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Subject: Police Budget Input

Hello,

I am emailing as a concerned resident of ward 3. I have looked on with dismay as the HPS budget gets increased each year, and accounts for one of the largest tax budget expenditures in our city. The residents of Hamilton deserve more from our tax dollars, and I would much rather see investments in social wellness than in criminalizing my neighbours. Many people in Hamilton are struggling to survive as police continue to punish behaviours that flow from being poor, unhoused, and/or disabled.

I am emailing to express my support for the re-examination by HPS of their proposed 2024 budget, but ideally I hope the Police Board rejects ALL increases to the budget so that city funds can be used more responsibly.

Thanks,

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