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Subject: Budget 2021

To our Mayor and City Council,

In light of the BLM movement and the support it has by Winnipeg citizens, it is a complete disappointment that you have increased the police budget.

The 8.5 Million dollar increase to police funding could have been better spent on social services supporting those in need. From your own survey asking Winnipegers on their priorities, we asked for greater support to medical responses, community liability and public transit. One of our lowest priorities was police services.

With the changes to the police pension plan, it was understood that no future increases in budget was needed, since the savings from the pension plan would have gone to other police running expenses. Instead, police budgets have been increased by 8.5 million, and police get to use these saved funds for other non-social service projects.

Also considering provincial funds are being given to local policing services for Covid enforcement, this increase in budget is baffling.

This decision to further increase our police budget is extremely tone def to your citizens, and very much on the wrong side of history.

As a citizen I request that you amend this and place those 8.5 million dollars into social services and or Winnipeg transit.

Thank you,
Lilian Marshall

p.s. please do not respond with tone def and or a meaningless political defence of this decision. In the light of the Defund the Police movement and the countless facts about the harm caused by over prioritizing police budgets, you should have known better.