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To: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
Subject: Re-examining proposed HPS budget increase
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Hello,

I am emailing in regards to the recent proposal to increase the HPS budget by \$16 million for 2024. As a Ward 3 community member, I do not accept the proposed budget increase. I believe any increase in the HPS budget would be a poor allocation of city resources. Given the increased cost of living and houselessness in Hamilton, such resources would be much better spent on social services that work to improve living conditions for Hamiltonians. An increase in any police budget would fail to address the needs of the Hamilton population and I urge you to reject any increase to the police budget.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Eshan Merali

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