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**Subject:** Stance on De-Funding Police

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Mayor and Members of Council,

I'm writing regarding the debate about de-funding police in the City of Hamilton.

My family and I moved from Toronto to Stoney Creek 11 years ago. We are home-owners (taxpayers), residents, supporters of local businesses, my husband works in Hamilton and our daughter attends SJHNN SS. In essence we are invested in the present and future of this city.

Especially since the start of covid we have seen an increase in thefts, shootings, drug use, trafficking and assaults in this City (and in the last 24 hours we've seen 2 additional homicides).

Now is not the time to take funding from our police force. A 20% reduction in funding equates to roughly 200+ Officers off the force and would be very detrimental to the future and safety of our City. A more prudent approach would be to increase training for our HPS and ensure covid does not impact the current funding for social services.

Please don't allow a small, loud group of Hamiltonians speak for the majority of residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Selena

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