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**Subject:** Request that the Hamilton Police Board re-examine the proposed HPS budget

Hello,

My name is Katie Boothe, and I am a voter in Ward 1 – I have cc'd Maureen Wilson, my city councillor on this message.

I am writing to register my request that the Hamilton Police Board re-examine the proposed \$16 million increase to the Hamilton Police Service budget for 2024.

I support the Board **rejecting all increases to the HPS budget**, and would like to see funds reallocated to more effective and less violent forms of community safety. One possible example is an evidence-based Behavioural Response Team for addressing mental health crises, substance use, and houselessness described in this [peer-reviewed article](#).

Thank you,  
Katie Boothe

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