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Subject: Choose to invest in community, not urban warfare

From: Ben Mallory
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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Dear representatives,

I'm writing to urge you to help us bring Hamilton into the future. Research shows again and again that police force and violence only breed more criminality and violence. The only investment solution for marginalized peoples, who find themselves forced into a life of crime/poverty, is increased development of resources and public programs to help them invest in their own success. No number of well armed policemen can change this, but reallocating at least 20% of the police budget could see enormous returns if those funds were put... well, anywhere else. The police budget growth rate should NEVER exceed inflation and we need to roll back funding to make up for the ridiculous growth rate our police funding has seen in the past.

Defund the police, invest in housing, rehabilitation, employment.

Less guns, more funds, please.

Benjamin Mallory
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