

City of San Antonio



Meeting Minutes City Council B Session

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Wednesday, June 10, 2020

2:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

ROLL CALL

Acting City Clerk Tina Flores took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

PRESENT: 11 - Mayor Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and Perry.

1. Briefing on the San Antonio Police Department current process for police-community relations, officer training, and legal framework for investigation and discipline of police conduct to provide City Council and the community a foundation to develop and evaluate potential reforms. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Andy Segovia, City Attorney, William McManus, Chief of Police]

First Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Provencio stated that the City worked within the legal framework that formed the employee relationship with Police Officers to include the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143, which was the Public Safety Civil Service and the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 174 which was the Collective Bargaining Statute. Ms. Provencio noted that Texas Government Code Chapter 143: 1) Provided Civil Service Protections to Fire and Police Employees; 2) Set requirements for hiring, promotion, terms of employment, discipline, and termination; 3) May be repealed by election upon petition.

Ms. Provencio reported that Texas Local Government Code Chapter 174 was adopted in 1974 by San Antonio voters and: 1) Enabled Police Officers and Firefighters to Collectively Bargain; and 2) May be repealed by election upon petition. She noted that the City of San Antonio had Collectively Bargained with the San Antonio Police Officer's Association (SAPOA) since 1974.

Ms. Provencio stated that the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) was negotiated between

SAPOA and the City and would expire in September 2021. She noted that the terms of Chapter 143 may be altered by agreement and if the parties did not agree, negotiations may then be subject to mediation and/or arbitration.

City Manager Erik Walsh reviewed the following discipline priorities of the City in the last CBA:

- Prior Officer misconduct
- Eliminate 189-day limitation
- Remove requirement to reduce short suspensions to reprimands
- Internal Affairs procedures and investigation of discipline cases
- Eliminate Officer forfeiture of leave time to satisfy suspension
- Officers charged with crimes
- Back pay for disciplined and indicted Officers

City Manager Walsh reported that under the CBA, contract negotiations were required to begin February 2021.

Police Chief William McManus reported that the disciplinary process was regulated by the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143 and the CBA. He noted that the discipline process would begin with complaints from the community and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) and formal complaints were investigated by Internal Affairs.

Chief McManus explained that formal complaints would go through an Internal Affairs investigation, the Complaint & Administrative Review Board (CARB), the Chief of Police. He noted that once a decision was made, the Officer would accept or repeal the decision. He added that line complaints would go through the Police Officer's supervisor with review by a Captain, the Officer would be disciplined and accept the complaint or, would be referred to Internal Affairs, and ultimately to the CARB. He added that discipline must take place within 180 days of the incident unless the Officer was indicted.

Chief McManus stated that the CBA provided the following for Police Officers:

- 48-hour notice prior to contact by Internal Affairs
- Attorney, Supervisor, or Union Representative during questioning
- Ability to view all evidence prior to questioning
- Meeting with the Police Chief to discuss contemplated discipline
- Appealing Police Chief's decision to an Arbitrator

Chief McManus reported that the Internal Affairs Unit was comprised of one Captain, one Lieutenant, twelve Sergeants, and two civilian support personnel who would receive and investigate complaints against Police Officers, collect facts, and conduct interviews. He indicated that once the investigation was completed, the case would be forwarded to the CARB.

Chief McManus reviewed the formal investigations and reviews conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit from 2010 through 2019, line complaints received and reviewed from 2010 through 2019, and use of

force complaints received and investigated from 2010 through 2019. He noted that a line complaint could be made regarding rudeness or against someone who showed up late repeatedly. He noted that the increase in line complaints and formal investigations in 2015 were the result of the Body-Worn Camera Program.

Chief McManus reported that there had been a significant reduction in the use of force and there were eight complaints and investigations regarding use of force to date.

Chief McManus stated that the CARB was comprised of seven Police Officers and seven Civilians. He noted that the CARB was authorized by the CBA and examined investigations completed by the Internal Affairs Unit on complaints against Police Officers. He reviewed the gender and race/ethnicity for the CARB.

Chief McManus explained that after he received the CARB's recommendation he would issue a Contemplated Notice of Discipline in writing which would set forth the alleged rule violation and the facts supporting the violation to the disciplined Officer. He added that there were two exceptions to the two-year limit on prior misconduct: 1) 10-year limit was established for drug and alcohol-related misconduct; and 2) Five-year limit was established for acts of intentional violence. He stated that when the Police Chief served the final discipline, the Police Officer may appeal the discipline in writing to Human Resources within 15 days.

Ms. Provencio explained that the Police Officer could appeal the discipline by: 1) Appearing before the Public Safety Civil Service Commission; or 2) Appearing before an Arbitrator. She noted that if the Police Officer wished to appear before an Arbitrator, the Arbitrator would be selected by SAPOA and the City from a list of seven AAA Arbitrators.

Ms. Provencio indicated that the CBA allowed for a limited discovery process and the City had the burden of proof. She noted that Police Officers often utilized comparators (discipline issued to other Officers) to support their case. She reported that the CBA allowed the Arbitrator to impose discipline for any amount of time and the City's appeal of the Arbitrator's decision were strictly limited.

Chief McManus explained that Officers deemed unsuitable to return to service in the field were assigned to administrative positions with little to no interaction with the public. He presented the "8 Can't Wait" police recommendations from the Campaign Zero organization. He added that in 2014, SAPD banned chokeholds and strangleholds and was the only city in Texas to have done so. He explained that there was an exception when a chokehold or stranglehold would be allowed which was only in a situation where deadly force would be permissible.

Chief McManus reported that San Antonio had met the requirements of the Campaign Zero Organization, but that there were four policies that the City did not get credit for that the "8 Can't Wait" Policy recommended:

1. Exhaust all alternatives before shooting
2. Require all use of force be reported
3. Ban shooting at moving vehicles
4. Require warning before shooting

Chief McManus stated that deadly force was authorized to protect an Officer or another person from what was reasonably believed to be an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury. He noted that all use of force was reported in the Officer's departmental report, and an additional report would be required if the following occurred: 1) Greater than empty hand control; 2) Injury which required medical treatment; 3) Causes death to an individual; 4) Discharging a firearm to an individual; 5) Use of an immediate weapon; and 6) When a police dog bit an individual.

Chief McManus reported that SAPD prohibited Officers from shooting at a moving vehicle except as the ultimate measure of self-defense or defense of another. He noted that SAPD's De-Escalation Policy required Officers to de-escalate tense situations to reduce the need for force through:

1. Warnings
2. Advisements
3. Verbal persuasion
4. Tactics

Chief McManus indicated that SAPD was accountable for all official acts of its Officers, held Officers to a high standard of conduct and discipline, and had strived to achieve trust and confidence with San Antonio Residents. He added that there needed to be consequences for misconduct and that the policies in place needed to be certain and final.

Chief McManus stated that Cadet training and In-Service Officer training included cultural diversity, implicit bias, de-escalation, crisis intervention, use of force, tactics, general manual, and rules and regulations.

Chief McManus stated that Officer wellness and support was provided by SAPD and was recognized as a national model by the U.S. Department of Justice. He reported that the 21st Century Policing Report was issued in 2015 by President Obama's administration. He noted that following the release of the report he created six subcommittees to: 1) Build trust and legitimacy; 2) Provide policy and oversight; 3) Provide technology and social media; 4) Provide community policing and crime reduction; 5) Provide training and education; and 6) Provide for Officer wellness and safety.

Chief McManus stated that the subcommittees were created to identify potential opportunities to incorporate the findings of the report into the strategies and practices of SAPD. He indicated that the 21st Century Policing Initiative met or exceeded 73 of 76 recommendations within the Presidential Commission on Advancing the 21st Century Policing Report and that San Antonio was the largest of 15 police agencies selected to participate in the initiative.

Chief McManus reported that Public Safety Roundtables were held from Summer through Fall of 2019. He reported that the Community Engagement Citizen Engagement Group met quarterly to discuss public safety issues, collaborate on various outreach projects, and solicit input from community stakeholders. He noted that the Community Engagement Team proactively established contact with individuals in high crime areas in an effort to facilitate delivery of support services and to prevent criminal activity through violence intervention, victim advocacy, and community engagement.

Chief McManus stated that the Success Through Respect Program began in 2016 and was an interactive and conversational program which allowed for a safe space for Officers to listen to students in school who could share concerns and issues with. He highlighted the Handle with Care Program, the Early Intervention Program, and the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda stated that the first three Public Safety Committee Meetings would be held in one week and would be listening sessions. She noted that there would be two virtual sessions and one in-person session. She added that the meetings would be held at varying times of the day and week to provide a forum for individuals to speak.

Chief McManus reported that the next steps included:

- FY 2021 SAPD Equity and Gender Diversity Training
- Coordination and final review of outstanding “8 Can’t Wait” Policies
- Maintained Officer accountability
- Continuous benchmarking of policies with best practices
- Establish CBA and State legislative priorities

City Manager Walsh proposed that staff bring back some potential actions after the Public Safety Listening Sessions.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that demonstrations had been taking place across San Antonio and were a call to action. He noted that the solution for poverty was not more policing. He asked what part of the Police Department Budget was locked in the current CBA. City Manager Walsh replied that approximately 80% of the Police Department Budget was tied directly to the requirements in the CBA. Mayor Nirenberg asked what items within the police budget were tied at the Council’s discretion from an annual budget perspective. City Manager Walsh reported that items at the City Council’s discretion included 9-1-1 dispatch operations and civilian personnel of the Police Department.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that he would like the City to fulfill all of the “8 Can’t Wait” Policies. He requested information on the Use of Force Continuum. Chief McManus reported that the Use of Force Continuum began with the presence of an Officer, verbal commands, empty hand control, an intermediate weapon, and escalated to deadly force if necessary.

Councilmember Cabello Havrda asked of the barriers to resolve issues in the CBA. City Manager Walsh stated that the current CBA was settled by court-ordered mediation. He noted that health benefits and disciplinary issues were the two main priorities of the City.

Councilmember Treviño asked if the City was planning to renew grants and asked of the timing for renewal of the grants. He requested an itemized list of all grant purchases and asked of the fiscal impact of non-renewal of grants. He asked if Federal grants supplemented the SAPD Budget, and if so, could Federal grants fund equipment and training and could those funds be reallocated to other departments which compliment Public Safety such as housing and mental health.

Councilmember Treviño asked what the terms were for the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission and of the process for selecting members. He asked of the age requirement for the Commission and if

the City Council could advocate for more members on the Commission. He asked for data on decisions made by the Commission, requested that the answers to his questions be made in writing, and that staff add a future item for B Session to discuss the Free Speech Ordinance.

Mayor Nirenberg asked that staff and Chief McManus send the responses to Councilmember Treviño as well as the City Council and the Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan stated that there was a systemic problem of injustice and adopting the Resolution was the first step in ensuring that public engagement in police processes were brought to the forefront. She asked if a petition could be brought forth to change the processes for Chapters 143 and 174 of the Texas Local Government Code. City Attorney Andy Segovia replied that Chapter 143 could be repealed by petition with the signatures of 10% of qualified voters. He noted that the City Clerk would verify the signatures and if there were enough verified signatures, the item would be placed on the ballot.

City Attorney Segovia explained that for Chapter 174, the City Council must order a repeal election if a petition was received with signatures of qualified voters of either: 1) 20,000; or 2) 5% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the City in the preceding General Election for State and County Officers. He stated that the previous General Election was held in November 2018 and 386,729 registered voters in the City voted so 5% would be 19,337. He added that if the signatures were verified by the City Clerk, the item could be placed on the ballot.

Councilmember Viagran spoke in support of instituting a Zero Tolerance Policy for racism, discrimination, and domestic abuse. She asked that current and future recruits be vetted and polygraphed for racist ideology and discrimination. She asked how much of the funds last year were in the form of grants and asked for the funding amounts for each outreach program.

Chief McManus stated that the killing of George Floyd presented an opportunity to review police policies and revise them to better benefit the community.

Mayor Nirenberg asked if an order for crowd dispersal would come from the Police Chief. Chief McManus replied that it would.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated that there should be a protocol in place to ensure that bad behavior was not accepted from Police Officers. She asked of the Community Relations Committee appointed by Mayor Ivy Taylor. City Manager Walsh replied that members became less involved after a period of time.

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the listening session process. Councilmember Cabello Havrda stated that the first three Public Safety Council Committee meetings would be held in one week. Councilmember Gonzales asked if the Police Chief had the authority to implement penalties for misconduct when Officers were not on duty. Chief McManus replied that he did.

Councilmember Sandoval requested that the Police Chief or staff provide a diagram of the different units and public engagement opportunities that were mentioned. She asked of the membership of the Boards and Committees mentioned and how the public could become involved in those.

Councilmember Pelaez reported that San Antonio was one of the cities with the highest rates of poverty and economic segregation. He noted that such cities saw higher rates of police violence against black men and women. He asked if 67.5% of fired Officers who appealed through arbitration were returned to work by the arbitrator. Chief McManus replied that they were. Councilmember Pelaez stated that every San Antonio citizen had a legitimate reason to be confused and furious about this. He added that he would not support any effort which resulted in fewer Police Officers on the streets.

Councilmember Courage stated that the City needed to do more to improve its police force. He asked what the format was for psychological testing, how many fail the psychological exam, and were those who failed given multiple chances to pass. He asked of the format utilized for Implicit Bias Training, and how often the training was given. He asked of the number of Police Officers who were on administrative duty, and what kind of military style surplus vehicles, hardware, or arms did SAPD have. He asked if a San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officer position was voluntary. Chief McManus replied that the SAFFE positions must be applied for and the selection would be made based upon an interview. Councilmember Courage suggested that all Police Officers rotate through a SAFFE Officer position.

Councilmember Perry stated that he supported SAPD and would not support taking funds from them. He noted that the SAFFE Unit was successful and had continually improved. He asked if staff had met informally with SAPOA. City Manager Walsh replied that they had not but would begin meeting in February 2021. He stated that it was time to discuss priorities and guiding principles such as discipline and arbitration.

Councilmember Viagran requested data for the past five years on how many cases submitted for arbitration ended with the Police Officer being reinstated. She requested the amount of funding utilized for back pay in these cases. She spoke in support of a police substation in Council District 3 comprised of law enforcement and other services.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia stated that she would like to see a focus on restorative justice and mental health. She requested a breakdown of the formal investigations and asked if exemptions could be requested. Ms. Provencio replied that the CBA was the method by which exemptions were made.

Councilmember Gonzales asked for the amount of funds received from grants which were not law enforcement-related. Ms. Villagómez replied that SAPD received a total of \$5.2 million in grants regarding drug trafficking, auto crimes, human trafficking, and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Councilmember Sandoval stated that she supported reinvesting funds from the police budget in organizations which could perform some of the work which Officers do.

Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan asked how many of the Officers that were terminated had been employed by other police departments. City Attorney Andy Segovia replied that he was not aware of a State database which kept that information.

Chief McManus stated that police departments could not resolve the systemic social and economic

issues in cities across the country. He noted that he agreed with the issues being protested against. He indicated that any policy which could be improved, would be improved quickly.

City Manager Walsh stated that requests for information would be compiled and shared with City Council.

Mayor Nirenberg stated that some changes could be made immediately but an agenda must be developed at multiple levels of authority.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:27 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

Attest:

TINA J. FLORES
Acting City Clerk

Speaker Number	Callback	Name	Email Address	Phone Number	District	Callback Request	Topic	Statement
1		Ernie Granville	e_granville@yahoo.com			No	Law enforcement misconduct	Mr. Granville stated that it would benefit the process to remove negative internal pressures to have an independent division or separate prosecutors for law enforcement misconduct.
2		Rhea Nayak	rhea2002nayak@gmail.com		Citywide	No	Legislative changes	Rhea Nayak requested legislative changes to redirect police funding, abolish legislative police protections, and demilitarize the police.
3		Justin Wallace	jwallace3124@gmail.com			No	Testing and graduation rates	Mr. Wallace stated that many of the schools in the area were falling behind in testing and graduation rates.
4		Rhoda Mejia	rhoda.lynn.mejia@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Mejia stated that defunding the police would result in higher crime rates and increasing the police budget should be considered.
5		Jennifer Fleming	flemingi@alumni.southwestern.edu	210-218-9595		No	Police funding	Ms. Fleming requested a complete overhaul of the San Antonio Police Department and an end over-investment in the black and brown communities' criminalization and surveillance.
6		Sage Magnus	sageleighh@yahoo.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Magnus requested re-structuring of the City Budget to prioritize more social services for the community.
7		Maria Benavides		210-425-5551		No	Police funding	Ms. Benavides spoke against defunding of the San Antonio Police Department.
8		Derek Ellis	derek.ellis@protonmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Ellis stated that the police have shown no interest in reform and do not protect citizens. He noted that citizens were calling for systemic change.
9		Meghan Heintz	msheintz@gmail.com	707-502-9522		No	Police funding	Ms. Heintz requested that the City pledge to provide a line item police budget from FY 2020; pursue community-led police initiatives; protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies; and significantly decrease the police budget.
10		Joe Vela	jluisvela23@yahoo.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Vela stated that a system built on systemic racism with the specific goal of oppressing people of color can no longer be tolerated and was beyond reform.
11		Matthew Beyers	matthew.a.beyers@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Beyers stated that defunding public safety programs would cause increased lawlessness and would endanger more lives than it would save.
12		Mr. Nichols	VOICEMAIL	210-665-4117		No	Police reform	Mr. Nichols stated that police should be trained in non-violent procedures and should state that they were not a member of a terrorist group.

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13	1	Terry Castillo	VOICEMAIL, LIVE CALL BACK REQUEST	210-929-3055		Yes		
14		Lexi Garcia	VOICEMAIL			No	Police funding	Ms. Garcia spoke against funding for the police.
15		Daniel Castillo	VOICEMAIL			No	Police reform	Mr. Castillo stated that he never had felt safe in the presence of police and demanded that the police be defunded and abolished.
16		Isabella Briseno	VOICEMAIL			No	Police reform	Ms. Briseno stated that she believed that police reforms should be enacted today and that the police should be defunded.
17		Akeem Brown	VOICEMAIL			No	Police reform	Mr. Brown asked the City Council to pledge to review the police contract.
18		Julie Wood				No	Police funding	Ms. Wood stated that she thinks that the police budget should be restructured into a community safety budget. She called for a third party
19	2	Moureen Kaki	VOICEMAIL - Seone Ponciano	210-410-9007		Yes		
20		Jacqueline Luna	VOICEMAIL	210-835-5488	10	No	Police funding	Ms. Luna spoke in favor of defunding the police and reallocating those funds to community policing programs. She expressed support for removing internal affairs from SAPD.
21	3	Suraya Khan	VOICEMAIL	281-928-2422		Yes	Police funding	
22		Nina Carr	nina@amarnanw.com	210-519-6039		No	Police reform	Ms. Carr recommended that SAFE Officers needed to be present, certain police training, quarterly district community police engagement meetings, mandatory body cams, police explanation for actions, a ban of excessive force, and mental health and social services partnership.
23		Austin Coleman	austincol0@gmail.com	713-206-1528	1	No		Mr. Coleman proposed that the city reallocate funds from SAPD to disenfranchised communities by supporting community outreach programs which prevent crime and improve quality of life.
24		Stephanie Molina	VOICEMAIL	210-758-9376	8	No	Police funding	Ms. Molina expressed support for defunding the police and spoke of sexual assault by Police Officers.
25	4	Meredith McGuire	VOICEMAIL	830-980-4390		Yes		
26		Leticia Rutkowsky	VOICEMAIL			No	Streets	Ms. Rutkowsky spoke of streets needing repair on the Southside.
27		Amy Zulaica	balderas2011@yahoo.com			No		Ms. Zulaica suggested that the police department be separated and noted that Police Officers should receive mental health screening.
28		Maddie Kennedy	madelinelken@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Kennedy requested reallocation of the police budget to sectors which facilitate the dismantling of racial and class inequality.
29		Greg Brooks	salaw3051@yahoo.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Brooks spoke against defunding the police department.

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30		Helen Ramos	helenrms3@gmail.com	832-546-3593		No	Police funding	Ms. Ramos stated that better accountability was needed for the police department and working to defund the police was needed.
31		Jeremy Castillo	jeremycastle013@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Mr. Castillo stated that City Council should vote to abolish the police.
32		210Unity	210unity@gmail.com			No	Police reform	210Unity asked for implementation and enforcement of a policy requiring Police Officers to knock when a warrant was not issued.
33		Jennifer Jutz	jenjutz@yahoo.com			No	Police reform	Ms. Jutz stated that she hope that the public venue for gathering comments from constituents was more than a publicity move.
34		Antonio Acosta, Jr.	kube82@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Acosta stated that there was no basis for defunding SAPD.
35		Gina Cramer	ginacramer0@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Cramer spoke in support for reallocating police funds.
36		Debra Chavana Powell	chavanapowell@gmail.com		10	No	Protesting	Ms. Powell asked why the protestors rights for Black Lives Matter were more important than the rights of those wanting Texas to open up.
37		Savanna Perry	sperry9040@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Ms. Perry stated that citizens should not have to live in fear and asked the city to help and unite the community.
38		Matthew Alonzo	mialonzo87@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Mr. Alonzo stated that the community does not trust the police and SAPD needed to make an effort to be seen in the community.
39		Michelle Tajbakhsh	mctajbakhsh@gmail.com			No	Police	Ms. Tajbakhsh stated that the brave men and women of SAPD should be commended and honored.
40		Jessica Cardenas	jessicaibarcena@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Cardenas requested that the city significantly reduce the police budget for FY 2021 and a review of the police union contract which would expire in 2021. She requested that police funds be redirected to programs which heal and educate the community.
41		Joseph Gallardo	jgallardo@jd19.law.harvard.edu		3	No	Police reform	Mr. Gallardo listed the negative interactions that he had with police. He stated that San Antonio police were not friends and oppressed citizens.
42		Aaron Garcia	garciaa@amc.edu			No	Police reform	Mr. Garcia spoke of the impact of police brutality at the expense of Black American lives and stated it was a public health crisis. He requested that a portion of the SAPD budget be reallocated towards the health and wellness of the community.
43		Alyssa Pepio	alyssapepio@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Pepio stated requesting that SAPD funding be significantly reduced for FY 2021; she requested a formal review of SAPOA Union Contract that expires in FY 2021. She requested that the funds be redirected to community education and wellness.

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44		Amador Salazar	amadorsalazar23@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Salazar requested a disaggregated line item police budget for the current fiscal year; he requested a significant decrease in police funding with the divested funds to be applied to public health and non-police initiatives to prevent violence.
45		Amberlyn Carrillo	ambelyn210@gmail.com			No	Police funding	It is shameful that officer Matthew Luckhurst was able to appeal his termination. Not to mention the killing of Charles Roundtree and Marquise Jones. The police make me feel more afraid than protected. My tax dollars should go to people making a positive change in our city. The West Side needs improvements to the infrastructure which is long overdue.
46		Anaiah Montano	anaiah.lupton@gmail.com			No	Black Lives Matter	Born and raised in SA demands that the City recognize the Black Lives Matter movement and reconcile with our own systematic racism and the infrastructure that perpetuates violence and criminalization against African Americans. Defund the police, withhold pensions, and demilitarize communities and police forces. Remove police from Schools and invest in Community Health and safe housing
47		Andres Esqueda	drewmsep07@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Why are funds for education, housing, and community developments, so low and SAPD funding is almost half a million dollars? Please look at this inequity.
48		April Duvall	april.duvall@gmail.com			No	SAPD Civil Asset Forfeitures	How much did SAPD confiscate in civil asset forfeitures in 2019? How much cash value of the items confiscated was from citizens never charged with a crime
49		Audrey Mulholland	audreymulholland@gmail.com	317-208-0207		No	Police funding	This nation is finally forced to confront the crisis of systematic racism that began hundreds of years prior but retains its stranglehold on our public and private institutions and at every level of government. Marquise Jones, Charles "Chop" Roundtree Jr, Antronie Scott, Norman Cooper and others have been killed by SAPD. Decrease the SAPD budget and invest in human services, the arts, and infrastructure needs. Consider a CCR requiring antiracism training for all City Officials and staff.
50		Candace	cnicvega@att.net			No	Police funding	De-fund SAPD. Training is needed for SAPD to include updated curriculum, diversity of instructors, screening of eligible cadets.
51		Clydmica Haley	clydmicah@yahoo.com			No	African American Community	Clydmica Haley asked what we can do to give the African American community better visibility.

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52		Jacqueline Suttin	jacquelinesuttin@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Suttin noted that the Police Contract's Arbitration Clause revealed that SAPD is reinstating upwards of 70% fired policy officers through 2006-2017 and allows for certain officer violations to automatically disappear after a certain amount of time. She asked to defund SAPD by \$100 million to be reallocated to mental health, homelessness and substance abuse.
53		James Dykman	james.dykman1@gmail.com	858-218-4839		No	Collective Bargaining	SAPD Collective Bargaining Agreement is the worst police union contract in the nation. SAPD's appeal success rate for overturning indefinite suspensions is unlike any other police dept in Texas. 2/3 of all indefinite suspensions end in officers returning to the force with back pay and their legal fees paid
54		Jo Sch	210unity@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Jo Sch referred to an officer involved shooting of "Chop" Roundtree and requested that SAPD establish a policy mandating that officers identify themselves when there is no no-knock warrant in place.
55		Julie Salas	salasjulia13@yahoo.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Salas spoke in favor of defunding the police and reallocating those funds to public education, affordable housing, public transportation and the art.
56		Kimberly Wheeler	kwheeler1093@icloud.com			No	Police funding	Not opposed to rethinking the budget. She is opposed to taking it from one piece of the pie chart of money allocated throughout CoSA. Please equilly look at all department budgets.
57		Kristy Sharpe	ksharpe2043@icloud.com			No	Police reform	Consider the creation of an Official Police Review of all law enforcements entities within Bexar County from the Sheriff to SAPD. School Districts in San Antonio need to acknowledge Black Lives Matter. Once acknowledged, school districts can make policy changes and hire more African Americans to help make change. DA Joe Gonzales needs to reopen the Marquise Jones, Charles Roundtree, and Antronie Scott Cases.
58		Krystalyn Fonseca	krystalyn85@gmail.com	210-782-0508		No	Police reform	Ms. Fonseca asked when knee-to-the-neck procedures and Lateral Vascular Neck Retstraints would be banned by SAPD. She asked if SAPD performed internal investigations for complaints of use of force or racial profiling; if so, when would a community-based review board be established? She requested a meeting with SAPD.

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59		Londyn Bellard	vsy380@myutsa.edu			No	SAPD	Request that SAPD refrain from the words protect and serve. Body cameras are expensive but SAPD must use them more often. Training is also expensive but needed. Please note that Cosmetology school is larger than the Police Academy. Lastly, he supports defunding the police but the question remains who to call in a time of an emergency.
60		Mariana Sutherland	sa4u2@satx.rr.com		2	No	Police funding	Under no circumstances should SAPD be defunded or have budget cuts. The wants of a few outspoken people should not mandate the defunding of SAPD. The silent majority across the City is 100% behind SAPD. Crime is down in San Antonio due to SAPD presence. There is always room for improvement but change and improvements cost money. The SAPD integrity should not be soiled nor the honor of all police officers.
61		Melanie Mendez-Gonzales	melanie.mendezgonzales@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Ms. Mendez-Gonzales requested that everything possible be done to end over-aggressive policing and racial discriminatory policing; she requested a renegotiation of the SAPOA Union contract and an itemized breakdown of the SAPD budget to include monies paid for civil lawsuits re: police brutality.
62		Morgan Preston	mpreston@trinity.edu		1	No	Police funding	Reduce the \$479 million budget allocated for SAPD during the FY 2021 budget process. Request a formal review of the SAPD Union Contract that expires 2021. Redirect the funds to programs that help heal the community, public housing, rent and utility assistance.
63		Rafael Solari	rafsolari@gmail.com			No	Police reform	We need to understand Police processes and the culture that contributed to the deaths of Marquise Jones, Charles Roundtree, Antronie Scott and others. Please review the Police Contract Arbitration Clause which makes it difficult to remove officers. Further, Article 28, Section 19 of the contract makes certain violations disappear from their record after 180 days making it difficult to detect patterns of abusive behavior.
64		Sergio Plaza	splazaiii@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Plaza spoke in support of abolition of policing and prisons and stated there were better ways to make our communities safe.

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65		Sonia Lopez	sonji5150@gmail.com			No	Zero Tolerance Policy	SAPD needs to be held accountable for their actions. A zero tolerance policy should be implemented and enforced against racism, discrimination, and excessive use of force whether they are on the clock or not. Transparency and access to police complaints is needed as well as an independent review board of citizens with the power to weigh in on disciplinary action.
66		Tahlia Sowa-Gutierrez	tegs1997@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Ms. Sowa-Gutierrez stated that she was born in San Antonio and never had a positive experience with SAPD when witnessing police stops.
67		Thea Setterbo	thea.setterbo@gmail.com			No	Training, Police funding	Urge the City Council to require antiracism training for all City Officials, Council Staff, City Staff, SAPD, and SAFD. The current system does not allow for appropriate discipline without fear of fear of retribution. She requested that the City stop categorizing police and fire budgets as public safety when describing funding allocated to those areas. Divest SAPD funding in order to invest in the health, safety, and community.
68		Willia Rubin	willarubin27@gmail.com		10	No	Police funding	Reduce the \$479 million budget allocated for SAPD during the FY 2021 budget process. Redirect the funds to programs to housing, transportation, and community centers. Remove police from schools and alter the SAPD Union contract that expires 2021.
69		Josefina Fernandez	VOICEMAIL		8	No	Police reform and funding	Ms. Fernandez stated that the city should re-open the cases of Charles Roundtree, Norman Scott, Marquise Jones, Antonette Smith, and Antronie Scott. She noted that the city should stop investing in police and incarceration and invest in alternative models centered in the community.
70		William Krieger	VOICEMAIL			No	Police funding	Mr. Krieger expressed support for defunding the police as the police were not an effective government program.
71		Meredith Schuman	VOICEMAIL			No	Police	Ms. Schuman stated that police charged with misconduct were back on the job.
72		Madeline Santibanez	VOICEMAIL	210-838-1183	2	No	Police funding	Ms. Santibanez stated that more transparency was needed and requested a line item budget for the police.
73	5	Marianne Kestenbaum	VOICEMAIL	210-364-6838		Yes		
74		Anthony Ibarcena	anthonyibarcena@gmail.com		10	No	Police funding	Mr. Ibarcena stated that he was in favor of the reallocation of the SAPD budget. He requested that the funds be diverted to local mental health services, children's advocacy, and affordable public housing.

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75		Branden Camarillo	redwingtrekie24@gmail.com				Police funding	Mr. Camarillo urged the City Council to evaluate what is really important and divest some police funding towards community programs.
76		Murphy	dontpokethebear10@gmail.com			No	In support of SAPD	Murphy stated that he was very proud of our SAPD officers for the most part; no one knows what it was like to stand in their shoes and make split decisions to defend lives
77		Richard Anderson	kc5tsg@gmail.com			No	Racism	Mr. Anderson requested published data on acts of racism by any City leaders; he stated any City leaders guilty of racism should public apologize and immediately resign.
78		Jeril Bills	jerilbills@live.com		6	No	Police funding	Mr. Bills requested divesting of police funds to be allocated to community programs for health and safety.
79		Sarah Williams				No	SAPD Policies	Ms. Williams requested that the City Council, Mayor and SAPD enact the #8CantWait Use of Force policies; she requested that the DA (re)open the cases of Marquise Jones, Charles Roundtree, and Antronie Scott.
80		Heidi Sobotik	dif4us@gmail.com			No	Peaceful protest	Ms. Sobotik stated that tear gas was a banned chemical warfare agent. Se asked if SAPD could give assurance that peaceful protestors would not be met with tear gas.
81		Margie Vargas	mvopers@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Vargas stated that to defund the police department would mean to divest in Human Services programs. She added that Human Services programs already received \$1.293 trillion from the Federal government. She requested more crisis training for first responders.
82		Alexander N. Cruz	anc621@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Cruz asked why police officers deserved more money than teachers. He requested defunding of SAPD.
83		JoAnna Pena	jmichaels@twu.edu			No	Police funding	Ms. Pena requested defunding of the police department with divested funds to be allocated to sustainable and permanent housing, free healthcare and education.
84		Cristian Gutierrez	tanrez3@gmail.com			No	SAPD Policies	Mr. Gutierrez stated that officers are not above the law and requested an end to qualified immunity and arbitration and to remove the union contract. He added that San Antonio has some great police officers.
85		Marisol Russell	marisolr549@gmail.com			No	SAPD Policies	Ms. Russell requested City Council address the ambiguous term "reasonable suspicion" within the SAPD Stop & Frisk Policy. She asked for City Council to act as a catalyst for change in the policy and increase community trust.

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86		Justin Martinez	jmartinez@texascjc.org			No	Police funding	Mr. Martinez requested a defunding of SAPD by \$100 million in FY 2021 to be divested in human services, the arts, and infrastructure. He requested City Council pledge to pursue investments in community-led, non-police initiatives to prevent violence.
87		Andrea Garcia	andreeaagarcia178@gmail.com			No	Peaceful protest	Ms. Garcia stated that tear gas could cause spontaneous abortions in pregnant women. She called for the use of tear gas to be outlawed in the City.
88		Cleona Oliver, DDS	cleona.oliver@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Dr. Oliver requested a proper, fair and unbiased police system to be established; to do so, she requested the current police system to be defunded and dissolved; she stated divested funds should go to social workers and the education system in marginalized communities.
89		Melanie Hutzler	melaniehutzler@gmail.com			No	Public safety	Ms. Hutzler stated that SAPD had a few bad apples but that the focus should be on how many lives police save. She asked to hold people accountable for their actions and for people to stand up for what is right and to treat everyone how you would like to be treated.
90		George Garcia	georgegarcia1948@yahoo.com		3	No	Police Training	Mr. Garcia stated that being a police officer is a difficult job and we must assure they receive the best training available; all police conduct violations should be open to the public; he requested removal of arbitration policy.
91		Ruben Dicker	rubendicker@gmail.com		1	No	Police Union	Mr. Dicker asked if all SAPD Officers were in the Union; he asked if the Union had the ability to amend problematic policies before the expiration date.
92		KellyAnn Cameron	ka.stu.cameron@gmail.com		1	No	Police funding	Ms. Cameron stated that she was frustrated with acts of police violence; she asked for City Council to divest police funds to education, health services and employment opportunities for the community.
93		Noah Furman	mynameisnoah2@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Mr. Furman asked the City Council to make an overt and visible commitment to the City's Black and Brown communities; He demanded the City Council find ways to redirect money from SAPD's budget towards the facilitation and dismantling of racial and class inequality.
94		Mark Ingram	wmingram@gmail.com			No	Police reform	Mr. Ingram provided proposals for systemic reform. He noted items in SAPOA Collective Bargaining Agreement that City Council can work to remove at negotiation time.

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95		Lauren Bonnett	laurenbonnett@live.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Bonnett stated that the City pays far too much for public safety and noted major budget shortcomings in infrastructure, education and health.
96		Claire Remmert	claire.a.osburn@gmail.com		1	No	Police Training	Ms. Remmert stated that she agreed with Councilmember Viagran that 2 twos of diversity training was not enough for SAPD. She stated she supports Chief McManus with changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that should be made; she supported endeavors to reallocate SAPD budget funds to social services.
97		Maria Luisa Cesar	maria@greatergoodstories.com			No	Police reform	Ms. Cesar stated that it was time to act boldly and make significant changes focused on police brutality. She requested SAPD budget funds to be divested to social service programs.
98		Marlin	VM		2	No	Police funding	Marlin requested SAOD funds to be divested to social service programs. He stated San Antonio was one of the most economically segretated cities in the nation.
99		Monica Lem	monlem9			No	Police reform	Ms. Lem stated there should be respect from both sides, the community and the police; she stated police should not abuse the powers they are given.
100		Meredith Shuman	shuman.meredith@gmail.com		8	No	police reform	Ms. Shuman stated that she was disappointed that neither Chief McManus or City Manager Walsh stated Black Lives Matter and that racism was at the heart of Black policing.
101		Rachel Tucker	rachell.m.tucker@gmail.com			No	Police funding	Ms. Tucker requested defunding the police and fund schools. She requested divested funds for housing for the homeless.

Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Ernie Granville <e_granville@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Different organizational structure to separate prosecutors who handle law enforcement misconduct

To Mayor and City Council,

Prosecutors work closely with law enforcement, and rely on law enforcement for most of their evidence. Yet in most cases these same prosecutors are also the people expected to enforce upon law enforcement misconduct. While it shouldn't matter, two intangible pressures exist 1) Case load is so great that undercurrents of: don't you have some "real criminals" to prosecute exists and 2) Potential to sour the relationship with law enforcement making one's job that much harder (this stems from individuals who disagree with enforcing on the misconduct, right or wrong). Suffice to say, assume the good cops don't want meathead bad cops on the force anyways. It would benefit process and remove negative internal pressures to have an independent division and/or separate prosecutors for law enforcement misconduct. While there are going to be budgetary constraints such a team could do other legal services for the county/city but should not do other criminal prosecutions. A conflict of interest shouldn't exist, but it can and that could be remedied with a different organizational structure.

Please consider this idea.

Ernie Granville

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: rhea nayak <rhea2002nayak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Tina Flores (OCC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] we demand justice now

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Rhea Nayak and I am a resident of San Antonio, Texas. I am writing to demand the following legislative changes you can make to eradicate the decimation of Black people at the hands of police officers.

The following is a compilation of background information and implementation strategies for necessary legislative actions derived from collecting the pleas of Black organizers, activists, and journalists:

1. Redirect Police Funding

Phillip McHarris (doctoral candidate focusing on race) and Thenjiwe McHarris (strategist with the Movement for Black Lives) explain the problem with current police reform efforts:

“More training or diversity among police officers won’t end police brutality, nor will firing and charging individual officers. Look at the Minneapolis Police Department, which is held up as a model of progressive police reform. The department offers procedural justice as well as trainings for implicit bias, mindfulness and de-escalation. It embraces community policing and officer diversity, bans ‘warrior style’ policing, uses body cameras, implemented an early intervention system to identify problematic officers, receives training around mental health crisis intervention, and practices ‘reconciliation’ efforts in communities of color.”

Evidently, that was not enough. Instead of heightening the resources that officers have, they advocate redirecting funds to alternative emergency response programs, which can also be fueled by state-level and local-level grants. The McHarris’ argument is that we should work towards a reality in which healthcare workers and emergency response teams should handle substance abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, or mental health cases, while rapid response social workers provide individuals with the care they need. Community organizers would be responsible for spearheading responses to the pandemic. “The average police recruit spends 58 hours learning how to shoot and only 8 hours learning how to de-escalate.” Police officers are not trained nor necessary in reacting to such crises—specialized responders are.

Most police funding is budgeted and taxed at the local level, with city-level and county-level votes periodically increasing budgets. It is crucial to establish state-level and local-level bans on heightening police funds, while simultaneously redirecting budgets to the aforementioned alternatives.

For-profit policing is a large culprit. As of 2020, 70% of forfeiture profits go to police in Texas —a D+ rating.

The Black Lives Matter Movement demands “acknowledgment and accountability for the devaluation and dehumanization of Black life at the hands of the police... We call for a national defunding of police. We demand investment in our communities and the resources to ensure Black people not only survive, but thrive.”

The McHarris’ conclusion states, “We need to reimagine public safety in ways that shrink and eventually abolish police and prisons while prioritizing education, housing, economic security, mental health and alternatives to conflict and violence.”

A persistent, genuine, and well-thought-out legislative effort to redirect police funds and end for-profit policing is imperative.

2. Abolish Legislative Police Protections

Murderers who wear a badge have consistently been given a free pass to decimate Black life. BLM “demand[s] accountability [for] those who are victims of police violence.”

It is vital to ensure that police officers are met with precisely the same consequences as their badgeless counterparts. Accountability has been denied to Black people for centuries, and it is crucial to impose legislative confirmation that accountability is ensured.

Campaign Zero is an organization dedicated to “limiting police interventions, improving community interactions, and ensuring accountability.”

They propose a solution of independent investigations. Because only 1% of all killings by police lead to an officer being charged with a crime, “independent investigations and prosecutions of police officers” must be mandated to eliminate biases. A broken system should not be evaluating itself.

3. Demilitarize the Police

Campaign Zero emphasizes that studies show how “more militarized police departments are significantly more likely to kill civilians.” Unfortunately, “the federal 1033 program transfers military weapons to police departments.”

Campaign Zero continues that to demilitarize, we must “prohibit cities and counties from using federal funds to purchase military equipment.”

Texas is not void of this indictment. As of 2014, more than 70 local law-enforcement agencies in Texas have gotten an MRAP through the federal government's 1033 Program. Such measures must be barred in an effort to eventually demilitarize the police force entirely in the long run.

Police departments should be restricted from using federal grant money to purchase military equipment, using the SWAT team, or conducting no-knock raids. Over-weaponized departments must reduce their use of weapon stockpiles, as “agencies should seek to return to the federal government the military equipment that has already been received.”

The warranting is simple: “Military equipment naturally increases military-style training for said equipment. That training can increase the other dimensions of militarization,” contributing to the war-like mentality implicitly enforced by the police, who have no place fighting wars against the most disenfranchised members of their communities.

I hope that our legislators can take tangible, policy-level initiatives to defend Black lives, something they have failed to do so up until this point. Please listen to the pleas of the Black entities listed above and countless others, and help give rise to a future where Black folks do not have to fear for their lives on a daily basis.

Sincerely but not silently,

Rhea Nayak

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: justin wallace <jwallace3124@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comments

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Many of our schools in the area are falling behind When it comes to testing and graduation rates.

How do we get more funding and help for the lower performing schools, which happen to be in the lower income neighborhoods?

Sent from my iPhone

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Rhoda Mejia <rhoda.lynn.mejia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Rhoda L Mejia
Subject: [EXTERNAL] INCREASE Police Funds

New Census reports ranked San Antonio second nationally in increase of population in a single year.

- 2018 Total UCR Part1 offenses **dropped** approximately 16% from 2017.
[Approx. 5% budget increase]
- 2019 Total UCR Part1 offenses reflect an approximate 9% **increase** in crime.
[Approx. 3% budget increase]

Considering favorable and unfavorable variances already occurring in 2020 for 2021, why would we consider defunding our Police?! These individuals do not understand that this will cause an inverse effect to our city. This would only provide opportunity for higher crime rates and less allocated funds to protect the city of San Antonio.

Our thin blue line has been tested with the most recent riots & looting. I am PROUD of how they protected our community, businesses, and The Alamo. Asking to defund our Police force is essentially asking every officer to work just as hard for less as a department. We should consider increasing the police allocated budget to provide our officers additional training & pay they deserve.

San Antonio is united in wanting our officers to have psychological competence when utilizing their force for hostile & non-threatening intents/acts. With increased funds SAPD can provide training on Escalation of Force (EOF) & Field Force Operations (EFO). Perhaps martial arts can also be considered a *Specialty* within the SAPD career salary spectrum. Fit for duty should be a responsibility taken seriously as an officer. If not able to subdue a criminal, weapons will more than likely always be a result of defense. These incentives can be used to encourage officers to invest themselves into fitness and the art of self-control.

Please consider **INCREASING** the police budget for 2021.

My hope is to encourage SAPD to set the continued example for our nation with the **higher pay & training** they deserve.

Respectfully,
Rhoda Mejia

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Jennifer Fleming <flemingj@alumni.southwestern.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Demand to Defund SAPD

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To the City Council:

In light of the Black Lives Matter protests being demonstrated across the US, but specifically our city, I demand a complete overhaul of the San Antonio Police Department. It is the ethical thing to do, and your job requires you to answer to the political will of your constituents.

Looking at the current allocation of San Antonio's operating budget, I am filled with shame and disgust. The overfunding of the police department could not send a clearer message about where our city's priorities have been, and are a mockery of the very idea of community. A city so invested in a militarized police force is clearly one with a disdain for its citizens, and one which will happily endanger the lives of its most vulnerable whether through terroristic policing or a failure to fund the programs that might actually promote life.

I am asking you to make an overt commitment to the city's Black and Brown communities by ending this over-investment in their criminalization and surveillance. I demand an ethical and equal reallocation of the city's expenditures, away from the SAPD, and towards sectors that facilitate the dismantling of racial and class inequality—starting with housing, transportation, education, community centers, and community-led organizations and projects.

Signed,
Jennifer Fleming
(210) 218-9595

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Tina Flores (OCC)
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] We Need a Budget That Represents US

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FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Sage Magnus [mailto:sageleighh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 4:53 PM
To: mayor@sanantonio.gov; Roberto C. Trevino (City Council); Jada Andrews-Sullivan (City Council); Rebecca Viagran (City Council); Adriana Rocha Garcia (City Council); Shirley Gonzales (City Council); Melissa Cabello Havrda (City Council); Ana Sandoval (City Council); Manny Pelaez (City Council); John Courage (City Council); Clayton Perry (City Council); City Manager; Tina Flores (OCC); Troy Elliott (Finance)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We Need a Budget That Represents US

Hello,

My name is Sage Magnus. I am a resident of San Antonio, TX and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department.

This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need.

Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable.

We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that

Enrich our public schools and students
Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation

Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Denice Trevino (OCC)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Nancy Cano (OCC)
Subject: FW: Message from WIRELESS CALLER (92104255551)
Attachments: VoiceMessage.wav

Maria Benavides voice mail.

From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System <unityconnection@sanantonio.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:49 AM
To: ctyncnclpubliccomment@sanantonio.gov
Subject: Message from WIRELESS CALLER (92104255551)

Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Derek <derek.ellis@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund the Police

My name is Derek Ellis, and I, like many, am exhausted.

The time for reform has passed. The process has been: introducing regulations, the police ignoring them, people being harrassed and murdered, rinse and repeat. The police have shown that they have no interest in reform and so long as they are given an insane budget and military-grade weaponry, they will not. They do not protect us. They incite violence and instigate fear in our communities. Robberies and muggings have been shrugged off. Rapes go unsolved or worse, are committed by the police, themselves. Even now, in our city, during the protests against police brutality, they responded by brutalizing unarmed peaceful protestors. Tear gas, wooden bullets, beatings. We are done. Enough is enough. No more empty rhetoric and impotent reform. We are calling for systemic change. This is what we are demanding:

Defund the Police

Demilitarize Communities

Remove Police from Schools

Free People from Jails and Prisons

Repeal Laws that Criminalize Survival

Invest in Community Self-Governance

Provide Safe Housing for Everyone

Invest in Care, Not Cops

If you do not deliver, we will ensure that you are not re-elected.

Thank you for your time.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Meghan Heintz <msheintz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council B Session File 20-3663 Public Comment

Dear San Antonio City Council,

My name is Meghan Heintz, I am writing to today to ask for the city to pledge:

- to provide a line item police budget from 2020 FY
- pursue community-led non-police initiatives to prevent violence
- protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies
- significantly decrease the police budget to build out robust alternatives to policing

As a resident on San Antonio, I am horrified to hear that 70% of FIRED San Antonio Police Officers were reinstated between 2006-2017 due to the Police Contract's Arbitration Clause. This is completely unacceptable. Once an officer has shown that they are not capable of served ALL of the people of San Antonio, they should not be welcome on the force.

My review of the 2018 and 2019 budget has left me terrified that the San Antonio police department has created a Mental Health Unit that diverts funds from trained social worker to police with limited 40-hour training sessions to conduct homeless and mental health check calls when we have seen nationally how often the police turn those calls into a death sentence for the person in need. San Antonio does not need to recreate the tragedy of Miles Hall, a 23 year old man slain by the police when his grandmother called for help.

We must make these changes to honor the lives of Marquise Jones, Charles "Chop" Roundtree, Jr., Antronie Scott, Norman Cooper, and others have been murdered at the hands of SAPD. Many of the officers involved in these murders still have their badges and could kill again. We must stop this senseless bloodshed and make systemic and sweeping changes that go beyond scant forty-hour "trainings" and token statements.

Do the right thing,
Meghan Heintz
330 Brahan Blvd
San Antonio, TX
78215

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Meghan Heintz
(707) 502-9522

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Joe Vela <jluisvela23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] B-Session city council meeting: Defunding the police

Hello. I am writing in an effort to participate as a voice of part of the people of San Antonio as the city council holds its B-Session.

As you know, it has become increasingly evident that a system built on systemic racism with the specific goal of oppressing people of color can no longer be tolerated and is beyond reform.

San Antonio PD consistently re-hires troubled officers with a history of misconduct, and it does this at an alarming rate. The union has also refused to implement reform which after research has proven to reduce fatal incidents. This makes it evident they have no intention of reforming their policies and operation procedures.

The association/union which supports SAPD officers implies through his leader Mike Helle that the department is already "low on resources" even after the majority of the inflated "public safety" budget of \$820.3 million goes to SAPD and park police. That is nearly 65% of the city's budget and to the police department and its union this isn't enough. Meanwhile education, infrastructure, health services get less and less attention.

The city council must take action to direct that funding to these services to ensure cops--with their militarized practice--aren't the ones responding to social services calls, distress calls, mental health issues.

Cops should not have tickets and arrests quotas. Cops should not be roaming neighborhoods to see who they can catch doing something. It needs to stop. Reducing their budget and directing where it is actually helpful should always be the starting point.

When SAPD focuses on justice and not on having control of the community, when they finally understand their job is justice and not order, I feel Mr. Helle will be comfortable with a reduced force and patrol cars.

Thank you for your attention.
Respectfully,
A concerned citizen.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: M Beyers <matthew.a.beyers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Safety

Please do not react in the same knee-jerk fashion that other cities around the nation have in the response to an unacceptable instance of police abuse of power. Cutting off your nose to spite your face is not the answer! De-funding public safety programs will cause increased lawlessness and will endanger many more lives than it will save.

Much like the military does in regards to periodic reviews of personnel to determine if security clearances will be re-issued, police officers should not be screened one time before they attend an academy and never again, instead, there should be periodic reviews (and possibly periodic polygraphs) for performance, character, mental health and instances of abuse of power. Leadership starts from the top, exhibit leadership and do not endanger the community in the name of playing politics.

Thank you,
Matt Beyers

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Subject: Message from NICHOLS SAUNDRA (92106654117)
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Mr. Nichols

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Lexi Barker

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Denice Trevino (OCC)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Nancy Cano (OCC)
Subject: FW: Message from Unavailable (92103723090)
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Julie Wood's voice mail.

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Maurice Kahi

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From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System <unityconnection@sanantonio.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:59 AM
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Subject: Message from SURAYA KHAN (92819282422)
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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Amarna Admin <nina@amarnanw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Public Comment; Jada Rodgers (City Council); Ana Sandoval (City Council); Council District 2; pharaohclark@yahoo.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council B- Session 06/10/2020
Attachments: De-escalation mandate abstract update 12-18.docx; 3256_racial_prof.doc; pp_3939_cd_gender.ppt; 3939_cul_div.doc; pp_3939_cd_le.ppt; pp_3939_cd_gen.ppt; pp_3939_cd_intro.ppt; pp_3939_cd_work.ppt

Greetings Everyone,

As someone who has lost 2 family members to horrific actions of police officers, I would like to say first this is not at all an attempt to demonize police but my opinion on what needs to take place to create harmony amongst the city police, sheriffs, and citizens. They are as follows;

1. SAFFE officers need to be more present in their communities, meaning they are known in public and contact information present for that district.
2. Police Training includes (college-level in sociology)cultural diversity and discrimination, a racial bias for 6-8wks w/ assessment of completion and not powerpoints as mandated on TCOLE. 21-day(4hr) interactive and instruction on racial profiling w/ assessment of completion and not just a 4hr mandate as indicated in TCLOE. 7-day de-escalation training with a min of 4hr/daily and assessment of completion.
3. Quarterly District Community Police Engagement Meeting to understand if the community needs are being met. A Rep. for complaints needs to be present as well as the SAFFE officer and District councilmember and televised/live-streamed for those who can not attend in-person.
4. Mandatory Operational Body Cam usage during each shift, zero policy for those who violate, and an immediate penalty for violation.
5. Police must state why they are interacting, detaining or arresting with a citizen be it traffic stop, warrant or patrol
6. Ban of excessive force (which inhibits vitals of life) such as breathing or physical harm to point of unconsciousness
7. Committee formed to address socioeconomic disparities(health and quality of life) within each district
8. Mental Health and Social Services Partnership utilizing community resources within the police. Allocate representatives for each district with advanced training to assist with crimes for those in need of social or mental health services and not use the jail as a means to end.

I have attached course materials used by TCOLE to train officers as listed on their website.

Have a Blessed Day!

--

Chief Executive Officer

Nina Carr

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www.AmarnaNW.com

Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Austin Coleman <austincole0@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reallocate Police Funds

Good afternoon,

My name is Austin Coleman and I live in City Council District 1.

I would like to propose that the City of San Antonio reallocate funds from SAPD to disenfranchised communities. For example, if 10% of the SAPD budget was reallocated we would have about \$48 million available. That money could be better served in community outreach programs that prevent crime and improve quality of life such as ending homelessness campaigns, Pre-K 4 SA, and Alamo Promise.

Thank you,

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Austin Coleman
Pre-AP Algebra 1 Teacher
IDEA Judson College Preparatory
713-206-1528

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Leticia Rutkowsky

Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Amy Zulaica <balderas2011@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defunding issue

Hi...maybe instead defunding maybe kinda separate your department...and each department will have special training .I think it is important for a officer to know what he is dealing with instead of just dealing with it the best he can. A officer that can't control his own anger issues is not going to be capable of diffusing any kind of violence/aggressive situation. Also I think everyone should get mental screenings before even being able to serve...there are alot of officer who are racist...they hate Black and Hispanic people how are they gonna serve and protect the Black and Hispanic communities

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Maddie Kennedy <madelinelken@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Budgeting

As a citizen of San Antonio, I want to demand a reallocation of the police budget. Officer training and police conduct can only go so far when the city budget disproportionately funds, arms, and militarizes the police, leaving housing, health, and education serves underfunded in comparison. To improve police-community relations, make it evident that the San Antonio community values the lives of its citizens by funding *us*, not police.

Currently, more than a third of the city's \$1.3 billion operating budget is spent on the police department. At the same time, studies of the San Antonio PD have proven SAPD officers use force at higher rates against minorities. Training for police and committees do nothing to readjust the city's prioritization of police over citizens. I therefore demand that you find ways to redirect money away from the SAPD's overinflated budget. I urge you to move towards an ethical and equal reallocation of the city's expenditures, away from the SAPD, and towards sectors that facilitate the dismantling of racial and class inequality. Now especially, you can take a supportive stand on racial and social justice by significantly defunding policing and investing in the community instead—starting with housing, transportation, education, community centers, and community-led organizations and projects.

Can I count on you to consider an alternative budget that puts a focus on social services programs? I specifically am interested in funding for SAISD, Public Housing programs, Public Health and Mental Health programming through Metro Health, and addressing homelessness.

Thank you,
Madeline Kennedy

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Greg Brooks <salaw3051@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Public comment about defunding the police

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Greg Brooks <salaw3051@yahoo.com>
Date: June 10, 2020 at 11:16:59 AM CDT
To: publiccomments@sanantonio.gov
Subject: Public comment about defunding the police

I would like to start out by saying I was born and raised in San Antonio. My father was a San Antonio Police Officer for 7 years before leaving to be a Deputy US Marshal. I myself was a San Antonio Police Officer for 31 years and I am currently a Chief of Police for a school district police department. The idea of defunding the police department is ludicrous. The city needs more police officers not less. If you compare the number of officers that San Antonio has per capital compared to other major cities and also take into consideration the square mileage of our city compared to others it makes no sense to defund or cut back on officers. This is not the time to be making knee jerk politics based decisions but the time to make educated decisions based on studies. It is already hard to get young men and women to become officers nationwide and especially now with civil unrest. Please make intelligence based decisions when you evaluate defunding or even taking funds away from SAPD. I know the mayor has always been against collective bargaining for first responders but please do not allow him to use the BLM movement to push his agenda.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Helen <helenrms3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council B Session

Hello,

I would like to add my comment to today's session:

We are past the point of reform and police training. We need better accountability for the police department and need to work on defunding them completely. At the very least, if an officer is placed on an indefinite suspension it should stay that way. Why is a large % of SAPD allowed to win their jobs back in arbitration? This needs to change.

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Helen Ramos
(832)546-3593
helenrms3@gmail.com

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Jeremy Castillo <jeremycastillo013@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund the Police

It saddens me to say this but I've lost all confidence the SAPDs ability to serve or protect me and all the people i care for who call San Antonio home.

I lived in San Antonio for the first 18 years of my life. My closest family and friends still call it home. Seeing police brutalizing and harassing people before, during and after the protest is a clear testament to the need to defund the police. It's time for a change. Minneapolis has moved to reform the police completely by stopping contracts with local school districts, forcing the police to withdraw from police union contracts and voting to abolish the police. Our city council should take the first step and vote to abolish the police. Don't stay stuck in the past.

Jeremy Castillo

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: jo sch <210unity@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question for 6/10/2020 City Council B Session 20-3663

Criminal behavior can take place anywhere, therefore the location of complaint is irrelevant. The officer did not identify himself as such when he knocked. There needs to be an enforced policy of SAPD officers announcing themselves when warrants haven't been issued against the people they are contacting. Be respectful. Announce yourself when you knock. Will you be willing to implement and enforce that procedural change?

United We Stand,

210Unity

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: jo sch <210unity@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] Question for 6/10/2020 City Council B Session 20-3663

This comment did not reference the incident. I have sent and Amended question. please use that. Thank you.

On Wed, Jun 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM Public Comment <publiccomment@sanantonio.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Your comments will be made part of the record of the public meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at [\(210\) 207-7253](tel:210-207-7253).

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Jennifer Jutz <jenjutz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online meeting questions and comments

My hope is that this public venue for gathering comments from constituents is more than a publicity move, and that you are in good faith hearing the people of San Antonio to move toward the change that is being called for and that needs to happen.

To that end, I have questions:

What is the current anti-racist and anti-bias training for SAPD? Who provides it? Is it led by a black people? Is it an ongoing training? If there is not any anti-racism training currently happening, why not?

Why do police officers not have to do continuing education? Teachers, counselors and social workers all have to have continuing education credits yearly, that they have to pay for. Why isn't that required of SAPD?

How much forfeiture of property happens in Bexar county? What happens to seized property? Does it financially benefit SAPD or does the equivalent of what it was worth financially go back into the communities it was taken from?

How are you addressing violent offenders within the police force, specifically those who have had disciplinary measure taken against them for excessive use of force and those with domestic violence charges against them? These people need to be removed with no compensation or access to paid leave or pension.

These are a few questions that need to be considered deeply in order to move forward with integrity. As a constituent of Bexar county, I call for the defunding and reform of SAPD.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jutz
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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Antonio Acosta, Jr. <kube82@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE

There is absolutely no basis for defunding the SAPD. The heartbreaking event that took place was in Minnesota. We are not governed by angry mobs, nor should we allow ourselves to be. Not all Law enforcement officers engage in police brutality. You do not burn down a forest because of one bad tree.

An extremely concerned citizen.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Gina Cramer <ginacramer0@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Meeting Public Comment

My name is Gina Cramer, and I am a longtime San Antonio Resident. Below are my comments for your consideration for the meeting today.

"With SAPD receiving over \$479 Million of the city budget while health, human services, the arts, and infrastructure, etc are left with scraps it is clear that we need to divest in order to invest. Our neighbors in Austin are already beginning to lead this fight by, with city councilmembers preparing to propose decreasing their own police budget by \$100 Million in the upcoming fiscal year. I ask that you pledge to:

- Provide us with the disaggregated line item police budget from the current fiscal year.
- Pursue investments in community-led, non-police initiatives to prevent violence, reducing the risk of fatal or violent encounters.
- Protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies to direct assistance to those that need it most due to COVID-19.
- Significantly decrease the police department budget in subsequent years as our city builds out robust and well-funded alternatives to policing as we know it.

The city of San Antonio is no stranger to unarmed Black people being murdered by SAPD. Marquise Jones, Charles "Chop" Roundtree, Jr., Antronie Scott, Norman Cooper, and others have been murdered at the hands of SAPD and most of the officers involved still have their badges and have found themselves untouched while the families of the Black men murdered have never been the same. You cannot call this a "compassionate" city while maintaining a police contract that allows killers to be back on the job after a few weeks of paid administrative leave."

Sincerely,

Gina Cramer

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Debra Chavana Powell <chavanapowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Department

I am an taxpayer who lives in District 10. I do support San Antonio Police Department . I want to know why the protestors rights of Black lives Matters is more important than the protestors last month who wanted Texas to open up. The mayor called those people ignorant. Last month, my right to worship God was denied to me by the mayor of San Antonio because the virus could spread there. But the Black Lives Matter protestors are told that it is ok for them to be on the street exercising their Constitutional rights. These words are from an Mexican American who supports the police. Will the Mayor of San Antonio apology to Christians for taking the Lord's name in vain on television.

Law Abiding Citizen,
Debra Chavana Powell

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Savanna Perry <sperry9040@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City council meeting comments

I am a resident of San Antonio and have experienced the injustices in the system locally. We have a problem and if you can't realize we do we the people are telling you and asking for you to listen. The community should not fear the police especially not the black community, that's why we use our voice for them. We should not have to live in fear as a community or nation. We are asking for the City of San Antonio to help the community and unite us, we need to come together to make change. Hear us.

Respectfully,

A tired member of the community who will never stop fighting for change

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Matthew Alonzo <mjalonzo87@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Union Transparency

I just finished my first year as a teacher here in San Antonio and if there is one thing I learned above all it is that TRUST is the most important tool you can have. If your students don't trust you, you can't be an effective teacher. I think this applies to any public service job and especially to Law Enforcement.

That trust is broken in our city. Communities don't trust the Police and it seems like the department puts all of the burden on individual community members to build that trust. We have to be informed and make the right calls. We have to build those relationships. It can't be such a one sided endeavor. SAPD need to make more of an effort to be seen in the community and I think that starts with engaging people where they are and right now, it's on the streets of downtown in the protests. We need rank and file officers present and listening and participating in the conversations.

Separately we need transparency in the institutions that serve or in some cases stand in the way of the public good. In this case that is the San Antonio Police Officers Association. There is no public engagement or transparency in this organization that holds huge sway in how our city is protested. Until we can trust that the union is interested in balancing the needs of our citizens and the needs of their membership, the relationship between the police and the community will continue to be strained. So how can the city council and city leadership mandate accountability and transparency from the SAPOA?

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Michelle Tajbakhsh <mctajbakhsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CITY COUNCIL WILL BEGIN HOSTING PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear City Council,

SAPD has done an amazing job, facing these uncertain times they have risked their lives to protect and serve our own. These brave men and woman should all be commended and honored, not bashed for the actions of a department not within our city. Let us lead by example and honor those whom honored us by being there when we needed them the most.

We back the blue!

Sincerely,
The Tajbakhsh Family
San Antonio Residents

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Jessica Cardenas <jessicaibarcena@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Ron Nirenberg (Mayor); City Manager; Erik Walsh (CMO); Roberto C. Trevino (City Council); Council District 1; Jada Andrews-Sullivan (City Council); Council District 2; Council District 3; Adriana Rocha Garcia (City Council); Council District 4; Shirley Gonzales (City Council); Council District 5; Melissa Cabello Havrda (City Council); Council District 6; Ana Sandoval (City Council); Council District 7; Manny Pelaez (City Council); Council District 8; John Courage (City Council); Council District 9; Clayton Perry (City Council); Council District 10
Cc: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reduce SAPD Budget and Review the Police Union Contract

As a resident and educator in San Antonio, I am contacting you to significantly reduce the \$479 million currently allocated to the San Antonio Police Department in the upcoming budget proposal for the fiscal year 2021 and for a formal review of the San Antonio Police Department Union Contract that expires in 2021. I know how much social services, housing, economic security and education can do to reduce crime in a community and the resources to do so are needed in these areas. I ask that you redirect those funds to programs that heal and educate our community. By reducing police funding, we can improve community efforts and organizations that target issues currently dealt with by police more directly, and by changing the SAPD union contract, we can prevent future police brutality and violence. I also have low confidence in a force that rehires 70% of its officers through arbitration; this include the "shit-sandwich" officer, as well as others who have killed residents in no knock raids. The SAPD does not need more money. Our communities suffering generations long economic inequality do.

With respect and concern,

Jessica Cardenas

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Gallardo, Joseph <jgallardo@jd19.law.harvard.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joseph Gallardo -- District 3

i was raised by a single mom who was always working and trying to keep food on the table. the neighborhoods we lived in sucked. i'll always remember going to the north side or the la cantera area one time and being blown away by the beauty of it all. i went to underfunded schools -- including five different high school in san antonio. i ended up homeless for a bit and dropping out of school for a semester—ultimately finishing high school on the “minimum plan” after a total of six years.

resources would have helped. San Antonio police actively hurt me.

when I was just 10, i was in my bed asleep when i woke up to a gun in my face; it was an armed and angry cop leaning through my window. all i remember is staring into the barrel of his gun, about a foot away from my face, while he screamed "PUT YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM." the accusation was that i had broke into my own house and was just pretending to be asleep.

when I was 14, SA cops pulled me and my latino and two black friends over, called us racist names, and made us stomp out a carton of eggs we had just picked up from the grocery store and sing a song while doing it. The baseless accusation was that we had planned on throwing the eggs at people.

When I was 16, my then-girlfriend and I were messing around in my car. When a SA cop caught us, he allowed me to put my clothes back on but told my girlfriend to stay undressed and unapologetically examined every inch of her. before he left, he made not-so-subtle threats about the consequences of saying anything.

when i was 19, i very respectfully asked a cop what I did wrong so that i can be sure to not make the mistake again; he said “say one more word and i’m going to put a hole in your fucking chest.” i ended up handcuffed in the backseat of his car while I watched him search through every inch of my car. he found nothing. the original accusation was that I didn’t use my blinker before switching lanes (I did). my mom filed a complaint with SAPD and they pretty much laughed her out of the building.

these are just a few of many examples of the interactions I’ve had with the san antonio police. they’re not our friends. they don’t protect us; they oppress us.

When Eric Walsh was asked about the most difficult part about putting together the city's FY 2020 budget, he said "this community has a lot of needs, and the needs do not match the resources." Bullshit. The money's there—y’all are just spending it foolishly.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Garcia, Aaron <garciaa@amc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - 2PM Video Conference on Policing; 6/10/20

Hello,

My name is Aaron Garcia, & I am a medical student in NY. I am also a proud SA native. The voices in this field I am preparing for consistently agree that COVID-19, however horrendous, is not our only health crisis. There is another which, as was the case with Coronavirus, was clear to those paying attention, and particularly to those who were suffering at its hands, but that was ignored by those with the power to stop it. The only difference is that this crisis has been going on for far longer.

I am speaking about the impact of Police Brutality, particularly at the expense of Black American lives. George Floyd, Breonna Taylor - locally, Charles Roundtree Jr., Daryll Blair - I could easily spend 300 words listing names of those killed, let alone impacted. Indeed, a recent study by the Do No Harm Coalition found that participants who experienced or even *witnessed* police violence scored significantly higher on Post Traumatic Stress, while also having higher odds of self-reporting poor health overall. I will say it again, this is a **public health crisis**.

& for this crisis, we cannot afford to simply treat the symptoms. We must seek a cure. We must identify that the root of this problem is a system built on the enforcement of slavery; on a system that, as we saw in Buffalo, breeds abusive culture. We must recognize that there can be no good product of a broken machine, no matter the pieces. Disband & Rebuild a program that truly serves the community. Take some of the nearly half a billion dollars reserved for our police force, and put it towards health. Improve the lives of our Black San Antonians and, in doing so, improve the health - physical & spiritual - of our entire city.

Thank you - Black Lives Matter.

Sincerely,

Aaron García

Albany Medical College, M.D. Class of 2023

President, LMSA Albany Chapter

Public Relations Chair, SNMA Albany Chapter

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Alyssa p <alyssapepio@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] defund sapd

My name is Alyssa Pepio. I am a resident of San Antonio, Texas. I am contacting you to significantly reduce the \$479 million currently allocated to the San Antonio Police Department in the upcoming budget proposal for the fiscal year 2021 and for a formal review of the San Antonio Police Department Union Contract that expires in 2021. We ask that you redirect those funds to programs that heal and educate our community. By reducing police funding, we can improve community efforts and organizations that target issues currently dealt with by police more directly, and by changing the SAPD union contract, we can prevent future police brutality and violence.

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Since Jan. 1, 2015, 1,252 black people have been shot and killed by police, according to The Washington Post's database tracking police shootings; that doesn't even include those who died in police custody or were killed using other methods. Police forces across the country have proven that diversifying and implementing various training have not and will not end police brutality. The city of San Antonio needs and deserves better-policing alternatives and investments in mental health and trauma services, education and after-school care, adequate housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Pepio

Alyssa Pepio
LGBTQA Ambassador
Multicultural Programs & Services



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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Amador Salazar <amadorsalazar23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Meeting Public Comments: Defund the SAPD

Dear City Council,

My name is Amador Salazar, and I am a longtime San Antonio Resident. Below are my comments for your consideration for the meeting today.

"With SAPD receiving over \$479 Million of the city budget while health, human services, the arts, and infrastructure, etc are left with scraps it is clear that we need to divest in order to invest. Our neighbors in Austin and Dallas are already beginning to lead this fight, with city councilmembers preparing to propose decreases to their own police budgets. I ask that you pledge to:

- Provide us with the disaggregated line item police budget from the current fiscal year.
- Pursue investments in community-led, non-police initiatives to prevent violence, reducing the risk of fatal or violent encounters.
- Protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies to direct assistance to those that need it most due to COVID-19.
- Significantly decrease the police department budget in subsequent years as our city builds out robust and well-funded alternatives to policing as we know it.

The city of San Antonio is no stranger to unarmed Black people being murdered by SAPD. Marquise Jones, Charles "Chop" Roundtree, Jr., Antronie Scott, Norman Cooper, and others have been murdered at the hands of SAPD and most of the officers involved still have their badges and have found themselves untouched while the families of the Black men murdered have never been the same. You cannot call this a "compassionate" city while maintaining a police contract that allows killers to be back on the job after a few weeks of paid administrative leave."

You cannot call this a "compassionate" city while maintaining a police contract that allows police to shoot protestors indiscriminately when they did nothing to provoke that kind of response. Police brutality toward people who rightfully protest against police brutality does not evoke a feeling that we are able to exercise our right to assemble and speak our minds.

You cannot call this a "compassionate" city while maintaining a police contract that allows police to stay on the force even after they do heinous acts like feeding a shit sandwich to a homeless person.

Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Amberlyn Carrillo <amberlyn210@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comments regarding SAPD

Hi there,

I would just like to start off saying that it is shameful that officer Matthew Luckhurst was able to appeal his termination. This man is clearly incompetent and does not take his job seriously, why is he given so many chances? Having men like him on the force does NOT make me feel safe. This also goes for officer Steve Casanova, who killed an unarmed 18yo Charles Roundtree IN HIS OWN HOME. Not to mention officer Robert Encina, who ALSO unlawfully shot Marquis Jones SAPD is a disgrace to this city. They make me feel more afraid than protected. My tax dollars should be going to people who are actually MAKING A POSITIVE CHANGE in this city. Infrastructure on the west side is still as terrible as it was from when I was a child, a whole twenty years ago! I want SAPD to be defunded because not only are so many officers INCOMPETENT but there is so much work that needs to be done on the outskirts of downtown. The roads, the schools, the neighborhoods need TLC, not police.

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Anaiah Lupton <anaiah.lupton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] IMPORTANT

I am a native San Antonio resident, born and raised and I demand our city recognize the Black Lives Matter movement and reconcile with our own systemic racism and the infrastructure that perpetuates violence and criminalization against Black people and POC in San Antonio. Defund the police! Withhold Pensions! Demilitarize communities and police forces. REMOVE POLICE FROM SCHOOLS! Invest in community health and safe housing and community based protection.

Thank you,
Anaiah Montañó

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Andres Esqueda <drewmsep07@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Defunding

I'll keep it short because it's probably been said a million times.

Why are funds for education, housing and community developments so low and the police department funding is almost half a billion dollars?

This needs to end now. Investing in community developments and education can actually lessen crime.

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: April Duvall <april.duvall@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City meeting today at 2:00pm

How much did SAPD confiscate in civil asset forfeitures in 2019? How much of the cash value of the items confiscated was from citizens never charged with a crime?

Thank you.

April Duvall
San Antonio 78209

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Audrey Mulholland <audreymulholland@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SA City Council Public Comment Submission - Wednesday, June 10th

Good morning,

Below please find my Public Comment for the San Antonio City Council meeting today.

This nation is finally being forced to confront the crisis of systemic racism that began hundreds of years prior but retains its stranglehold on our public and private institutions and at every level of government. Most recently, racism and anti-Blackness has manifested itself violently and publicly in incidents of police brutality and over-policing of the Black community. In San Antonio, we are no strangers to unarmed Black people being murdered by the SAPD. Marquise Jones, Charles "Chop" Roundtree Jr., Antronie Scott, Norman Cooper and others have been murdered by SAPD officers who still have their badges. Our city and community are hurting and the San Antonio City Council must listen and be engaged.

The SAPD receives over \$479 million of the city budget while health, human services, the arts, and infrastructure receive only a fraction of this amount. We need to divest in the SAPD in order to invest in our city. At this time, city councils around the nation are leading this effort by thoughtfully and intentionally decreasing their police budgets, including our neighbors in Austin, whose councilmembers have proposed decreasing their own police budget by \$100 million this upcoming fiscal year.

San Antonio must join these efforts. I ask that you (1) pledge to provide the public with a disaggregated line-item police budget; (2) pursue investments in community-led, non-police initiatives to prevent violence; (3) protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies; (4) **significantly** decrease the police department budget and pursue and fund alternatives to policing; and (5) immediately pass a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requiring antiracism training for all city officials and staff.

I ask that you urgently consider these initiatives. These are issues of safety, well-being, and freedom impacting all of San Antonio.

Thank you,

Audrey Mulholland
San Antonio Resident

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Candace <cnicvega@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police-Community Relations

Mayor, City Council,

An action to “de-fund” the police is the furthest thing we need in this community right now. An oversight on training curriculum, diversity of instructors, screening of eligible candidates against racism; those sorts of changes/ actions are what should take place. Let’s do it DIFFERENTLY, the RIGHT WAY, not do away with!

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Clydmica Haley <clydmicah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6/10 council session B meeting

What can we do to give the African American community better visibility?

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Jacqueline Suttin <jacquelinesuttin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Comments

Hello,

My name is Jacqueline Suttin, I am a resident in Bexar County, area code 78249.

I would like to express my concern regarding Police Contract's Arbitration Clause revealing that San Antonio is reinstating upwards of 70% of fired police officers through 2006-2017 which is a cause for reasonable concern.

In addition to that how Article 28, Section 19 of the current police contract allows certain violations to automatically disappear from officer records after a certain amount of time. This makes it even more difficult for officers to be fired for consistent or multiple violations when entering the process of arbitration between the union and the department.

I would like to state that our community needs to invest a minimum of \$100 million by decreasing the police budget into initiatives that are better at dealing with the mental health crisis, homelessness, and substance abuse in our city that the police department is not trained on nor should be held responsible for managing these issues themselves.

Over time the police department budget should be steadily decreased as our city builds out a more robust and well-funded alternative to policing as we know it.

I hope that I will be heard and my opinion carries value in the topics discussed during this city council.

- Jacqueline

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: James Dykman <james.dykman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] James Dykman Public Comment

Would like to provide comment if possible by telephone. 8582184839

The SAPD Collective Bargaining Agreement stands out as one of the worst police union contracts in the nation. The SAPD's appeal success rate for overturning indefinite suspensions is unlike any other police department in Texas, or the nation. Two-thirds of all indefinite suspensions end in officers returning to the force with back pay and their legal fees paid by taxpayers.

If the SAPD and SAPOA want to establish the innocence of their contract or defer responsibility to Chapter 143 of the Local Governance Code, **they and/or the City should provide all arbitration awards from the last 12 years.** These awards hold key information on making causal links between the contents of the contract and the success of appeals against indefinite suspensions. Given the time it would take to analyze dozens of arbitration awards and the proximity to the negotiations with the SAPOA and COSA, these arbitration documents should be provided in the next two months.

Additionally, the SAPD and/or the City should provide the following:

1. Costs of investigations and appeals of indefinite suspensions for the last 12 years, including representation of the Chief, the fired officer and back pay to the officer;
2. A detailed breakdown of Personal Services/Contractual Services/Commodities/Self-Insurance/Capital Outlay/Transfers for the 2014-2018 Police Department Actual Budget; and,
3. All documents related to the Civilian Advisory Action Board (CAAB) disciplinary recommendations from the last 12 years.

The SAPD and the SAPOA have an opportunity to vindicate themselves through transparency. I hope they take this opportunity to win back our trust.

Sincerely,

James Dykman

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James Dykman
(858)-218-4839
Legal Assistant

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: jo sch <210unity@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Amended Question for 6/10/2020 City Council B Session 20-3663

This question is in reference to the October 17th, 2018 officer involved shooting death of 'Chop' Roundtree. Criminal behavior can take place anywhere, therefore the location of complaint is irrelevant. The officer did not identify himself as such when he knocked. There needs to be an enforced policy of SAPD officers announcing themselves when warrants haven't been issued against the people they are contacting. Be respectful. Announce yourself when you knock. Will you be willing to implement and enforce that procedural change?

United We Stand,

210Unity

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Julia Salas <salasjulia13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City council b session 20-3663

Hello, my name is Julia and I'm a resident of San Antonio, Texas. I was raised on the east side of our city, the side of town people shy away from because the crime rate, development, and segregation. I've witnessed first hand the abuse of power law enforcement officers expel on my community. Violence begets violence, Mayor. San Antonio Police Department has NOT been held account for the wrong doings of their Officers. The officers that continue to terrorize your constituents. The officers who are murdering innocent people based on bias. The officers who oppress the poor by feeding them literal SHIT SANDWICHES. The officers who assault women by pulling tampons out of their vaginal canal. The officers, who even at home, continue the cycle of abuse by hurting and beating their wives. Our tax dollars go towards these monsters salaries. The people they love to abuse are the ones that are putting money in their pockets. No more!

You know what the people are asking for! You are not able to hide from what is circulating on the media. The abuse is being recorded, posted, and shared around the country, Mayor. And you are a representation of that hate. You enable SAPD. Chief McManus, you are leading the hate by allowing those officers to continue abusing their authority. City council, you will be held accountable for ignoring the cries of your people if no change is made.

We are calling to defund SAPD, review and abolish the police union contract, reopen cases the DA has closed, and further investigate and fired the officers who have history of violence or previous offenses. What change will be made? What requirements will be put in place to join the police department? What is your first step to give back to your community and hear YOUR people. We don't want to hear any sympathy for SAPD.

Defund the police! Put back the millions of dollars spent to aid hate back into public education, affordable housing, public transportation, the arts!

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Kimberly Wheeler <kwheeler1093@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defunding Police

I am not opposed to rethinking the budget. I am opposed to taking it from one piece of the pie chart of money allocated throughout the city of San Antonio. If you want to rethink the budget, and defund, perhaps we should take it equally from EVERY area! If the focus is only AIMED to defund the POLICE, perhaps EXECUTIVE PROTECTION should be considered the first to go. Our police officers do an amazing job protecting our citizens, and that protection doesn't discriminate by race, neighborhoods, etc. they go where they are called. I urge you to take a look at the true meaning of bias, and decide which area of the city "deserves" more police presence. If you choose to cut funding to police, please pick the areas with less crime, and police officers will be glad to stop patrolling those areas.

Kimberly Wheeler.

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Kristy Sharpe <ksharpe2043@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Review Board

Hello My name is Kristy Sharpe. I don't live within the city limits however the policy set by the city officials affect me.

Point one:

I want to see a police review created in Bexar county for all law enforcement from the sheriff to police. We need to see know the background of a police officer and whether they are capable of measuring up to the high standards.

Point two:

School District across San Antonio needs to acknowledge that Black Lives Matter not just people of color. We know all lives matter never said it didn't. In realizing that Black Lives Matter you acknowledge that for Black people life isn't the same. School districts can make a change by talking with their employees and hiring more Black people to help make a change.

Third point:

D.A Joe Gonzales need to reopen the case for Marquise Jones, Charles Roundtree and Antronie Scott. We demand these cases be reopened to get justice the young black men deserve. How do you feel knowing their lives were cut short for your gain? The police officers involved should be fired never work as a police officer but they are living the American dream which is to kill and destroy. Reopen these cases now!

Thank you,
Kristy Sharpe

When people show you who they are, believe them the first time. -Maya Angelou

A Righteous mind is a kingdom journey.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: krystalyn fonseca <krystalyn85@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] questions regarding SAPD use of force

Good morning, My name is Krystalyn Fonseca with WAR for Change, I have 3 questions.

1. We have heard McManus say time and again that the knee on the neck is not taught or condoned with SAPD. However, the use of force procedure does not specifically state that it is banned. When can we expect this to be banned by SAPD so that officers who use this type of force will be reprimanded?
2. SAPD does teach a move called a Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint, which is a chokehold intended to strangle and/or choke the victim. When will we see this move banned by SAPD as well as part of reform?
3. Does SAPD investigate themselves when it comes to complaints regarding use of force or racial profiling? If so, when will we see a community based review board?

I have many more questions and would like the opportunity to speak with SAPD to create real change in the community. I can be reached at this email or by phone 2107820508.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: londyn bellard <londynb25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] public comment

What is your mission and oath when you first signed up? Do you feel as if your department and behavior depict that? What was the initial premise of the motto to "serve and protect"? Who are you looking at protecting? What is your duty as police chief? Would you be open minded to some of the reform that is going on in the Minneapolis Police Department?

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Mariana Sutherland <sa4u2@satx.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Meeting 6/10/20

Mariana Sutherland
386 Goodhue Ave
San Antonio, Texas 78213
District 2

City Council June 9, 2020

Comments in Support of San Antonio Police Department

Under no circumstances should the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) be defunded or have budget cuts.

The crazy statements made by people at last weeks City Council meeting to defund or to make budgets cuts to SAPD and then spread that money into social services is ill-responsible and unrealistic. The wants of a few outspoken people cannot and should not mandate the defunding or budget cuts to SAPD. The silent majority across this City is 100% behind SAPD. If, and I say IF crime is down in San Antonio it is solely due to the presence of SAPD in our neighborhoods.

SAPD a is a valuable asset to the citizens of San Antonio. SAPD are the peacekeepers in San Antonio. It is because of these men and women that we feel safe. Can SAPD do better? Absolutely there is always room for improvement. But change and improvement cost money. Please ensure the 20 million dollars of additional funding for SAPD is approved.

Do not allow yourselves to cave into the demands of people who are reacting to the horrific death of Mr. George Floyd. Mr. Floyd's death is being used to fuel the agenda of the liberal, socialist, communist, anti-President community.

Things I would like to be addressed about SAPD:

Is the use of a choke hold prohibited by SAPD procedures?

Do all SAPD police officers have and use chest cameras?

Are all police vehicles equipped with dashboard cameras?

Do police officers receive annual training on Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Arrest and subduing of a person? Training is key.

What tools other than handcuffs, tasers, or a gun does SAPD have that are used in subduing a person?

What is the disciplinary procedure for Police Officers?

Is there a reporting system in place for citizens or other police officers to report inappropriate police behavior anonymously? There is a Blue Line so anonymous reporting is critical.

Is the Union Contract with SAPD available online for the citizens to read and review?

It is the responsibility of the San Antonio City Council to ensure the citizen of San Antonio are safe and this has been accomplished by having a strong and equipped police department. The act of one person can not and should not soil the integrity, and honor of all police officers. I stand in support of the San Antonio Police Department and I ask that you do too.

Mary Sutherland
Sent from my iPad

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Melanie Mendez-Gonzales <melanie.mendezgonzales@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for June 10 Session B City Council Committee

San Antonio Councilmembers:

I request that you do everything possible to: End over-aggressive policing and combat racially discriminatory policing; Hold SAPD accountable; Start the healing process between San Antonio and law enforcement.

I request that you renegotiate the police union contract in order to strengthen disciplinary procedures for officer misconduct.

I also request that the people of San Antonio be provided a line item breakdown of the budget for SAPD and for every event in which monies go to SAPD including any paid out lawsuits for police brutality.

No one in San Antonio, or anywhere else, should live in fear of police officers. We should be working together to move forward in a safer city for all.

Respectfully,

Melanie Mendez-Gonzales

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Morgan Preston <mpreston@trinity.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SAPD Budget Reallocation and the Police Union Contract Review

Hello, My name is Morgan Preston and I am a District 1 resident of San Antonio, Texas. I am contacting you to significantly reduce the \$479 million currently allocated to the San Antonio Police Department in the upcoming budget proposal for the fiscal year 2021 and for a formal review of the San Antonio Police Department Union Contract that expires in 2021. We ask that you redirect those funds to programs that heal and educate our community- to public housing, rent and utility assistance, and Community Health Programs through Metro Health and the Collaborative. Additionally, Police force money can also be reallocated to SAISD, working to limit the educational disparities caused by racial and economic segregation.

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Sincerely,

Morgan Preston

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Rafael Solari <rafsolari@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Briefing on SAPD - Item 20-3663

Hello Councilmembers,

Thank you for focusing on this important issue. We need to understand how Police processes and culture contributed to the deaths of Charles Roundtree, Marquise Jones, Antronie Scott and others.

I would like to see changes to the Police Contract's Arbitration clause. I believe the current process makes it too hard to remove officers who behave irresponsibly. Further, Article 28, Section 19 of the contract makes certain violations disappear from the record after 180 days, making it harder to detect patterns of abusive officer behavior.

In addition to contract reform, San Antonio must build alternative programs for some of the social services and mental health issues that SAPD currently handle. I believe mental health workers will be better able to de-escalate situations than officers have been.

I hope to see the City Council take decisive action to reduce police violence. Now is the time for these long-overdue reforms.

Best,
Rafael Solari
330 Brahan Blvd, San Antonio TX

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Sergio Plaza <splazaiii@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Budget & Transformational Change

Mr. Mayor and Esteemed Council,

My name is Sergio Plaza III and I am a proud resident of San Antonio. I live in District 2 and have worked in SAISD schools in District 2 (MLK Academy) and 5 (Tafolla MS) with City Year San Antonio for the last three years, the highlight of that service has been advocating for restorative practices within our schools. The recent events triggered by the deaths of many black people within the United States is heartbreaking, as has the response by police departments across the nation, SAPD included.

Despite growing up in a law enforcement family, I do believe in the abolition of policing and prisons. These systems are immoral and there are better ways to make our communities safe. The cries for justice by the families of Charles Roundtree and Marquise Jones reflect that here in our city. Historically, policing has been done to suppress movements and to protect wealthy interests. I urge you to read into this history so that you can become better informed when you make your decisions. Angela Davis is a good start. I just finished "End of Policing," by Alex Vitale and would suggest that too. I do know, however, that you will not outright abolish these systems. I'd be pleased to be surprised though.

With origins in colonialism and decisions to redline and segregate our city, San Antonio is no stranger to racist policy. I urge this council to do more to dismantle the systems of oppression that currently exist. This includes fighting to consolidate some of the many school districts we have in our city to the budget that gives far too much money to police and far too little to services such as health, human services, and economic development. It is your job to come up with equitable policy that transforms our city into one that works for its most vulnerable.

Do not equivocate in your rhetoric or in your actions on what it will take for meaningful change. You were elected to office to make courageous decisions. I encourage you to bring to the table organizers who have been working on these issues for years and listen to their ideas. Listening includes actually implementing the ideas that you hear from experienced and knowledgeable organizers.

Thank you so much. I hope you read this and take to heart what I am saying.

Best,

Sergio Plaza III

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Sonia Lopez <sonji5150@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Community relations

SAPD needs to be held accountable for their actions.

A zero tolerance policy should be implemented and enforced against racism, discrimination and excessive use of force whether they are on the clock or not.

We should have transparency and access to police complaints and need implement an independent review board of citizens with the power to weigh in on disciplinary action.

Thank you.

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Denice Trevino (OCC)

From: Tahlia Sowa-Gutierrez <tegs1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT

Good afternoon,

Ask anyone I have ever encountered what I love the most and they will tell you "San Antonio".

San Antonio has been my home since before I was even born, my family planting their roots in the city. Fiesta and market square... Crossroads Mall... every street throughout our city holds a special place in my heart. But one thing that plagues my memories are the cops. Memories like the time I saw my transgendered guardian get forcefully taken out of the car on the way to school on 410... it is keeping my eyes on the floor while my Latino biological father getting pulled over at stop signs, praying nothing happens.

Never have I had a positive experience with the San Antonio Police Department. I am not a black man but I tense up everytime I drive past a cop car -- I cannot imagine the pain and fear Black brothers and sisters experience.

San Antonio is a wonderful place... please make the right decisions to keep San Antonio a peaceful and warm city.

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Thea Setterbo <thea.setterbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Citizens to be Heard comment for Wednesday, June 10

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to create and pass a Council Consideration Request (CCR) **requiring antiracism training for all City officials, City and Council staff, including SAPD and SAFD.** In the past two weeks alone, I have heard from current and former City employees about racist and sexist comments they've borne the brunt of from supervisors and other colleagues. The current system in place does not appropriately discipline these hateful statements without fear of retribution. This is just the first of many actions City Council should take and is meant to be a stopgap measure as we work to reimagine what true public safety should look like for San Antonio.

Additionally, as a communicator by trade, I believe in the power of language. **I ask that the City of San Antonio stop categorizing police and fire budgets as "public safety" when describing funding allocated in those areas.** This is especially important for public input opportunities, as those are the only budgets that are lumped into a category that could potentially skew results. It's impossible to be objective about the term "safety."

When SAPD receives more than \$479 million of the City's general fund budget, health and human services, the arts, parks and infrastructure are left with scraps. At a time when the City is facing a \$200 million+ shortfall due to repercussions of COVID-19, **it's clearer than ever that we need to divest from the police department in order to invest in the health, safety and livelihood of our community.**

We ask that you pledge to:

- **Provide the public with the disaggregated line item police budget from the current fiscal year.**
- **Pursue investments in community-led, non-police initiatives to prevent violence, reducing the risk of fatal or violent encounters.**
- **Protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies to direct assistance to those who need it most.** Partner with and fund community organizations who serve the mental and emotional health needs of the community. Police officers are NOT social workers and should no longer be treated or expected to respond as such.
- **Significantly decrease the police department budget in subsequent years as our City builds out robust and well-funded alternatives to policing as we know it.**

The City of San Antonio is no stranger to unarmed Black people being murdered by SAPD. Marquise Jones, Charles "Chop" Roundtree, Jr., Antronie Scott, Norman Cooper and others have been murdered at the hands of SAPD and most of the officers involved still have their badges while the families of the Black men murdered will never be the same.

You cannot call this a "compassionate" city while maintaining a police contract that allows killers to be back on the job after a few weeks of paid administrative leave. It is not too soon to begin this conversation and allow the public a voice to guide your decision-making.

Sincerely,

Thea Setterbo

Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: WILLA RUBIN <willarubin27@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund! Defund Defund!

Hello!

My name is Willa Rubin and I am a resident of District 1 here in San Antonio, Texas. I am writing to ask that the city significantly reduce the \$479 million currently allocated to the San Antonio Police Department.

Some demands:

1. Remove the police from school. I work at a high school in San Antonio with more than one officer on campus. Their presence is dehumanizing and anxiety-inducing to the students upon entry. How can we say we are a sanctuary city or a city that supports immigrants when we bring cops into schools? Police officers should not serve as place holders for counselors, social workers, and administrators in schools. Use that money to better fund the district to hire more counselors and mental health professionals on our campuses. Especially professionals that look like our students.
2. Alter the SAPD Union contract that expires in 2021. The union contract disqualifies complaints, restricts/delays interrogation, gives officers unfair access to information, limits oversight and discipline, and erases misconduct records.
3. Invest in community needs such as housing, transportation, community centers, and community-led organizations and projects. These projects are what make our community safe and strong. Not police.

DEFUND THE POLICE

Cheers,
Willa Rubin

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Anthony Ibarcena <anthonyibarcena@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please read at meeting

My name is Anthony ibarcena I live in district 10 I am in favor of the reallocation of the police department's budget. The following areas of public resources could benefit from the reallocation of said funds, public local mental health services, children's advocacy and social work, affordable public housing projects. I want a proposition to be created to re-fund these services.

Anthony Ibarcena

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Branden Camarillo <redwingtrekie24@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Budgeting

Hello, I am commenting to express my concern about the city's outrageous budget for the police department.

I have been a resident of this city for the better part of my life, I can also say that I am someone with lived experience on just about every side of town there is. I have always been observant in my time growing up, I always wished there was MORE out there. Instead all I have noticed is more of a presence in police. And that is not an understatement. More money going towards the SAPD, yeah I can see it putting more cops on the streets. But what streets? Poor neighborhoods have higher presences of law enforcement, yet in other, nicer, neighborhoods the scarcity is quite noticeable.

Having grown up quite poor I never had much, nor did I know of much to go around. My mother could not support two kids on her own so we never had a moment living without extended family in the picture. It would have been nice to have the option of more easily accessible and secure housing. Let me also be clear in saying that is not a statement I use just for my own livelihood. I have noticed the increase in homelessness going on over the years and one can not bring such up without also acknowledging that it sometimes goes hand in hand with mental illnesses. The amount of people on the streets is just not okay. We talk about caring for these people yet we don't do much here to go out of our way to help, to feed, to house, to care for so many.

Up to almost half a billion dollars was offered up enthusiastically to the SAPD for 2020. That is a ridiculous amount of money to fund a force designed to keep people in line in the name of "law and order". So much of that money could be justly redistributed to districts in dire need of real and direct help. Street repairs, school programs, affordable housing, lgbtq+ organizations; community outreach programs for people needing resources in regards to domestic abuse and sexual assault prevention, chemical dependency services, mental health services, this list is and could be endless.

I wish leaders, everywhere, but most importantly right here right now in this city could listen to its constituents instead of laughing in the face of them. I urge you and your fellow council members to reevaluate what is really important. Investing in growth and opportunity within communities should be first priority. Move the funds, redistribute! Don't punish people and leave them in the dirt while you build over and around them.

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Murphy <dontpokethebear10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sapd

I am very proud, for the most part of our SAPD officers and the job they do. No one knows what it's like to stand in their shoes and to have to make split second decisions, between defending their lives to those who threaten to take them.

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Richard Anderson <kc5tsg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Racism Concerns

Dear City Council.

I am very concerned about the amount of racism that is rampant in our city leadership. If these stories are true that our city has claimed to have made changes and then it is still a problem, then it sounds like the leaders are most likely the problem. Please put together and publish the statistics along with the data so we can verify what the truth is. If this is true, then the Mayor, police chief, and all city council should have a press conference and apologize to us citizens of the city and immediately submit their resignation for not doing their job. If these rumors of rampant racism are not true, please come out and set the record straight, acknowledge the great work of our peace officers and quit spreading all the lies. If you deny to hear my comments, I will take that as a coverup and vote accordingly in the next elections.

Thank you,
Concerned SA citizen

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Jeril Bills <jerilbills@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund the Police

Divesting from policing and investing in programs such as pre-K, mental health services, education, jobs, economic well-being, and community safety programs that don't involve the police will make our city healthier and safer, and there is evidence to support this.

Jeril Bills
7600 W Military Dr Trlr 44
San Antonio, TX 78227
District 6

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Sarah Williams <will.sarahe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Reform

Hi,

I'm emailing the city council, the mayor and the San Antonio Police to enact the #8CantWait Use of Force policies. I live in the North Central neighborhood and I know our city would benefit from these policies. The #8CantWait policies are simple, common-sense and would make our community safer.

San Antonio has 4 policies that are part of the #8CantWait pledge. Can you commit to enacting these additional policies right now?

1. Requires Warning Before Shooting
2. Requires Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting
3. Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles
4. Requires Comprehensive Reporting

Additionally, I would like for the Bexar County DA to open the cases of Marquise Jones, Charles Roundtree and Antronie Scott.

Best,
Sarah Williams

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Heidi Sobotik <dif4us@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council B, Weds June 10

According to many reports and videos by individuals and members of the San Antonio press, SAPD has engaged peaceful protesters with tear gas. Tear gas is classified as a chemical warfare agent by the 1825 Geneva Protocol, and it was also banned for warfare use via the 1993 UN Chemical Weapons Convention, yet it continues to be used as a “riot control agent” by US law enforcement. It is designed to damage the membranous tissues of the eyes, mouth, nose, and lungs that specifically help protect our bodies from pathogens like Covid-19, and exposure can cause vomiting, choking, and even more severe health complications for some. Can you, in good faith to the residents of San Antonio and the surrounding communities, assure us that we will not be met with chemical warfare agents while attending protests in San Antonio?

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Margie Vargas <mvropers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defunding SAPD

Defunding means that cuts from Police department will go towards funding Human and Health programs, an agency that already receives 1.293 Trillions of dollars from the Federal Government. There are plenty of community based programs in San Antonio and plenty of resources. The problem is not with the lack of resources, the problem is engagement by the people who need services i.e untreated mental health, batters intervention programs, substance abuse programs, parenting programs, therapeutic and counseling services. People want to have to be actively engaged and complete services or just attend. San Antonio has one of the best homeless shelters in the country, City officials came from all over to tour our facility because of all of the programs it offered. The problem is some of the homeless do not become residents because there rules and curfew to follow. When a crisis arises whether it's a person under the influence of drugs or untreated mental health almost always a first responder will assist a therapist or community based worker for the safety of the therapist or worker. A first responder can be fully trained to handle all types of situations and should be because they are the first responder after all, why not keep the funds in the department and continue with trainings and certifications in that area, since they are doing it already and continue to have specialized units to handle these types of situations.

In my experience with the mental health unit, they were beneficial on a personal matter, my son suffered from PTSD, he was a member of United States Army and fought in Operation Enduring Freedom, on occasion he would go off his medication. In 2018, my son was safely transported by San Antonio Police department to the VA hospital after experiencing paranoia, suicidal ideation and had become violent. I thank God everyone was safe including the EMT's who could not get near him. My son has since passed way. You would be doing an injustice to this police department because sometimes it's only them that can make a difference in a crisis.

Sincerely,
Margie Vargas

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: anc621@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund SAPD

Nothing but murderers, rapists, and class traitors. Why do they deserve more money than teachers? Defund. SAPD. Now.

Thank you for your attention.

Alexander N. Cruz

Sent from my iPhone

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Jo Peña <jmichaels@twu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] B Session of City Council Public Comment City Budget DEFUND POLICE

My name is JoAnna (Joie) Peña. I'm an LCSW currently serving the homeless population. It appears, despite continued protest and demands to defund the police, you're prepared to move forward and spend an exorbitant amount of money on policing rather than address the catastrophic housing crisis and emergency management, especially in lieu of the COVID-19 crisis, both of which will worsen astronomically in the coming months. In case you have forgotten, San Antonio is nestled within a state that has the highest number of uninsured with the 7th leading state in COVID cases, perhaps higher, as you continue to comply with false measurements.

Are you aware that the San Antonio Police Department has killed 47 people, the San Antonio Park Police Department has killed 2 people and the Bexar County Sheriff's Office has killed 9 people all between 2013-2019? Furthermore, these individuals were disproportionately people of color. Are you aware that nationally 40% of all law enforcement agents admit to beating their spouses and that there is an overwhelming issue of white supremacy? That law enforcement agents receive less than 1000 hours of training (less than a barber)? That a police officer is caught in an act of sexual misconduct every 5 days? That the officers who brutally murdered Marquise Jones and Charles "Chop" Roundtree are still on the force? (those are just two)

I am urging you to re-allocate those funds to the following: sustainable and permanent housing, programs that will provide free healthcare to all of your residents, improve your education so that ALL of the children in the area have an equitable chance, provide FREE higher education, because with all that you are spending on the police, you could easily do all of these things. And those are just a few ideas.

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Cristian Gutierrez <tanrez3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SAPD accountability.

Over the past decade 2/3's of the police officers fired in San Antonio were able to reclaim their jobs through arbitration. This makes a mockery of our police and makes us believe that they'll be unaccountable for their actions. We've hired rapist's, assaulters, alcoholics, pedophiles, and undignified people into our forces and because of the union contract they have a high chance of getting their jobs back. If an SAPD officer points his gun at an unarmed man they should be charged with aggravated assault like any other citizen. Our officers aren't above the law. If an officer shoots in a public space without warning and the bullet goes astray and kills a bystander that's manslaughter and they should be charged like any other citizen. Our police are not above the law, and through Qualified Immunity they get no repercussions. We need to remind them that no one is above the law. End Qualified Immunity in San Antonio. End Arbitration. I think San Antonio understands that we have some great police officers, but those officer's voices are being drowned out by the corrupt individuals who've taken their place. The citizens want our council to take action and remove the Union contract and hold our police more accountable for their actions.

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: marisolr549 <marisolr549@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop and Frisk Procedures

Dear City Councilors,

The City of San Antonio must add to the procedures of Stop & Frisk in the SAPD. The City Council needs to address a lack of specificity in what is considered to be "reasonable suspicion" in this act of lawful detention. In the SAPD's general manual, Procedure 618; Section C; Objective 2 states that "Officers conducting a lawful detention, including stop and frisks, shall base the lawful detention on reasonable suspicion at the time of the stop and not on racial/bias profiling". This statement lacks density as the only predicate to stop and frisk is to have "reasonable suspicion" which is undoubtedly ambiguous. This fragility of regulators allows for no uniform judgement.

In addition to further regulations before conducting stop and frisk, the police should first approach the individual with a peaceful and trusting dememour. Using deescalating measures as primary tactics will likely decrease the chance of there being a violent encounter fueled by fear.

After conducting a stop and frisk police should document the location, time, which qualifications led them to conduct this search, and how they primarily created a trust with the individual they encountered. Although tedious, it is crucial that all stop and frisks are documented to conduct further analysis that make reveal any racial profiling or over use of this tactic when proved unuseful. This all is to better the police department Having clear regulations, or eliminating this practice completely will allow there to be less fear in our community. People of color will not feel the need to anxiously stiff necked with hands out of pockets when walking near police.

Now especially, the City Council can take a stand for racial justice by looking into changing these policies. I call on my City Council members to act as a catalyst to increase trust and love in our passionate city.

Thank you,

Marisol Russell

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Justin Martinez <jmartinez@texascjc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment at City Council

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

With SAPD receiving over \$479 million of the city budget while health, human services, the arts, infrastructure, etc. are left with scraps, it is clear that we need to divest in order to invest. Our neighbors in Austin are already beginning to lead this fight by working with city councilmembers in preparing to propose decreasing their own police budget by \$100 million in the upcoming fiscal year.

We (community advocates and organizations) ask that you pledge to:

- Provide us with the disaggregated line item police budget from the current fiscal year.
- Pursue investments in **community-led, non-police** initiatives to prevent violence, reducing the risk of fatal or violent encounters.
- Protect and expand investments in public health and non-police safety strategies to direct assistance to those that need it most due to COVID-19.
- Significantly decrease the police department budget in subsequent years as our city builds out robust and well-funded alternatives to policing as we know it.

Thank you for taking the time and consideration in reviewing my comment. It is my hope that we use this time to finally begin to divest ourselves of the harm the criminal legal system imposes on people, especially in black, brown, and poorer communities, and begin to make a significant investment that will serve to uplift these communities.

These are bold times, and we need you to take bold action.

In Solidarity,

JUSTIN MARTINEZ | Bexar County Justice Project Advocate

Pronouns: he/him/his

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Andrea Garcia <andreaagarcia178@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The use of tear gas by SAPD on protesters could result in the murder of innocent babies.

Hello,

I have lived in San Antonio my entire life. I love San Antonio, but the way the SAPD is running things around this city is deplorable. SAPD is ruining our safe community. During the protest of the past couple weeks tear gas has been used on peaceful protesters- including pregnant women. Tear gas is an Abortifacient. It can cause unwanted abortions in women, and can harm the reproductive health of non pregnant women as well. There has been decades of research to back this up since world war 2- which outlawed the use of tear gas for this very reason at the Geneva convention. I am calling for the use of "non lethal" tear gas to be outlawed in our city- SAPD has the blood of slaughtered unborn children on their hands. All of our city government does for allowing us to be treated this way.

If our city doesn't care for the lives of unborn children and pregnant women, they obviously don't care about the rest of us.

Do better- you must.

Andrea Garcai

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Cleona Oliver <cleona.oliver@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment- Cleona Oliver

I am writing this email as a San Antonio resident to demand that a proper, fair, and unbiased police system be established. I believe the only way to achieve this is to defund and dissolve the current police system. A large portion of the funds that are typically allocated to our broken police system should be reallocated to social workers, the education system in underserved areas, counselors and therapists in the education system and community resources that help bring balance to what is a broken and unbalanced system.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cleona Oliver

*Dr. Cleona Oliver, DDS
Associate Dentist, Detailed Dental*

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Tina Flores (OCC)

From: Melanie Hutzler <melaniehutzler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Public Comment; Mel Hutzler
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defunding police

Hi,

Thank you for all you do San Antonio police department to keep San Antonio safe. I'm sure there are a few bad apples but for the most part maybe we can focus on how many lives police save. Sometimes we focus on the one bad thing that we do and forget about all the good that happens. There is evil in this old world and there will always be evil. It does help to know that a hero exists for all races. I'm sure the media is to blame for race bating and creating fear but is also good so we know what's going on and we can make change where change needs to be. I don't have all the answers but holding people accountable for there actions is a good place to start. May we be a good example stand up for what is right treat everyone how you would like to be treated. Also Covid 19 lockdowns did not help. Taking people's livelihoods away was stupid!!!!

Blessings,

Melanie Hutzler

Sent from my iPhone

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Tina Flores (OCC)

email for DS

From: Rebecca Viagran (City Council)
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:42 PM
To: Ron Nirenberg (Mayor); Roberto C. Trevino (City Council); Shirley Gonzales (City Council); Jada Andrews-Sullivan (City Council); Adriana Rocha Garcia (City Council); Melissa Cabello Havrda (City Council); Ana Galindo (City Council); Manny Pelaez (City Council); John Courage (City Council); Clayton Perry (City Council)
Cc: Andy Segovia (City Attorney); Erik Walsh (CMO); Tina Flores (OCC)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Police Reform

Dear Madame Clerk,

I am not sure if this was read online, I did not hear you read this, but this was sent to my office yesterday and I want to be sure my colleagues had this public comment

Thank you.

In Service,

Rebecca J. Viagran
Councilmember, District 3
City of San Antonio, TX
Office: 210-207-7064

-----Original Message-----

From: George Garcia <georgegarcia1948@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@sanantonio.gov>
Cc: Rebecca Viagran (City Council) <Rebecca.Viagran@sanantonio.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Reform

It is difficult to watch a person die from an action that could have been adverted. Being a policeman is a difficult and dangerous profession but we must assure they receive the best training available. Reviewing the processes that are utilized by our Police department must be changed to correct those techniques that can cause harm or death to citizens. We should take the following actions: (1) Revamp the training for all cadets. (2) There should be a citizens committee to monitor the conduct of the Police Department. (3) Psychological testing of all applicants must be strengthened too eliminate those individuals that don't have the capacity to do the right thing. (4) All Police conduct violations should be open to the public. (5) Training for mental and medical episodes that cause a person to be unreasonable. (6) Improve the high speed chases that kill innocent citizens. (7) Respect the right of policeman that report an another officers' inappropriate conduct. (8) Field cadet training should be closely monitored by the Chief of Police. We must allow our officers to do their jobs and we must realize that not all citizens follow the rule of law. It is inevitable that deadly force will have to be used in some circumstances. It is incumbent that all citizens follow the requests of the officer to prevent any injury to the citizen and officer. Remove the arbitrary policy that causes an enormous cost to the city. In conclusion, the city cannot bear to spend more than half of the general fund to fund the police department when the needs of certain districts are neglected (equality).

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Ruben Dicker <rubendicker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question from District 1 Resident

Hello City Council,

My name is Ruben and I'm 22 years old living in District 1. I have some general questions regarding the police union.

Are all SAPD officers part of the union? Are they ever given an option?

Regarding policies from the CBA that doesn't expire until September 2021, does the union have the ability to amend any of their problematic policies that were previously agreed upon before that expiration date? Can we give the union the opportunity to be on the right side of history when it comes to time limits of considering past misconduct and similar policies? Do you all think they would be willing to do so?

Thanks,
Ruben Dicker

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: KellyAnn Cameron <ka.stu.cameron@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for City Council

Good afternoon,

My name is KellyAnn Cameron and I live in Dist. 1 in San Antonio. I am writing to you with a comment for the city council comment period.

I am concerned and frustrated with the recent and continuing acts of police violence against our black community, low-income and homeless people, and most recently protesters. I am concerned about the disproportionate amount of money being invested in the San Antonio Police Department, relative to socially beneficial programs. Cities all over the country, including Austin, have been showing that defunding the police is not only possible, but necessary. Defunding, disarming, and demilitarizing the police, and redirecting that money elsewhere, would benefit residents of our city. I hope the City Council will consider investing money in education, health services (including mental health services), employment opportunities, and services for homeless San Antonio residents, instead of funding police misconduct cases, militarizing technology, and other unnecessary police expenses. This would include developing and supporting community-based, unarmed, responses to violence, crime, and mental health concerns.

To this end, I hope the city council will move to fully investigate all cases of police violence, particularly against unarmed parties, and more to end or mostly eliminate police officers fired for misconduct re-joining the force. San Antonio should investigate and interrogate its relationship to antiblackness and give the community tangible and actionable steps they will do to eliminate racism and police violence, and fully invest in the health and safety of our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All the best,
KellyAnn Cameron

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Noah Furman <mynameisnoah2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund the Police

Dear San Antonio Councilmembers:

My name is Noah Furman. I am a resident of San Antonio, Texas and I am emailing today to demand a complete overhaul on our San Antonio Police Department in light of the Black Lives Matter protests being demonstrated across the US, but specifically our city.

Currently, more than a third of the city's \$1.3 billion operating budget is spent on the police department. At the same time, studies of the San Antonio PD have proven SAPD officers use force at higher rates against minorities. I am asking you to make a more overt and visible commitment to the city's Black and Brown communities to combat an over-investment in their criminalization and surveillance. I therefore demand that you find ways to redirect money away from the SAPD's overinflated budget. I urge you to pressure the city council for an ethical and equal reallocation of the city's expenditures, away from the SAPD, and towards sectors that facilitate the dismantling of racial and class inequality.

Now especially, you can take a supportive stand on racial and social justice by significantly defunding policing and investing in the community instead—starting with housing, transportation, education, community centers, and community-led organizations and projects.

Can I count on you to consider an alternative budget that puts a focus on social services programs?

Sincerely,
Noah Furman
2448 Brighton Oaks
210-238-5665

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Mark Ingram <wmingram@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Police Reform

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concerns about systemic reforms that need to be implemented in the San Antonio Police Department.

While I am a resident of Castle Hills, I work in downtown San Antonio, attend a synagogue near downtown San Antonio, and spend my money at many businesses in San Antonio.

I have the following proposals:

- 1.
2. Our
3. citizen oversight committee is weak. It needs to be strengthened. These are items in the SAPOA Collective Bargaining Agreement that City Council can work to remove from any future deal when it is renegotiated next year:
4.
 - a.
 - b. Citizen
 - c. Monitoring System modeled after Denver (city/county funded)
 - d.
 - e.
 - f. More
 - g. citizens than officers on the committee
 - h.
 - i.
 - j. Citizens
 - k. should not need police union/police chief approval to be on the committee; how does this make it independent at all?
 - l.
 - m.
 - n. If
 - o. the chain of custody evidence is lost for evidence then the citizen oversight committee itself can hold the LOE liable and punishable; this needs to be codified into law
 - p.
- 5.
6. Transparency
7. of police budget and spending
8.
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 - a. Third
 - b. Party Audit that is public
 - c.

Mark Ingram

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Lauren Bonnett <laurenbonnett@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on police

To whom it may concern,

I believe that San Antonio pays far too much for the police - nearly half a million dollars explains the major shortcomings of our city in handling other issues such as infrastructure, education, and even the health and well being of our citizens. Public safety should not and does not require the police when there are many ways that the police are not necessary and there are roots of problems that can be solved not by sicking police on individuals but investing in other resources. I once had a poor interaction with the police when I was 15 and suicidal where a crisis response was initiated due to me speaking with a counselor over the phone, the police were the ones to come to my home and speak with me as if I, a black teenager, needed a cop in my face asking me questions. After speaking with him, the cop left and my family was fined \$75 for... What? A false call? A teenager in crisis scared for her life? While it wasn't as bad or even deadly as many interactions others have had with the police, it was a reminder that the police are not the ones to solve all of our societal ills nor are they as trained or as compassionate as we keep trying to make them out to be. We do not need them to respond for every single issue, especially if we can have that money funneled into things that cause problems. Police are not the answer, defund the police. Half a million dollars in a city where what high school you go to practically determines how much you can achieve because the schools and the community have been left out to dry really tells you where our priorities are. Defund the police.

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Claire Remmert <claire.a.osburn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Roberto C. Trevino (City Council)
Cc: Public Comment; Jay Podjenski (City Council); Theresa (Tracy) Rees (City Council)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments after watching today's B Session

Hello,

My name is Claire Remmert and I live and work in District 1. I watched the livestream of the Council B Session today and would like to make my voice heard with the following comments:

- Two days of implicit bias and diversity training is not enough. The department needs to recognize that the issues of implicit bias and racism are ingrained in us from birth and two days of workshops is not enough to combat this reality. As a community member, hearing the head of the police union call implicit bias "a bunch of nonsense" shows me clearly that two days of workshops is more of a "check the box" activity than a truly impactful action. I agree with Councilwoman Viagran that we should be more regularly training and screening against bias in our officers. I support Councilwoman Garcia's suggestion to partner with local universities for teaching more deeply and holistically on policing and racial history. I agree with Councilwoman Sandoval that there should be a constant and transparent evaluation of the effectiveness of this training in action.
- I support Chief McManus when he says that the collective bargaining agreement needs to be changed to make it easier to fire officers that need to be fired and punish officers that need to be punished. Police officers should not be above the law and the police union should not be able to hold our citizens hostage and prevent justice from being served.
- Property destruction should not be justification for using weapons against demonstrators, regardless of whether they are "less lethal." There is no guarantee that these weapons won't hit in lethal places or cause extreme harm. Property is NOT more valuable than human safety in any situation. Police officers being hit with water bottles does not compare in any way to community members being shot with rubber bullets and it's shameful to hear that as a justification.
- I support all endeavors to reallocate SAPD budget dollars to social services for community safety like housing and mental health.
- I disagree with Councilman Perry's implication that the community's need for safety must only be solved by SAPD. I disagree that "supporting the blue" as Councilman Perry says means you can't thoughtfully evaluate where those dollars should be allocated to best provide safety. He is reducing community safety to policing only, and that is simply not how it works. There is so much danger in positioning this as an "us vs. them" or "police vs. activists." This represents the worst of identity politics, and San Antonio is better than that.
- I oppose any spending on military-style hardware, gear, vehicles and weapons for the SAPD and want to see that spending ended, the use of that equipment stopped and those dollars allocated toward social services that support community safety beyond policing.

Thank you for your time and for a very thoughtful and powerful discussion today. I appreciate that this is long-term work and am hoping to see more meetings like this to dig into these issues and figure out what policy and budgetary changes can be made to support community safety for all community members, hold brutal cops accountable to their actions, end police brutality and imagine a way to provide safety to our community beyond policing. As Councilwoman Sandoval said, more cops on the street is not the way to make me feel safer. To me and to many, particularly our Black community members, the opposite is true and that reality must be dealt with.

Thank you,
Claire

Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Maria Luisa Cesar <maria@greatergoodstories.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment from Maria Luisa Cesar, small business owner and D8 resident

I appreciate the COSA staff presentation during B session today and the comments provided by the Mayor and Council. I think Councilwoman Jada Andrews-Sullivan said it best in refocusing the conversation on police brutality. The City of San Antonio, like every other city in the nation, is being called to act boldly and make significant changes in its relationship to its police departments. Now is the time to think critically about accountability, and the pervasive racism that exists within our law enforcement agencies and disproportionately harms and is lethal to Black community members. With SAPD receiving \$479 million of the city budget while critical social service programs get scraps, it is clear that we need to divest in order to invest. Please take a look at what Austin City Council is doing. City Councilmembers there have proposed decreasing the police budget by \$100 million. I want to see similar considerations for cuts and reinvestment. I call on City Council members to take swift and immediate action on the following items:

- Provide disaggregated line-item budget from the current fiscal year
- Pursue investments in community-led, non-police initiatives to curb violence
- Expand investments in public health and other social services focused on non-police safety strategies
- Commit to decreasing the police budget in subsequent years as our city builds a plan for robust and well-funded alternatives to policing
- Pass a CCR requiring antiracism training for all city officials and city staff, including PD.
- Keep bad cops off the force. 70 percent of police officers who were fired were reinstated between 2006-2017 according to a Washington Post study. And sections of the current contract allow certain violations to automatically disappear from a police officer's record. **This is completely unacceptable. Both of these protections hurt our community and need to be abolished. Find a way.**
- Increase accountability by strengthening reporting and transparency requirements around use of force incidents

Thank you,

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From: Cisco Unity Connection Messaging System <unityconnection@sanantonio.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:04 PM
To: ctyncnclpubliccomment@sanantonio.gov
Subject: Message from Unavailable (92103913006)
Attachments: VoiceMessage.wav
Categories: ViewMail



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mertin', is positioned below the 'ViewMail' category. A blue line points from the highlighted phone number '(92103913006)' in the subject line to the signature.

Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: monlem9@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] SAPD police-community relations (my comment)

Monica

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 10, 2020, at 8:19 AM, Public Comment <publiccomment@sanantonio.gov> wrote:

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> Could I please get your name for the record? Thank you.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: monlem9@aol.com <monlem9@aol.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:38 PM

> To: Public Comment <publiccomment@sanantonio.gov>

> Subject: [EXTERNAL] SAPD police-community relations (my comment)

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> How about educating the community on how to behave when stopped or approached by the police, there should be respect from both sides. I know I wouldn't try to flee or get out of my car if not asked to, I would keep calm and cooperate, but I also know some people try to flee putting other motorists or bystanders at risk, they do not cooperate at all causing the situation to escalate.

> When police officers are wearing their uniform they should honor the institution they're representing and forget about their personal preferences and prejudice.

> They should not abuse the power they're given when wearing the uniform.

> Also, are police officers well trained on how to deal with individuals with mental issues and under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol?

> Do they follow a different procedure with this individual vs someone who's not under the influence?

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: Meredith Shuman <shuman.meredith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council B Session 06/10/2020

Meredith Shuman, District 8

I'm happy that the mayor opposed the current CBA between the city and the police department in 2016 and I agree wholeheartedly that we are seeing the consequences today. What I'm disappointed to hear or rather not hear from the chief or the city manager is that black lives matter, and that racism and prejudice are at the heart of bad policing, not just ignorance. If you cannot name it, you cannot fight it, and you cannot change it. Regarding Chief McManus' demonstration of awards given to his department, I firmly believe that his perception of the efficacy of his officers should not come from any where else other than the people, especially right now.

We can tout ideals of accountability and excellence, but none of them will ever square with the fact that if there was a shred of accountability anywhere in the San Antonio police department, that the officer who fed a homeless man a feces sandwich would have been immediately and forever terminated, not rehired twice.

To date, the leniency with which people treat offences by law enforcement officers as having to do with the difficulty of their job is one of the most paradoxical things I have ever seen. When doctors are racist, sexist, bigoted, or ignorant, anywhere in their lives, they are terminated and ostracized. They lose their ability to practice within their discipline. If we want to pretend that law enforcement are consistently encountering so many life or death situations, even when they are not, then the bar should be higher in every facet of law enforcement, not lower. The circumstances of one's CHOSEN employment will never be an excuse for a failure to exercise basic moral judgement.

Regarding Clayton Perry's statement that the results of the SASpeakUp outreach campaign showed that public safety, police specifically, ranked at the top of people's funding priorities; At the FY 2020 city council session where financial policies were discussed, the council established a list of priorities to guide the development of the FY 2020 adopted budget.

Number 1, streets, sidewalks, transportation.

Number 2, affordable housing

Number 3, Strong Families and Children

Number 4, last, public safety-police

To Danny Palaez, to commit to never taking money away from SAPD before the listening sessions have been held, and in spite of a petition nearing 20,00 signatures arguing for defunding the San Antonio police, and in spite of the global protests against police brutality, seems to me, at best, not the most informed stance. There are 17,853 signatures on a petition to defund San Antonio police department right now.

The death of George Floyd is not an isolated incident. It is a symptom of a corrupt and racist system.

Regarding Erik Walsh's belief that we can legislate our way to a better culture: that is antithetical to what a council member for the city of Minneapolis said in an interview on a radio show called 1A for NPR.

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Nancy Cano (OCC)

From: R Tucker <rachell.m.tucker@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Defund the Police

Mayor and City Council,

My name is Rachell Tucker, I am a teacher that has seen police normalized in my schools. I want the police to be defunded! I want schools to be funded. I want housing for the homeless. I want evictions to stop. We can use this money from the police to prevent all the homelessness that is about to happen in this city. Defund the police and fund social services! Fund services that prevent crime from happening, housing, healthcare, mental health services, food services for all, and other life changing services that the people need to survive! Defunding the police is good, but abolishing the police is better.

Thank you,

Rachell Tucker

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