>SAPD</i> ; Tracy Talavera, <i>Government and Public Affairs</i> ; Melissa Rodriguez, <i>SAPD</i>

Call to order

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 18, 2020

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 20, 2020

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2020 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 24, 2020

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Kayla Miranda stressed that there were many circumstances where the police did not have the necessary knowledge to handle the situation. She spoke against the use of “No-Knock” Warrants and choke holds.

Ananda Tomas provided an example of the use of LVNR and several “No-Knock” Warrants which ended tragically. She called for banning LVNR and “No-Knock” Warrants. She spoke against Budget reductions for workforce development, kinder readiness and After School Programs, senior centers, and Animal Care Services.

Karen Talamas spoke against decreasing the Police Budget and noted that if the Police Budget was decreased, the City would become more dangerous. She stated that City Leaders should stand in support of the police.

Brandon Mowles stated that the public comment process was inefficient and lacked clarity and transparency. He suggested that \$200 million be taken out of the Police Budget and redirected to senior and youth services.

Items for Consideration

4. Briefing and possible action on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan to ban the practice of the lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR) within the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief of Police William McManus stated that Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan submitted a CCR to ban the practice of Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR). He noted that the core of a SAPD Officer’s responsibilities was the duty to protect human life and physical safety. He indicated that Officers were required to de-escalate tense situations to reduce the need for force through:

- Warnings
- Advisements
- Verbal persuasion
- Tactics

Chief McManus reported that in 2014, SAPD banned chokeholds, strangleholds, including LVNR unless deadly force was justified. He indicated that deadly force was authorized only to protect the public or an Officer from what was reasonably believed to be an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury. He stated that current SAPD policy was consistent with the U.S. Conference of Mayors Report on Police Reform and Racial Justice.

Chief McManus stated that SAPD required that all use of force be reported. He noted that all use of force was reviewed through the Officer’s chain of command and submitted to the Internal Affairs Unit. He indicated that if the Use of Force Policy was violated, it would be investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit and corrective action would be taken.

5. Briefing and possible action on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan for the immediate documented discontinuation and banning of “No-Knock” warrants and procedures in the San Antonio Police Department

(SAPD) Manual. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that a CCR was submitted by Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan to ban and discontinue “No-Knock” Warrants. He noted that there were two types of warrants: 1) Arrest warrants; and 2) Search warrants. He stated that high-risk arrest warrants included those for murder, aggravated assault, sexual assault, or where the offender had a history of violent crime involving the use of firearms. He noted that high-risk search warrants included those for narcotics investigations, or where the suspect had a violent criminal history and/or access to firearms.

Chief McManus reported that SAPD suspended the use of “No-Knock” Warrants for both search and arrest warrants in June 2020. He noted that use by SAPD of high-risk forced entry warrants had declined.

Chief McManus stated that SAPD would finalize revisions to the Operations Manual by September 4, 2020 with an updated policy would suspend “No-Knock” Warrants for the execution of search warrants and would restrict execution of arrest warrants unless exigent circumstances posed a serious safety risk to the general public or Officers.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda stated that reform and public safety were not mutually exclusive. She acknowledged the historic divide between the police and communities of color. She noted that the job of a Police Officer was often dangerous and difficult and the majority of them perform to the best of their ability. She stated that holding Police Officers accountable for bad behavior should be a goal for all. She asked for the definition of exigent circumstances. Chief McManus replied that exigent circumstances were a matter of life and death. Chairwoman Cabello Havrda requested a more detailed definition.

Acting City Clerk Tina Flores reported that 140 comments were received in total. She stated that there were 47 comments with 38 in support; five opposed; and four with no position for item 4. She indicated that there were 39 comments with 35 in support; one opposed; one neutral; and two with no position for item 5 and there were 45 comments with 5 in support; 31 opposed; one neutral; and eight with no position for Item 6. She noted that there were nine comments with one in support; six opposed; and two with no position for item 7.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how many continuous hours of continuing education were provided to a Police Officer during a year on de-escalation. Chief McManus replied that de-escalation training was included in every block of training on use of force. He added that Police Officers had one day of training specific to de-escalation. He added that the frequency of training on de-escalation would increase as online training on a monthly basis. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked for a complete ban of LVNR.

Councilmember Viagran asked how an Officer who violated the LVNR policy would be disciplined. Chief McManus replied that it would be handled like any other violation. She requested that information on the independent outside review by an outside party on the use of

force be forwarded to all members of the committee along with the amount of time SAPD had utilized the outside party.

Councilmember Sandoval asked how the duty to intervene was being fulfilled by Police Officers. Chief McManus replied that if there was an investigation on the excessive use of force by an Officer, then anyone else present during the alleged excessive use of force would be included in the investigation.

Councilmember Perry asked if any “No-Knock” Warrants had been executed since the policy changed. Chief McManus replied that there had not been. Councilmember Perry expressed concern that incidents in other cities were applied to SAPD.

Councilmember Viagran requested a review of the 28 complaints on excessive use of force. She requested the basis for overturning the complaints by the Complaint & Administrative Review Board (CARB)

Councilmember Sandoval expressed concern that the definition of exigent circumstances wasn't firm enough. She stated that the LVNR and “No-Knock” Warrant policies should be discussed further by the Committee.

Councilmember Perry stated that he did not support Items 4 and 5. He asked how long the initial training for Cadets was. Chief McManus replied that Cadets received seven months of training. Councilmember Perry asked how much training Police Officers received annually. Chief McManus replied that Police Officers received a minimum of 40 hours of training each year.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan moved to bring Items 4 and 5 to the City Council at a B Session. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYE: 4 - Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, and Perry\

NAY: 1 - Perry

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda asked that the information requested by Councilmembers be provided prior to the B Session discussion.

6. Briefing and possible action on FY 2021 Proposed Police Budget. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus presented the FY 2021 proposed Police Budget:

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Change
General Fund SAPD	\$ 479.1*	\$ 487.2	\$ 8.1
General Fund Park Police	\$ 17.4	\$ 17.4	\$ 0.0
General Fund Detention Center	\$ 4.4	\$ 4.4	\$ 0.0
Airport Police	\$ 5.3	\$ 5.2	-\$0.1

Fund	Fy 2020	FY 2021	Change
Child Safety Fund	\$ 2.3	\$ 2.3	\$ 0.0
Confiscated Property	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.8
Grants	\$ 5.2	\$ 7.0	\$ 1.8

*in millions

Chief McManus reported that the FY 2021 proposed Police Budget 3,711 positions which was an increase of 14 from FY 2020. He reported that the FY 2021 General Fund proposed Budget was comprised of personnel costs (85%); contractual services (4%); commodities (1%); information technology costs, insurance, vehicle and equipment replacement (9%); and grant matches (1%).

Chief McManus stated that 79% of the FY 2021 proposed Police Budget was related to the CBA and the remainder (21%) was not. He reviewed the non-CBA budget components and the number of positions allocated to each. He reported that SAPD received 2.2 million calls per year, of which 1.3 were emergency calls, and 900,000 were non-emergency calls. He indicated that over the next several months, SAPD would review calls to see if anyone other than SAPD could respond. He provided examples of calls which had been reviewed which did not require a response from a Police Officer.

Chief McManus reported that SAPD established a Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence which was focused on the goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. He indicated that the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant which SAPD received in FY 2020 provided:

- 25 Detectives
- 24/7 specialized victim services
- Community education
- Stronger partnerships with advocacy groups

Chief McManus indicated that the grant required a city match from the SAPD Budget on \$1.6 million. He stated that the SAPD Mental Health Unit (MHU) provided case management, a co-responder team, crisis intervention, and a mobile crisis team. He stated that future goals of SAPD were to have an in-depth conversation with the community to solicit input, focus on how to best serve neighborhoods, and discuss the evolving role of law enforcement.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda asked what other areas had been considered for possible removal from SAPD which could impact the current and next years' budget. Deputy City Manager María Villagómez replied that staff were in the process of reviewing calls to see if an alternate response to them was possible and the City Manager's plan would assess the fundamental issues of SAPD and input would be gathered from the community on the role of SAPD. She noted that this information would be shared with the City Council after budget adoption.

Councilmember Perry asked if some positions would be converted to non-sworn personnel. Chief McManus replied that there were no plans to do that.

Councilmember Sandoval would like to see a more specific timeline, goals, and details on the outreach for the City Manager's Plan before the Budget was adopted. She suggested that funds allocated for signing bonuses for Cadets be re-directed to health and human services.

Councilmember Viagran requested a breakdown of the number of non-sworn personnel and Officers in each of the special units. She asked of the changes to the Police Budget in the City of Austin. Ms. Villagómez stated that she would provide the Police Budget of the City of Austin to Councilmembers.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how much was being reallocated to community resources. Ms. Villagómez replied that \$1.3 million would be reallocated to community resources. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if funds were reallocated to community services. Ms. Villagómez replied that three positions for performing data analysis would be reallocated to the Office of Innovation. She added that the value of the three positions was \$250,000 to \$260,000.

Councilmember Perry stated that he requested data from the Fire and Police Pension Fund on the number of retirees, and class size to ensure that Cadet classes would be held.

Councilmember Viagran requested a breakdown on the funds allocated to psychological services. Ms. Villagómez stated that she would provide that information to Committee Members.

Chief McManus invited one of the SAPD Psychologists, Dr. Melissa Rodriguez, to speak.

Dr. Melissa Rodriguez reported that psychological services included free counseling services to Officers and their families, training, and consultations.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan requested a breakdown of the budgets for contractual services, and commodities. Ms. Villagómez stated that she would provide that information in a memorandum.

Councilmember Sandoval requested further discussion of the Police Budget. Ms. Villagómez stated that she would provide that information in a memorandum to Committee Members.

Councilmember Perry asked if each individual public comment would be included in the minutes. Acting City Clerk Tina Flores replied that the name and public comment of each individual would be included in the minutes.

7. Briefing and possible action on San Antonio Police Department grants:

- A. Grant in an amount up to \$250,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (OOG/CJD), Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the purchase of an additional acquisition workstation for expanded participation in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms National (BATF) Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program.

Chief McManus stated that the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Grant was a fingerprint system for ballistics. He noted that in May 2020, the Office of the Governor invited SAPD to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). He reported that the SAPD NIBIN Program was recognized as a national model and grant funding would not exceed \$250,000. He stated that NIBIN automated ballistic evaluations and provided investigated leads in a timely manner. He indicated that cartridge casing evidence was entered into the system and images were correlated against the database. He noted that NIBIN promoted information sharing on gun crimes with local, State, and Federal Agencies. He added that as the result of the NIBIN Program 1,514 leads were developed; 534 shootings were solved; and 301 arrests were made for gun-related crimes.

Chief McManus stated that the NIBIN Grant award would pay for:

- Acquisition of BrassTRAX Station
- Training
- Shipping and installation
- Extended warranty on BrassTRAX stations

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked if the grants included a cash match by the City. Chief McManus replied that the JAG Grant required a cash match by the City. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan expressed concern that the City was paying the majority of the cash match. Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan requested the number of cases solved by ballistics for each Council District.

- B. Grant in an amount up to \$291,972.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice to support the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program (Bexar County will serve as the grant fiscal agent). [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Chief McManus stated that the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program Grant (Child Safe) included participation by SAPD, Bexar County, and Family Protective Services. He indicated that the grant was a multi-agency initiative which investigated child abuse and sexual assault. He noted that the grant funded two SAPD Detective positions.

Chief McManus reported that since 2014, 1,838 cases of suspected child abuse had been investigated. He stated that of those cases, 78 arrests were made at the scene; 435 were filed with the District Attorney; and 734 were unfounded.

Chief McManus stated that Bexar County submitted that application and administered the grant. He noted that the grant funded three positions for \$437,958 in Bexar County in adult and juvenile probation, Bexar County drug courts, and the District Attorney's Office. He added that the grant provided funding of \$291,972 for two SAPD Detective positions. He added that the City provided a cash match of \$15,074 on the grant.

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda requested a memorandum regarding policy updates on Items 4 and 5 be provided to the full City Council with a commitment from the City Manager to provide the

City Council with regular policy updates to mitigate the use of deadly force. She requested an update on benchmarking of best practices, and information on metrics.

Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairwoman Cabello Havrda requested a briefing on the use of force policy at the next Committee Meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Chair

Respectfully Submitted

Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk

Public Safety Committee on 2020-08-25 10:00 AM

Meeting Time: 08-25-20 10:00

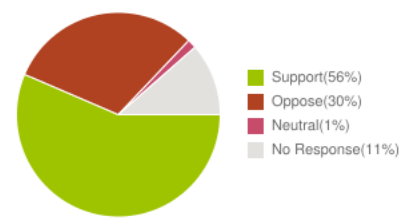
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Public Safety Committee on 2020-08-25 10:00 AM	08-25-20 10:00	18	140	79	43	2

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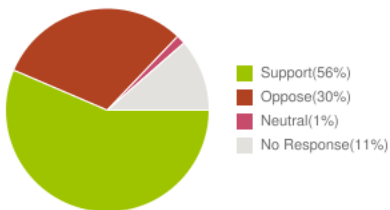
Public Safety Committee on 2020-08-25 10:00 AM
08-25-20 10:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
4. 20-5060 Briefing and possible action on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Andrews Sullivan to ban the practice of the lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR) within the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]	47	38	5	0
5. 20-5061 Briefing and possible action on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Andrews Sullivan for the immediate documented discontinuation and banning of "No-Knock" warrants and procedures in the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Manual. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]	39	35	1	1
6. 20-5059 Briefing and possible action on FY 2021 Proposed Police Budget [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]	45	5	31	1
7. 20-4882 Briefing and possible action on San Antonio Police Department grants:	9	1	6	0
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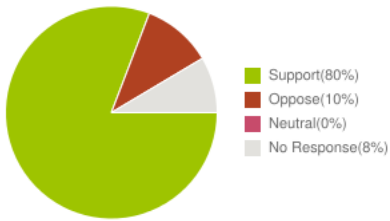
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Agenda Item: eComments for 4. 20-5060 Briefing and possible action on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Andrews Sullivan to ban the practice of the lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR) within the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Overall Sentiment



Taposh Rudra

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 08-25-20

I am writing in support of the purposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints, also

I am calling on the Mayor and Council to do the following:

Recognize that both chapters 143 and 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and at a time when San Antonio voters were disenfranchised, and therefore support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible San Antonio voters a voice and a choice.

Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.

Teri Castillo

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53am 08-25-20

I support the CCR that calls for a ban on the practice of the lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR) within the San Antonio Police Department.(SAPD).

Jessica OGuerrero

Location: 78223

Submitted At: 9:51am 08-25-20

a support a ban on the practice of lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR) within the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). this is an appropriate first step to actualizing the resolution to declare racism a health crisis in San Antonio. SAPD can serve as a model for implementing sound improvements to their policies and procedures that pose a threat to our communities. Council should support this ban, SAPD should ban the LVNR, and Bexar County Sheriff Office should follow suit and ban any similar practices as well. Thank you.

Marlon Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49am 08-25-20

I support the ban on LVNR's. I also support the repeal of codes 143 and 174 so that such a ban can effectively be enforced on officers that violate it.

Bridget McCartney

Location: 78209, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:48am 08-25-20

I am writing in support of the purposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints. ALSO the Mayor & Council need to:

- Recognize that chapters 143 & 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and at a time when SA voters were disenfranchised, and therefore support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible SA voters a voice and a choice

- Develop transition strategies should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 & 174

- Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108

Lydia Cevallos

Location: 78254, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:48am 08-25-20

I support the ban of the LVRN technique, which restricts blood flow to the brain, and has been known to lead to serious complications, such as a stroke when used improperly.

Alyssa Pineda

Location:
Submitted At: 9:44am 08-25-20

I fully support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio, and to name this law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids.

G McDaniel

Location: 78249, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:40am 08-25-20

The LVNR is an acceptable restraint tactic used by law enforcement, military and practiced in martial arts. SAPD Officers apply this restraint tactic to those who refuse to comply with all the levels of instruction and forcefully resist against Officers trying to restrain them and taken into custody. Removal of this restraint tool will leave SAPD Officers with one less lethal option to deal with violent persons and could lead to a worse outcome for the person, the officer or the community. Leave the toolbox alone. Comply with orders so everyone can go home safe.

Thomas Johnson

Location: 78216, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:09am 08-25-20

I support a legally enforceable BAN on using LVNR and any similar technique designed to restrict blood flow to the brain. Incorrectly applied or prolonged application of such techniques have an unnecessarily high probability of death or physical impairment of the suspect. Remember at the point in time when these measures are used the individuals are suspects. SAPD police officers are sufficiently armed with adequate non-lethal weapons designed to disable suspects. Any measure short of a clear ban on using this technique is unacceptable.

Debra Garcia

Location: 78228, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:54am 08-25-20

I support the SAPD in any tactic used correctly. Many times, forceful restraints need to take place in order to subdue a suspect that is under the influence of a substance (i.e. ice, bath bombs,etc) that becomes powerful in strength and a forceful method is needed. We need to consider all scenarios before we decide to ban this method.

Joseph Yakubik

Location: 78213, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:42am 08-25-20

This CCR is simply garbage. The "recommendation" is not an actual recommendation at all; it is an unrelated - and incorrect - statement that does not address the highly specific request: Ban LVNR. That's it. Simple, clear, unequivocal language.

The current policy leaves the judgment to use lethal force LVNR - which IS a chokehold - up to the officer. It does not ban them. It simply does not.

The current policy is: Lethal chokeholds, to include LVNR, are at the discretion of the officer. If you wish to continue this policy, please add "officers waive QI in ALL cases when LVNR is used."

Carolyn McLerran

Location: 78230, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:05am 08-25-20

I am writing in support of the purposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints
I am calling on the Mayor and Council to:

Recognize that CH. 143 and 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and when SA voters were disenfranchised, so I support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible San Antonio voters a voice and choice.

Develop transition strategies should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.

Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108"

Jourdyn Parks

Location: 78244, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:04am 08-25-20

I support the CCR and ask that no knock warrants, and choke holds be BANNED from use, they are not worth the risk that they cause to human life, and do more harm than good.

JG Prado

Location: 78223, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:56am 08-25-20

I fully support the San Antonio Police Department and whatever tactics they must use in order to subdue subjects that pose a threat to themselves and others. I call on city council to apply common sense in making an informed decision. Base the findings on facts and not feelings. The technique is used on those that are combative in order to temporarily restrain them.

Betsy Davis

Location: 78212, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:25am 08-25-20

I support the ban of the LVRN technique, which restricts blood flow to the brain, and has been known to lead to serious complications, such as a stroke when used improperly.

AmyRose Felan

Location:
Submitted At: 2:26am 08-25-20

I absolutely support the ban of the LVRN & similar techniques. The fact that we need to debate & discuss banning certain methods in which police harm citizens is alarming & is proof within itself that there is a problem not just in the county but SA aswell. Cops have plenty of methods in which they can inflict harm, we must ban them all. Defund SAPD & methods in which they inflict harm.

Catherine Quinn

Location: 78253, San Antonio
Submitted At: 2:09am 08-25-20

I support this ban. It is completely unacceptable for police to use LVRN or similar methods. The law should reflect that and I hope to see this followed by similar bans.

Katherine Pruett

Location: 78216
Submitted At: 10:39pm 08-24-20

I absolutely support the ban of the LVRN technique. It's a dangerous technique, especially because of the countless officers who do not know how or care to use it correctly. It should never have been allowed. Ban it!

John Faultersack

Location: 78216, San Antonio
Submitted At: 10:34pm 08-24-20

If we really have to tell the police not to kill unnecessarily, we're in worse shape than I thought.

Jon conley

Location: 78247, San Antonio
Submitted At: 10:12pm 08-24-20

I was under the impression SAPD already had policy against choke holds. If not, there definitely needs to be an absolute ban and the use of a choke hold should be grounds for immediate termination. We seen all too well what can happen when an overly zealous officer uses one

Deborah Martin

Location: 78216, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:55pm 08-24-20

I support the purposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints Now I call on Mayor and Council to do:

- Recognize that both chapters 143 and 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and at a time when San Antonio voters were disenfranchised, and therefore support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible San Antonio voters a voice and a choice.

Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 & 174.

Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining per Ch. 174.108

Safire Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 9:22pm 08-24-20

YES there should be no reason for officers to be using this dangerous and deadly form of restraint.

Sean Pollard

Location: 78154, Selma
Submitted At: 9:17pm 08-24-20

I do NOT want police using choke holds or neck restraints. I support banning them.

Desiree Schanding

Location:
Submitted At: 9:14pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVRN technique, which restricts blood flow to the brain, and has been known to lead to serious complications, such as a stroke when used improperly.

Abi Cheekay

Location: 78253, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:13pm 08-24-20

BAN it. I support the ban of the LVNR technique and others like it, which restrict blood flow to the brain, and have been known to lead to serious complications, such as stroke or death.

Zachariah Schanding

Location: 78218, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:10pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVRN technique.

Mariah Smith

Location: 78250, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:10pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVNR technique and others like it, which restrict blood flow to the brain, and have been known to lead to serious complications, such as stroke or death.

Brittany Potter

Location: 78249, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:31pm 08-24-20

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Alexis Qaiyyim

Location:
Submitted At: 8:02pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVNR technique and others like it, which restrict blood flow to the brain, and have been known to lead to serious complications, such as stroke or death.

Ben Parker

Location: 78218, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:03pm 08-24-20

Yes, ban them!

Raquel Vincent

Location: 78250, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:59pm 08-24-20

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Michael Pena

Location: 78201, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:52pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVNR technique and others like it, which restrict blood flow to the brain, and have been known to lead to serious complications, such as stroke or death. That said, bans on such techniques usually do not deter the police from returning to such tactics as enforcement has been historically lax when they "police" their own. This is why I support abolishing the police union completely and instituting more civilian oversight while we explore more community based solutions.

Joie Pena

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:43pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVRN technique, which restricts blood flow to the brain and has been known to lead to serious complications, such as a stroke when used improperly. I am calling on the immediate divestment of money from SAPD into public health and housing for San Antonio.

April Duvall

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:35pm 08-24-20

I support this ban and I support shifting money from SAPD into community programs to help with housing and medical care and pair sick days.

Brandon Mowles

Location:
Submitted At: 5:50pm 08-24-20

I support the ban and I support defunding the police!

Barbara Felix

Location: 78232, San Antonio
Submitted At: 5:35pm 08-24-20

"I'm writing in support of proposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, & dangerous neck restraints, & calling on the Mayor/Council to do the following:

Recognize both chapters 143 and 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio when San Antonio voters were disenfranchised. I support the petition for ballot measure giving eligible San Antonio voters a voice & choice. Develop transition strategies to be put in place if public chooses to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174. Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108"

Beverley McClure

Location: 78230, San Antonio
Submitted At: 5:20pm 08-24-20

"I am writing in support of the proposed CCRs to end dangerous neck restraints, also I am calling on the Mayor and Council to do the following:

Recognize that both chapters 143 and 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and at a time when San Antonio voters were disenfranchised, and therefore support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible San Antonio voters a voice and a choice.

Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.

Joshua Grohman

Location:
Submitted At: 5:16pm 08-24-20

Support

Emily New

Location: 78218, San Antonio
Submitted At: 5:15pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of no-knock warrants and LVNR. These reforms and divestment of discretionary SAPD funds to housing and community development are needed to make our community stronger and safer.

Megan McGeachin

Location: 78250, San Antonio
Submitted At: 5:11pm 08-24-20

I support the ban on LVNR.

Karen Talamas

Location:
Submitted At: 4:55pm 08-24-20

Our police officers are well trained. SAPD academy is one of the best in the country. If this is used then it is needed to subdue the threat. Our officers need to use all options to subdue criminals in order to protect us and themselves.

Debra Wilcox

Location: 78245, San Antonio
Submitted At: 4:54pm 08-24-20

"I am writing in support of the proposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints, also I am calling on the Mayor and Council to do the following:

Recognize that both chapters 143 and 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and at a time when San Antonio voters were disenfranchised, and therefore support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible San Antonio voters a voice and a choice.

Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.

Steven Solis

Location: 78247, San Antonio
Submitted At: 4:48pm 08-24-20

I am writing in support of the purposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints, also I am calling on the Mayor and Council to do the following:
Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.
Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108"

Anne Ferguson

Location: 78212, SAN ANTONIO
Submitted At: 4:41pm 08-24-20

San Antonio native; District 1 resident
I'm writing in support of Councilmember Sullivan's request to ban no-knock raids and the practice of dangerous neck restraints within SAPD.

Benjamin Miele

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 4:40pm 08-24-20

I am writing in support of the purposed CCRs to end the lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR). Legalizing assault like this on a massive scale is a barbaric practice. The Mayor and Council also need to let the people of San Antonio vote on chapters 143 and 174. The public should be able to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174, and the City needs to help increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108.

Ananda Tomas

Location:
Submitted At: 4:17pm 08-24-20

LVNR has been banned in many cities across the country. This technique has the possibility of causing someone to have a stroke because it can break off pre-existing plaque that has built up in the neck that can cause a stroke. Officers and suspects have both been seriously harmed by use of this technique, even in training. If done incorrectly by someone, the LVNR can become as deadly as an ordinary chokehold. The margin for error is too high for this to continue being considered a safe practice. Please ban this practice in San Antonio immediately.

Veronica Longoria

Location: 78253, San Antonio
Submitted At: 4:00pm 08-24-20

I'm calling to end 143 and 174, I support the ban on LVNR.

Agenda Item: eComments for 5. 20-5061 Briefing and possible action on the Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Andrews Sullivan for the immediate documented discontinuation and banning of "No-Knock" warrants and procedures in the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Manual. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Overall Sentiment

Jessica OGuerrero

Location: 78223

Submitted At: 9:57am 08-25-20

i support a ban on 'No Knock' warrants and procedures within the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). this also supports the resolution to declare racism a health crisis in San Antonio. SAPD must ban this procedure and other similar policies. Bexar County Sheriff Office should follow suit and ban similar practices in their handbook and procedures.

Alyssa Pineda

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49am 08-25-20

I fully support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio, and to name this law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids.

I also support item 4 for ban of the LVRN technique, which restricts blood flow to the brain, and has been known to lead to serious complications, such as a stroke when used improperly.

Lydia Cevallos

Location: 78254, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:49am 08-25-20

I support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio, and to name this law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids.

Bridget McCartney

Location: 78209, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:49am 08-25-20

I am writing in support of the purposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints. ALSO the Mayor & Council need to:

- Recognize that chapters 143 & 174 were adopted by less than 2% of San Antonio and at a time when SA voters were disenfranchised, and therefore support the petition for a ballot measure giving eligible SA voters a voice and a choice

- Develop transition strategies should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 & 174

- Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108

Marlon Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 08-25-20

While I support this measure, I want to be clear in that this will not effectively stop "no-knock" as a tactic, nor curb police brutality at large. SA has previously adopted measures like this in the past, such as the duty to intervene, and despite this officers like the group that forcibly searched a woman's genitals are still able to evade repercussion. As long as codes 143 and 174 are in place, these measures will not have teeth, and I hope council sees each of these CCR's as the first step in a much larger fight.

Joseph Yakubik

Location: 78213, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:16am 08-25-20

The recommendations do little to nothing to address the mistrust of the community - or the risk to the officer - in no-knock warrants. Amplifying remarks to include requirements for use of body cameras to include audio by all participants should be added. Also if a no-knock warrant is authorized and used, a clearly stated "use of force" policy should be required that explicitly states why "exigent circumstances" require a no-knock warrant. Insertion of the term "exigent circumstances" in lieu of actual case-specific details, will result in the immediate rejection of the warrant request.

Support(89%)
Oppose(10%)
Neutral(2%)
No Response(5%)

Jourdyn Parks

Location: 78244, San antonio
Submitted At: 8:08am 08-25-20

A no knock warrant is a violation of constitutional rights and an abuse by our government. It shows that at some point in time our government thought itself so powerful that it wrote its own rules of engagement for citizens that citizens would never agree to. The no knock warrants leave too much room for error and result in loss of life more times than it should. It's banning keeps our citizens safe, and makes officers DO THEIR JOB. I support this CCR as a resident of SA.

Betsy Davis

Location: 78212, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:24am 08-25-20

I support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio, and to name this law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids.

Amy Rose

Location:
Submitted At: 2:35am 08-25-20

I support the ban of the no knock warrants. Charles Roundtree was murdered by SAPD on a no knock warrant. How many more lives must be lost to police brutality & their incompetence before something is done? Charles Roundtree deserved better & he should still be here today.

Catherine Quinn

Location: 78253, San Antonio
Submitted At: 2:04am 08-25-20

I support the ban of no knock warrants. Breonna Taylor's murder is just one example of the unjust deaths that no knock warrants enabled. I feel deeply upset that these were ever in place, and especially that they remained legal following the killing of Charles Roundtree here in San Antonio in 2018. Our city should not accept this.

Katherine Pruett

Location: 78216
Submitted At: 10:41pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio, and ask that this law be named for Charles "Chop" Roundtree--an unarmed 18-year-old who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant.

John Faultersack

Location: 78216, San Antonio
Submitted At: 10:39pm 08-24-20

The level of drug dealers snagged in a no-knock raid aren't the ones that are worth the effort in all likelihood. No worth the collateral damage either.

Jon conley

Location: 78247, San Antonio
Submitted At: 10:20pm 08-24-20

No knock warrants end in disaster far too often. Ban them immediately. Brianna Taylor is just one innocent victim in a long history of disastrous improperly executed no knock warrants. They originated to stop people from flushing drugs. It's just another deadly relic from the failed war on drugs. NO MAS!

Safire Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 9:26pm 08-24-20

No-knock warrants need to be banned for the safety of San Antonio Residents.

Jose Hinojosa

Location:

Submitted At: 9:21pm 08-24-20

No-knock warrants should have been banned years ago. They have been so controversial, in fact, that they were banned at the federal level at one point. These are volatile situations, that often lead to deadly mistakes, as in the case of Charles "Chop" Roundtree locally and Breonna Taylor in Louisville. Dozens of innocent people, and even bystanders, have been killed every year due to no-knock raids where police entered the wrong house. Further, this law should be named after Charles "Chop" Roundtree to honor the 18 year old whose life was stolen from him by SAPD on a no-knock warrant.

Abi Cheekay

Location: 78253, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:19pm 08-24-20

I support the ban on no-knock warrants. Breonna Taylor, and Charles "Chop" Roundtree deserved better.

Sean Pollard

Location: 78154, Selma

Submitted At: 9:18pm 08-24-20

I support banning police from conducting no-knock raids.

Zachariah Schanding

Location: 78218, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:14pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio. I also support the notion proposed by my fellow commenters to name this law after Charles Roundtree, the unarmed young man who was fatally shot while doing no wrong by an SAPD officer on a no-knock warrant. Police have proven time and again that they cannot responsibly use this ability.

Mariah Smith

Location: 78250, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:12pm 08-24-20

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Desiree Schanding

Location:

Submitted At: 9:07pm 08-24-20

From District 2, I support the ban of no-knock warrants in San Antonio, and suggest to name this law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids. Continuing to allow no-knock warrants is inexcusable after all evidence shows they lead to reckless loss of human life.

Brittany Potter

Location: 78249, San Antonio

Submitted At: 8:32pm 08-24-20

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Anthony Sanchez

Location: 78217, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:11pm 08-24-20

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Valerie Reiffert

Location: 78258, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:10pm 08-24-20

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Alexis Qaiyyim

Location:
Submitted At: 8:05pm 08-24-20

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MaryGrace Ketner

Location: 78210, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:24pm 08-24-20

I support the ban of the LVRN technique, which restricts blood flow to the brain, and has been known to lead to serious complications, such as a stroke when used improperly.

Michael Pena

Location: 78201, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:01pm 08-24-20

I support banning no knock warrants in San Antonio, and propose naming the corresponding law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids. I am calling on the immediate divestment of funds from SAPD, the reallocation of which should be put towards public health, education, and housing for San Antonio.

James Lyle

Location: 78216, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:53pm 08-24-20

Ban no knock warrants. It increases risk of shootings, and jeopardizes safety of others.

Ban the use of LVNR's. Teach officers to rely on tactics such as psychology, a not the use of force to de-escalate.

End qualified immunity, and defund to demilitarize the police department.

Their job is to serve the community, and act as an aid to citizens, not judge/jury/executioner. We need officers that

legitimately want to serve our communities. Accountability for actions is necessary for this to happen.

Do not be swayed by Gov Abbott's Threat to abuse his power over defunding!

Do what's right!

Joie Pena

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:45pm 08-24-20

I support banning no knock warrants in San Antonio, and to name this law after Charles "Chop" Roundtree, an unarmed 18 year old boy who was sitting on the couch when he was fatally shot by SAPD on a no-knock warrant. Dozens of innocent citizens are killed nationwide during no-knock raids. I am calling on the immediate divestment of funds from SAPD to public health and housing for San Antonio.

Raquel Vincent

Location: 78250, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:43pm 08-24-20

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- 1) Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.
- 2) Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining as stipulated under Chapter 174.108

April Duvall

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:40pm 08-24-20

I support banning no knock warrants and shifting funding from SAPD to real community programs that actually prevent crime like housing programs, medical care programs, and programs that provide paid sick days.

Brandon Mowles

Location:
Submitted At: 5:51pm 08-24-20

I support the ban and I support defunding the police

Beverley McClure

Location: 78230, San Antonio
Submitted At: 5:21pm 08-24-20

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Joshua Grohman

Location:
Submitted At: 5:17pm 08-24-20

Support

Megan McGeachin

Location: 78250, San Antonio
Submitted At: 5:14pm 08-24-20

I support ending no-knock raids/warrants/procedures by the SAPD.

Karen Talamas

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 08-24-20

This procedure is needed in dangerous situations. Without this our officers will be subjected to greater risk of bodily harm. The element of surprise is extremely important for the safety of all involved.

Steven Solis

Location: 78247, San Antonio

Submitted At: 4:47pm 08-24-20

I am writing in support of the proposed CCRs to end No Knock raids, and dangerous neck restraints, also

I am calling on the Mayor and Council to do the following:

Develop transition strategies to be put in place should the public choose to opt-out of Chapters 143 and 174.

Increase community engagement in public safety negotiations relating to collective bargaining.

Benjamin Miele

Location: 78209, San Antonio

Submitted At: 4:39pm 08-24-20

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Veronica Longoria

Location: 78253, San Antonio

Submitted At: 4:01pm 08-24-20

I support the ban on no-knock warrants.

Ananda Tomas

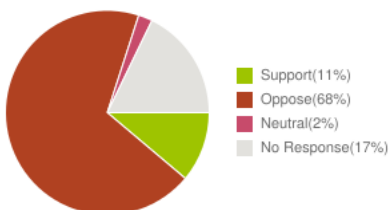
Location:

Submitted At: 3:37pm 08-24-20

No-knock warrants should have been banned years ago. They have been so controversial, in fact, that they were banned at the federal level at one point. These are volatile situations, that often lead to deadly mistakes, as in the case of Charles "Chop" Roundtree locally and Breonna Taylor in Louisville. Dozens of innocent people, and even bystanders, have been killed every year due to no-knock raids where police entered the wrong house. Further, this law should be named after Charles "Chop" Roundtree to honor the 18 year old whose life was stolen from him by SAPD on a no-knock warrant.

Agenda Item: eComments for 6. 20-5059 Briefing and possible action on FY 2021 Proposed Police Budget [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Overall Sentiment



Alyssa Pineda

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55am 08-25-20

I am calling on the immediate divestment of \$10-\$15 million from the police budget into public health and housing for San Antonio. Further, I am calling on council and the city manager to develop a strategy for a long-term divestment of an additional \$60-\$75 million from SAPD over the course of the next year by focusing on civilianizing jobs. For instance, departments such as the Mental Health Unit and the Victims Advocacy Unit can move out of the SAPD to local organizations and programs that already offer these types of services.

Lydia Cevallos

Location: 78254, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:51am 08-25-20

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Marlon Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:41am 08-25-20

I oppose this current budget and support defunding the police to invest in public health, education, and housing. While certain spending is mandated by the CBA this budget is not transparent about the fact that roughly 100 million is still available within the public safety budget to be reallocated. Public safety is larger than punishment, and when we adequately fund our human infrastructures, we avoid criminalizing the populations that need our help most.

JG Prado

Location: 78223, San Antonio

Submitted At: 8:38am 08-25-20

I oppose any defunding of the San Antonio Police Department. What is the current ratio of officer per citizen? Not counting sergeants, lieutenants, captains or deputy chiefs I'm asking about boots on the ground, responding to calls. What is the current response time? Get factual information to make informed decisions. The city is continuing to push outward and annexing more and more land how will you compensate protection for those incorporations?

Jourdyn Parks

Location: 78244, San Antonio

Submitted At: 8:11am 08-25-20

I am calling for the immediate divestment of 15 Million from the SAPD budget and asking that funding be reallocated to public health, housing and education!! Crime prevention is HELPING THE CITIZENS have the resources that they need to be successful, NOT over policing them and hoping that fear keeps people in line. Defund SAPD and INVEST in the people and our YOUTH!

DistrictOne Resident

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59am 08-25-20

Divest from Policing, Fund Housing

Betsy Davis

Location: 78212, San Antonio

Submitted At: 7:30am 08-25-20

I am calling on the immediate divestment of \$10-\$15 million from the police budget into public health and housing for San Antonio. Further, I am calling on council and the city manager to develop a strategy for a long-term divestment of an additional \$60-\$75 million from SAPD over the course of the next year by focusing on civilianizing jobs. For instance, departments such as the Mental Health Unit and the Victims Advocacy Unit can

move out of the SAPD to local organizations and programs that already offer these types of services.

Amy Rose

Location:

Submitted At: 2:44am 08-25-20

I oppose any budget that includes the increase to SAPD funding. It's alarming that city elected officials are putting the funding of SAPD over the concerns of their citizens, as well over the betterment of the city & it's people during this pandemic. Cuts to healthcare, housing, & human services during a pandemic is disgusting. Other items on the agenda call for banning techniques in which SAPD harms it's citizens, but there are many methods in which they do so. I call for the defunding & reallocation of funds away from SAPD & the methods in which they inflict harm onto the residents of SA.

Catherine Quinn

Location: 78253, San Antonio

Submitted At: 2:20am 08-25-20

Budget cuts are being proposed by SA city council for multiple San Antonio school districts, the SA food bank, social programs like the Boys and Girls club, and many other critical systems— all during a pandemic. I support defunding the police, especially in favor of reallocating the money to programs that support San Antonio, like education and food security. Thousands of SA residents have protested against SAPD in the past few months. I am in favor of cutting their budget.

Raymond Garcia

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 08-24-20

I just hope City Council sees through all of the cut and paste responses on here being put out by these fringe groups which do not reflect the majority of San Antonio. SAPD is already way under manned and has one of the lowest ratio of officers to population in the United States. To undercut it anymore would be a recipe for disaster.

Katherine Pruett

Location: 78216

Submitted At: 10:44pm 08-24-20

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Jon conley

Location: 78247, San Antonio

Submitted At: 10:32pm 08-24-20

A reasonable amount of SAPD's budget should be reallocated to fund public health facilities in medical deserts, more healthy food corner stores, education pre-k thru bachelors or trade school, allocate some of that budget to mental health and the sheltering of the chronically homeless. We can do better, but not if all of our tax dollars are going to one bloated, militarized department. The people are speaking, policing in America is going to change. Our police serve critical functions but the days of over-policing and mass incarceration need to be history. We can do better!

Emily Brown

Location: 78212, San Antonio

Submitted At: 10:29pm 08-24-20

I oppose the proposed budget and any future budget that increases funding to the San Antonio Police Department. We are currently living in a pandemic that has drastically affected the way of life of many residents living here in San Antonio. With more people losing jobs, and an already underfunded education system that is already being ask to do more than what any professional would consider reasonable with limited to no resources, I am calling for a 200 million dollar decrease from the San Antonio Police Department in order to reallocate said funds to education, health, and housing.

Debra Hernandez

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23pm 08-24-20

More programs like CITE and RELEASE should implemented as ordinances to not only save the city money, but to reduce the amount of budget money needed to fund our SAPD. Only one half of the year's citations saved 5715 Full Time Officer hours of pay. Only one half of the year's citations saved \$258,182.00 in prosecution costs per the DA's office and yet we can not have a discussion on this during budget talks? As an SA STANDS Member, I am very disappointed.

Mariah Smith

Location: 78250, San Antonio

Submitted At: 10:01pm 08-24-20

As a young woman who just turned 18 I'm extremely concerned for a future that exists where police budgets are 20 or 50 times larger than other crucial departments like healthcare. I oppose the proposed budget & any future budget that increases funding to the San Antonio Police Department. A \$200 million decrease, bare minimum is appropriate for reallocating funds to education, health, and housing. Money could also go to community-run violence prevention programs. Disinvest in the police & get rid of chapters 174 & 143 that undermine true justice and accountability while you're at it.

Rose Barcus

Location: 78209, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:50pm 08-24-20

Money needs to be diverted away from exorbitant spending on SAPD, it is time to re-evaluate contracts with police unions and have stricter standards toward making sure fired officers are not rehired. To see significant cuts to youth programs but increased spending on police is investing in the wrong thing at the wrong time. Fund better and more equitable schools.

Safire Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30pm 08-24-20

I oppose the proposed budget as is. Having worked in non-profit for 3 years now, I can testify to how the money being diverted from youth programs directly impacts the community. Taking away that money is to take away opportunities for thousands of children and families. This breaks my heart. Police union contracts need to be re-evaluated. There is no reason that 70% of cops fired from SAPD are rehired. The city should not be bound to give SAPD a 5% raise in the middle of a pandemic when their citizens are facing income loss, homelessness, inadequate healthcare, and losing their businesses.

Desiree Schanding

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25pm 08-24-20

I oppose the proposed FY21 budget as is. This budget proves that you are willing to defund education and kinder readiness programs. You're willing to defund human services. You will defund after school programs at 7 area independent school districts. You will defund senior health and care services. You are going to defund services that educate, house and give health care in order to give millions more to the police. It is unconscionable that you are willing to defund everything except the police when all research proves that education, housing and health care reduce poverty and reduces crime.

Zachariah Schanding

Location: 78218, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:18pm 08-24-20

I agree with my fellow citizens who are calling on the immediate divestment of \$10-\$15 million from the police budget into public health and housing for San Antonio. I agree with the calling on of the council and the city manager to develop a strategy for a long-term divestment of an additional \$60-\$75 million from SAPD over the course of the next year by focusing on civilianizing jobs.

Ariella Macias

Location: 78261, San Antonio
Submitted At: 9:17pm 08-24-20

I oppose the proposed budget and future budget that increases funding to the San Antonio police department. We are currently living in a pandemic that has drastically affected the way of life of many residents living here in San Antonio. With more people losing jobs, and already underfunded education system that is already being asked to do more than what any professional would consider reasonable with limited to no resources, I am calling for a 200 million dollar decrease from the San Antonio police department in order to reallocate funds to education, health, and housing.

Valerie Reiffert

Location: 78258, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:02pm 08-24-20

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE BUDGET AS IS!

As a Black woman, Mother and Sister I IMPLORÉ Bexar county to lead by example and LISTEN to your citizens. San Antonio needs to be on the right side of history for ONCE and put that \$200 million into the community. The police KNOW who the "bad" ones are and refuse to speak up due to fear of THEM being fired. SAPD and BCSO have shown a PATTERN of harming citizens unjustly. SAPD LEADS THE NATION IN REHIRING FIRED COPS WHICH PUTS LIVES IN IMMEDIATE DANGER. DO YOU WANT ONE OF THEM PULLING YOU OVER?? Defund the POLICE and PROTECT YOUR CITIZENS AND YOURSELVES!

Brittany Potter

Location: 78249, San Antonio
Submitted At: 8:01pm 08-24-20

I oppose the proposed budget and any future budget that increases funding to the San Antonio Police Department. We are currently living in a pandemic that has drastically affected the way of life of many residents living here in San Antonio. With more people losing jobs, and an already underfunded education system that is already being ask to do more than what any professional would consider reasonable with limited to no resources, I am calling for a 200 million dollar decrease from the San Antonio Police Department in order to reallocate said funds to education, health, and housing.

Alexis Qaiyyim

Location:
Submitted At: 8:00pm 08-24-20

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Anthony Sanchez

Location: 78217, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:54pm 08-24-20

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Amanda Hernandez

Location: 78247, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:51pm 08-24-20

The police budget is ridiculous. City council essentially sold our city budget to the CBA when they agreed to its terms and now we are left to deal with the consequences during a national pandemic when people are in need of

housing, health, small business assistance, etc. Take a stand for what is right. Just because increasing the police budget every year has become the “norm” does not mean that it’s right. What are we getting for our dollar? Is our city really safer? What about counselors for mental health and domestic abuse instead of a police presence?

Caroline Connolly

Location: 78259, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:43pm 08-24-20

Giving SAPD \$30 million more during a public health crisis is absurd. I support reallocating these extra funds and much more towards resources that actually “serve and protect” our community.

Priscilla Johnson

Location: San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:40pm 08-24-20

I fully support the police. I wonder how many of these people commenting to defund the police are actually from San Antonio. Is there a way to verify that? I doubt most are. The vast majority of San Antonio wants a well funded police department.

Shane Mendez

Location: 78219, Kirby
Submitted At: 7:30pm 08-24-20

In order to truly address the problem of need based crime, we must divert resources from the police into other systems. We must prioritize education, housing, and aiding the homeless and jobless.

MaryGrace Ketner

Location: 78210, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:26pm 08-24-20

I support diverting some funds and some responsibilities from the city police budget to other public service agencies such as public health, housing, mental health, and advocacy

Priscilla Gonzalez

Location: 78205, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:24pm 08-24-20

I am calling for the immediate divestment of funding from the SAPD, which does not reflect the needs and values of our communities, and instead reallocate funds into housing the homeless and aiding those facing evictions due to the refusal of a rent moratorium from the city.

Bianca Cortez

Location: 78216, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:23pm 08-24-20

DEFUND THE POLICE!!! I support our funds going to help our community through programs like public housing, community outreach, education as well as mental and physical health care. Demilitarize and defund SAPD!!

Michael Pena

Location: 78201, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:17pm 08-24-20

Immediately reduce the police budget by the maximum amount allowable and start working towards an end goal of defunding, divesting, and demilitarizing. Police do not prevent crime, they react to it. Start investing in our communities.

Ben Parker

Location: 78218, San Antonio
Submitted At: 7:07pm 08-24-20

This budget doesn’t reflect the needs and input of the community, it is more of the same. I support significantly reducing the police budget and reallocating those resources elsewhere.

Joie Pena

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:47pm 08-24-20

I am calling for the immediate divestment from the police budget into public health and housing for San Antonio. Demilitarize, defund, divest and reinvest in our communities!

April Duvall

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:42pm 08-24-20

Defund SAPD by the maximum amount allowed under current rules. Reinvest that money into actual crime prevention programs like housing programs, medical care, and paid sick days.

Jacob Aten

Location: 78253, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:38pm 08-24-20

The majority of these comments are saying to defund the police. I'm calling for the police to be majorly defunded. Why are so many other important organizations that are helpful to the community being defunded while the police get an increase in funding when there have been mass protests calling for the police to be defunded. The city council and mayor have promised to help and listen to the citizens, this budget proposal feels like a slap in the face.

Leslie Rivera

Location: 78213, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:23pm 08-24-20

Defund the Police! Demilitarize the Police! I am a social worker and I link clients to local resources. San Antonio, we can do better. No one should be evicted from their homes and face homelessness. I have countless clients that are homeless, food insecure, and lacking access to healthcare. No American or Texan should have to suffer. Healthcare, food, and housing for all should be the standard. It is proven over and over in research that a lack of resources, education, and opportunities, are what drives up crime. Please consider defunding SAPD, significantly.

Leah Wilson

Location: 78254, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:15pm 08-24-20

I am calling for our city council to significantly defund SAPD and reallocate those funds into evidence based practices that have been proven to reduce crime, including housing, education, healthcare, and community-based programs. I am appalled that, after assuring us the budget would do so, the SAPD got an \$8 million budget increase, despite the fact that we are expected to have record shortfall due to COVID's impact. Our community is struggling like never before, with food insecurity, homelessness, healthcare, and education. Mental and physical health are frazzled. Reinvest in community.

Sky Ervin

Location: 78209, San Antonio
Submitted At: 6:09pm 08-24-20

DEFUND THE POLICE

HUBERT VESTIL

Location: 78248, SAN ANTONIO
Submitted At: 6:04pm 08-24-20

I am calling for a complete reallocation of the SAPD budget to fund our community. San Antonio has historically been a tourist city with the majority of our economy coming from the hospitality industry. With most of our hospitality industry at a complete stand still we should increase the budget around our economic development to assist those who are currently unemployed or displaced from the closure of bars and limited access to our local restaurants. Small businesses are struggling. Save them.

Brandon Mowles

Location:

Submitted At: 5:52pm 08-24-20

We need to defund the police by \$200M and invest that into the community. Police don't prevent crime they react to it. Education, Jobs, health, housing and overall prosperity prevent crime. Please defund the police.

Megan McGeachin

Location: 78250, San Antonio

Submitted At: 5:18pm 08-24-20

I agree with Ananda Tomas that the SAPD budget needs to be reduced immediately and over long term and those funds reallocated to civilian programs and social services intended to reduce the underlying systemic causes of crime in San Antonio, such as poverty, lack of health care/mental health resources, the segregation of housing and resources in our city, etc.

Lori Todd

Location: 78261, San Antonio

Submitted At: 5:13pm 08-24-20

Do not put lives at risk by reducing support. I know from experience that a distress call can take 20 minutes to respond to, and with budget cuts this time would increase. Local organizations and churches already provide services for homeless and mentally ill, and yet we still don't have enough manpower to go around. Aside from homelessness and mental illness, how will you help with crime? Our city is one of the most dangerous cities in Texas, near the absolute bottom of the list, with violent crime per 1,000 at 6.3 and property crime per 1,000 at nearly 40! How will cuts make our city safer?

Ananda Tomas

Location:

Submitted At: 3:26pm 08-24-20

I am calling on city leaders to immediately divest \$10-\$15 million from the SAPD budget to go towards programs/projects that address healthcare, homelessness, infrastructure, and poverty within our city. Follow the example of Austin and include a long-term plan to defund even more money (\$60-100 million) over the course of the next year by civilianizing more jobs away from SAPD such as victims advocacy, communications, and the mental health unit to local organizations that already provide these types of services. We can save money by analyzing our expensive contractual services too!

Belinda Romero

Location: 78231, San Antonio

Submitted At: 3:09pm 08-23-20

No to defunding and NO to repealing Civil service 143 and Collective Bargaining 174.

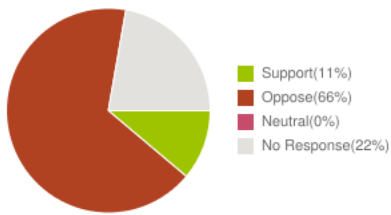
Agenda Item: eComments for 7. 20-4882 Briefing and possible action on San Antonio Police Department grants:

A. Grant in an amount up to \$250,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (OOG/CJD), Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the purchase of an additional acquisition workstation for expanded participation in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms National (BATF) Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) program.

B. Grant in an amount up to \$291,972.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice to support the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program (Bexar County will serve as the grant fiscal agent).

[María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Overall Sentiment



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Location: 78260, San Antonio

Submitted At: 9:23am 08-25-20

I am against defunding the police in anyway and I do support additional funding for police

Ananda Tomas

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 08-25-20

Your city council members are saying they need more money for infrastructure, public health, education, animal care services, and to fight houselessness. Yet the only area you actively seek grants for or funnel more funding to is the police budget. EVEN THOUGH THE COMMUNITY IS ASKING YOU TO DIVEST FROM SAPD. If you truly don't care about the needs of the people just come out and say it already. Our police are too stressed and overstretched, serving too many job functions. Start civilianizing these jobs and giving them to local organizations and programs that already exist to serve children.

Amy Rose

Location:

Submitted At: 2:50am 08-25-20

I oppose the continuation of funneling funds into the hands of SAPD while other services & programs within the city suffer. Cuts to healthcare, housing, & human services during a pandemic is disgusting. Their mere offer of this grant proves that SAPD is not underfunded & that any increase in the city budget to SAPD is not needed & also irresponsible. City programs & healthcare are what deserve to be funded, & even more so during a pandemic.

Desiree Schanding

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31pm 08-24-20

I oppose these grants and I am calling on the immediate divestment of \$15 million from the police budget into public health and housing for San Antonio. I call on council and the city manager to develop a strategy for a long-term divestment of an additional \$60-\$75 million from SAPD over the course of the next year by focusing on civilianizing jobs. Departments such as the Mental Health Unit, the Victims Advocacy Unit as well as this grant to support the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program can move out of the SAPD to local organizations that already offer these types of services.

Joie Pena

Location: 78209, San Antonio

Submitted At: 6:49pm 08-24-20

SAPD does not need additional grants. This is egregious and disrespectful to our communities, especially during a pandemic and continued systemic racism that goes without consequences. Reform does not work. You cannot change a system that was built on white supremacy. DEFUND AND REINVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

April Duvall

Location: 78209, San Antonio

Submitted At: 6:43pm 08-24-20

SAPD has proved that they cannot handle the budget they have. Every week we hear more about their crimes. Do not approve this grant and defund SAPD by the maximum amount allowed under current rules.

Brandon Mowles

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 08-24-20

Defund the police and stop wasting money. Invest in the community!

Lori Todd

Location: 78261, San Antonio

Submitted At: 5:14pm 08-24-20

I support these grants.

Karen Talamas

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 08-24-20

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