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Hello

Please include the following message to council for the Monday August 10 2020 meeting:

1. I am opposed to using ANY public money for the Commonwealth Games. I believe and know councillors are smart enough to know that this money is desperately needed elsewhere in the city e.g. providing affordable housing, providing food to those who need it, supporting local businesses and people who are impacted by Covid. I can't believe this is even a discussion item
2. Defund the police
 - a. Again, money is needed elsewhere. I support diverting at least 20% of the police budget to sectors that actually help prevent crime - mental health centres, safe-injection sites, affordable housing, job creation - and sectors that support survivors of crime, namely sexual assault centres
 - b. Police budget transparency - We need to revamp how the police budget is approved which includes a public itemized budget & public consultations
 - c. Listen to BIPOC voices. They have done the labour for you already. We don't need more reports; we have their voices and lived experiences.

Thank you for your time.
Naomi