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Hello Councillor Merulla,

I am a constituent in your riding and I support the Defund HPS project. The Mayor should agree to meet with the group publicly and listen to their concerns. I urge you to address our Mayor and let him know that citizens of your riding support these requests. The protesters are not alone.

We are in the middle of a homelessness and opioid crisis that requires much more funding. Police Services are used to address too many social problems when we should be building strong communities and addressing the root causes of poverty instead of criminalizing the end result.

Thank-you Sarah Van Berkel