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To: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
Subject: Limiting Hamilton Police Service's budget
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Dear Kirsten Stevenson,

My name is Anthony Tony Stayrer and I am a Hamilton resident and a local business owner operating A.S. Security & Surveillance Inc. In addition, I am a volunteer with City of Hamilton with "Snow Angels" program as well as "Cleanliness and Security in the downtown core task force" committee.

Since 2008, I have operated our family security business in City of Hamilton employing over dozen of our local Hamiltonians and our head office is located downtown Hamilton at 1 Hunter St East. Throughout my career in this industry and in this city, I have witnessed and observed hundreds of times successful investigations by Hamilton Police Services, prevention of crime by patriotic Hamilton Police Service officers, accurate and efficient testimonies in court by Hamilton Police Service officers, interactions between Hamilton Police Service and our local community, as well as I have personally interacted many times with detectives and investigators from Hamilton Police Service in providing them with CCTV surveillance footage from our customers sites assisting in their complex criminal investigations. With all of these interactions and observations, I've witnessed tremendous amount of love and respect by these officers and their genuine & organic passion to keep all Hamiltonians safe was clearly obvious every time. Since my arrival to Hamilton from former war torn Yugoslavia in June 1993, I have experienced kindness, professionalism, friendliness, safety, security and protection from Hamilton Police Service and our family immigrated specifically to City of Hamilton, because this city was one and still is one of the most safest cities in Canada.

Recently I read that two Hamilton councillors wish to reduce Hamilton Police budget by 20%.

Truthfully, this news was so shocking to me, my family and my team, that all of us were flabbergasted, saddened and shocked that such remarkably horrible idea would be even presented. With the crime on the raise during Covid19 times, we need our Hamilton Police officers now more then ever, in bigger numbers and their budget should increase to hire more trained officers to keep City of Hamilton safe and protected. Again, with a heavy heart and complete sadness I write this email to you, as I am fighting tears and emotions from coming out, I am still in loss for words of the possible idea that our brave women and men of Hamilton Police Service would have to be defunded and/or loose a percentage of their already low budget.

Unfortunate death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and urgent call to defund and/or limit Minneapolis Police Department's budget, has absolutely nothing to do with City of Hamilton, Hamilton Mayor's office or Hamilton Police Service. City of Hamilton has no place for racism, far right or far left, Neo-Nazi or Antifa violent hooligans or organized crime groups, but what us Hamiltonians desperately need is to feel safe, protected and cared for by brave men and women of Hamilton Police Service.

I am kindly asking your board **NOT** to support the agenda to decrease and/or limit Hamilton Police Service's operating budget and I am also asking for you to share my email with Mr Bennik, Mrs

Mandy, Mr MacVicar, Councillor Jackson and if possible with Police Chief Eric Girt. Hamiltonians like myself, my family, my clients and staff deserve to live and work safely and freely while protected.

Thank you for your time Ms Stevenson,

Regards,

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