

From: [Selena Visser](#)
To: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
Subject: Stance on De-Funding Police
Date: Friday, October 2, 2020 5:57:29 PM

Hello Kirsten,

It was recommended I reach out to you by the Office of the Mayor regarding my concerns about defunding HPS.

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 . 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.

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From: Szachlewicz, Paul <Paul.Szachlewicz@hamilton.ca> **On Behalf Of** Office of the Mayor
Sent: September 17, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Selena Visser
Cc: Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: Stance on De-Funding Police

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Mayor.

I have shared your correspondence with the Mayor and their Advisors for review.

You may wish to consider also forwarding your correspondence to the Office of the City Clerk who

will be able to add your concerns to an upcoming Council/Committee Agenda. This will ensure that all Members of Council will be able to see your correspondence. To submit correspondence to the City Clerk, please see the following link: <https://www.hamilton.ca/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/request-speak-committee-council>

Additionally, I suggest submitting your correspondence to the Administrator for the Police Services Board. This will ensure that your correspondence is seen by the Police Services Board and its Members for consideration. To submit correspondence to the Administrator for the Police Services Board, please see the following link: <https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/about/police-services-board>

Sincerely,
Marco, on the behalf of,

Paul Szachlewicz

Legislative Assistant
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City of Hamilton

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To: Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Stance on De-Funding Police

Good Afternoon Mayor Eisenberger and Councillor Collins,

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 . 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. Now is not the time to take funding from our police force. We don't need a decrease in funding at this time. What would be more prudent is an increase in funding.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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