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Subject: Defund the Hamilton Police and Invest in Housing

From: Joy Mudjar

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear City Clerk Office,

My name is Joy Mudjar. I am a concerned citizen residing in Hamilton regarding the issue of the Hamilton Police's annual budget and how that can be better allocated to communities' services. It is to my understanding that people have been gathering in front of Hamilton's city hall the past 2 days demanding the defunding of the Hamilton Police. As we are all currently experiencing a global pandemic, meaning they are only there because this is an important matter and following as many safety protocols as possible to ensure everyone who is participating is doing it safely. I believe in their demands, as I feel that housing security was already a huge issue before the pandemic, but is now even greater.

To my understanding, the city of Hamilton has created a roadmap called Coming Together to End Homelessness: Hamilton's Systems Planning Framework. It mentions that one of the main purposes is "to outline a Systems Planning Framework to guide the design of the City's investments in homelessness and enhance overall coordination of diverse resources locally to meet systems planning goals". Therefore, the investments mentioned being put into forwarding this plan can be brought in through the surplus of money, specifically \$171.5 million, of the Hamilton Police budget. Hamilton's Police say they're proud to serve and protect Hamilton's residents and value in making Hamilton a safe place to live, therefore that includes the people of Hamilton living in poverty, and they deserve a safe place to live.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider my concerns.

Thank you,

Joy Mudjar