

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Reallocating of Police Funding

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing you as a constituent in Ward 1, to request that you meet the demands of the group currently occupying the grounds at City Hall. This is to defund the Hamilton police budget by 50%, deny their request of a 4 million dollar increase to their budget, take back the surplus in the police budget and use these funds to invest in housing for the homeless and other necessary services that are lacking in Hamilton.

It is time you come to grips with the fact that overpolicing and underfunding of services to take care of people is causing a huge problem. A lot of problems in society could be taken care of by taking care of all people instead of criminalizing them. The police hold too much power and this needs to be dealt with, beginning with using our tax dollars more wisely.

Stop criminalizing peaceful protestors and listen to them instead. They are making some good demands that would contribute to making the world a better, kinder, more caring place.

Thanks in advance for heeding my requests and entertaining a progressive vision for the future.

Regards,

Diane Fields