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Subject: HPS Budget Increase

Hi I am writing as I am not in support of the recent ask for an increase in the Police Budget.

I just feel that right now is not an appropriate time to ask for an increase of 16.7M - 19.8M whichever the actual number is.

We have a lot going on in our city right now and the Province doesn't seem to be helping out. We need to put this money towards services that are going to support people in our community that are struggling to house themselves as well as seek treatment for their substance use. These are the services that need money right now so that we can put programs together to offer these individuals the support they need.

Can you imagine the services and housing options we can offer with 16M?

I am asking that you set your budget increase aside for now and let's deal with the real issues in our communities. I'm sorry but your wages can be put on hold and hold until next year's budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.