

Irma Glidden

From: Molly Montgomery <mollynm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:30 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for City Council Meeting 6/29/20

Dear Alameda City Council,

My name is Molly, and I am an Alameda resident. First of all, I want to thank you for your commitment to exploring ways to make Alameda safer for all of its residents by directing more resources towards community programs that support mental health and public safety that are alternatives to giving the police the responsibility of being our social safety net. I think your proposal to set up committees to gain input into this process is commendable. However, I have a few comments and questions about this proposal.

First of all, while these committees are a good idea, you first need to commit to a concrete goal of reducing the police budget while investing that money into community programs. I am concerned that this committee process will take a long time, and during the meantime Black and brown Alamedans will continue to be disproportionately affected by the current system of policing which by its nature is targeting them. I urge you to commit to defunding the APD by 50% in the long term. In the short term, we need an immediate concrete commitment of reducing the police budget by 10% at the very least and redirecting those funds to alternatives to policing. Our neighbor city San Leandro has already committed to reducing its police budget by 1.5 million dollars, approximately 4% of its police budget, and the city of Los Angeles has committed to redirecting 150 million dollars, around 8%, from its police budget to other services. As a forward-thinking city, surely we can commit to do just as much, if not more, than Los Angeles and San Leandro, considering we also have lower rates of crime.

Second of all, I am glad that you are proposing that the committees you are creating highlight the voices of Black residents and Black youth in Alameda. Please make sure you are not being exclusive when using the term "from Alameda." Everyone who is currently living in Alameda, no matter how long they have been living here, deserves to be considered in this process. The fact is that Alameda has grown more diverse in recent decades, so many of the people of color who are most impacted by policing in Alameda might not have grown up here since birth. Yet they still are the ones who will deal with the consequences of being targeted due to the color of their skin. When you are choosing who is on these committees make sure that the Black residents who are invited to participate are given the resources necessary to be a part of these conversations. Do not create additional burdens on them. Make sure you include a diverse group of voices from the Black community including Black business owners.

Thirdly, city council members need to commit to not taking political donations from police unions for the foreseeable future. At the end of the day, police unions are not constituents, and they should not have influence over the city council's decisions. Please show you are willing to put Alamedans' needs first over special interests.

I look forward to seeing the outcomes of this committee process, and I urge you to take immediate action by no longer accepting donations from police unions, and by committing to defunding the police by 50% in the long term and by 10% in the upcoming budget cycle.

Sincerely,

Molly Montgomery

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From: Marilyn Grabina <moya.gs55@gmail.com>
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To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions posed to the Alameda Coty Council to answer

1)MR. WATKINS (MAY 23 DANCING IN THE STREET) DID NOT COMPLY ANSWERING OFFICER QUESTIONS. THIS WAS A LAW AND ORDER ISSUE. YOU DO NOT DISMISS AN OFFICER BY NOT RESPONDING TO POLICE QUESTIONS. MR. WATKINS WAS ARRESTED FOR PHYSICALLY RESISTING. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MADE THIS A RACE ISSUE. WHICH COUNCIL MEMBER(S), NAMES WANTED, CALLED FOR THE OFFICERS' TO BE FIRED UPON VIEWING THE "FIRST" (ANON VIDEO)? NOW, HIRING OF NEW OFFICER'S TO APD HAS BEEN FROZEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL? WHAT QUALIFIICATIONS DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO RUN THE APD? WHERE DO THEY RERIDE THEIR EXPERIENCE ON POLICE MATTERS? WHOM HAVE BEEN IN DRIVE-ALONGS WITH OFFICERS TO SEE HOW THEY PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE DAILY IN THIS CITY, AND ASSISTING OTHER CITIES?

2)WHY IS THE CITY COUNCIL NOT SUPPORTING THE APD CHIEF OF POLICE? THESE OFFICERS PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE DAILY FOR THIS ENTIRE COMMUNITY TREATING EVERYONE EQUALLY. I'VE LIVED HERE LONE ENOUGH TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT. HOW CAN THIS COMMUNITY TRUST THIS CITY COUNCIL TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE, WHEN THEY CLEARLY EXHIBIT NO SUPPORT FOR THE APD? THIS COUNCIL HAS DEAF EARS TO THE MAJORITY OF VOICES WHO WANT INDEPENDENT APD RUN BY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS, INDEPENDENT OF CITY COUNCIL POLITICS. ADP DOES NOT NEED TO BE DEFUNDED. WHAT THEY NEED IS NOT TO HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE CALLS THEY RECEIVE, PICKING UP DEAD ANIMAL CARCASSES, MAKING TEENS GO TO SCHOOL, ETC....

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From: Savanna Cheer <savanna.cheer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:31 PM
To: John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog
Cc: City Clerk; Lara Weisiger; Manager Manager
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on agenda item 3-A

Good evening,

Thank you for holding this special meeting tonight. While you're considering how to move forward on this critical work that needs to be done here in Alameda, I would like you to keep a few things in mind.

First, you need to make an actual commitment to defund the Alameda Police Department. I support the ACLU People Power's demand of a 50% reduction of APD's budget. In order to achieve immediate accountability for the harm APD has caused our community, council must definitively commit to reducing the policing footprint in our city. There are many national examples of how to move forward on this, please take time to study them and reach out to other cities.

Next, while it's great to see Councilmembers Vella and Knox White providing some framework for a process moving forward, I have some concerns with how these proposals came about and what the next steps will be. As you've heard (or will hear) from others tonight, the involvement of the community needs to be centered around individuals and groups that have a focus on dismantling white supremacy in Alameda. Moving forward, this process should center Black voices and the voices of those who have experienced harm from policing. What we DO.NOT.NEED is a convoluted process with committee upon committee that slows progress down, excludes those most crucial to success and stalls activity thereby deflating the energy the community has around this work.

Lastly, every council member needs to make a commitment to not take any public safety union or lobbyists' money at this time. Alamedans can not trust your commitment to real, systemic change if you're working on behalf of a special interest. The only way to prove you're not, is to refuse these types of contributions.

Please accept that the outline that council is currently working with might need to be changed based on the feedback from the public. I would ask that each of you remain flexible and nimble moving forward. Your flexibility should arise naturally as you normalize being wrong and needing to unlearn past racist ideas. Our city will not be able to holistically address reducing policing and re-imagining public health and safety if there are not clear, actionable goals to begin with.

Thank you,
Savanna Cheer

Irma Glidden

From: E. Fraser <elfraser@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:34 PM
To: City Clerk; Tony Daysog; Jim Oddie; John Knox White; Malia Vella
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Meeting of June 29

Dear City Council,

I am an Alameda resident and I am pleased that the City Council is holding this meeting. This meeting is a first step in listening to your constituents' overwhelming support for radically transforming the Alameda Police Department. Tonight, I ask you to do three things:

1) Pledge to return all campaign or lobbying funds received from public sector unions or stakeholders while this process is ongoing. The citizens of Alameda are your constituents. The police union and the fire union are not constituents, they are special interest groups that have interests which do not always align with the citizens of Alameda. Specifically, I call on Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Council member Vella, and Council member Oddie to make this pledge. All three of you received (directly or indirectly) funds from public sector unions in the last election. It is important that we, the citizens of Alameda, can trust that you work for us and not for the police and fire unions that funded your campaigns.

2) Because the City Council did not take the opportunity to defund the police at the June 16 mid-budget meeting, the best you can do now is make a commitment about what you will do in October and beyond. I urge you to commit to defunding A P D by 50 percent in long term. More meaningfully, I urge you to instruct staff to prepare the upcoming changes to the budget to take in to account a 50% reduction in the budget of A P D.

3) Finally, with regard to the proposed measures posted by Council member Knox White to Facebook, I think you should clarify some things. I think we need clarity on what you mean by the phrases "community interest groups" and "from Alameda". Specifically, I hope that the police (or their proxy) are a "community interest group". And I hope that "from Alameda" is not a dog whistle to the anti-progressive special interest groups but rather a poor word choice for "resident in Alameda". Because length of residency is irrelevant to these discussions. We are talking about the future, not the past. And, especially given the hate crime in our city at the weekend, it is important that Black and Brown Alamedans have several prominent roles in the committees and boards to come.

Thank you,
Erin Fraser

Irma Glidden

From: d n <duc.alameda@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:37 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for 6/29 item 3-A

Dear city council:

Thank you for your effort so far in establishing a work plan. As you decide on the final process tonight, I ask that you continue to make every possible effort to significantly decrease the APD budget. I support the call from others to cut the budget by 50%. We are asking for commitment on this.

As you decide on the work plan, I have some suggestions that I ask you to consider:

First, please change committee 1, titled "Unbundling Services Currently Delivered by the Police Department", to something that is more focused on reducing police budget and increasing budget for community programs. We need to ensure that we focus on diverting funds to the community, not just rearranging the management of different existing services. Several cities across the nation have already made commitments to divert police funding. Alameda has the opportunity to be a leader on this as well.

Second, please be precise and rigorous in the committee selection process in a way that ensures that the steering committees are made up of a range of people committed to ending white supremacy in Alameda. For example, Councilmember Knox White's proposal names three members representing community interest groups and two representing the business community. The proposal overall is a great start, but I ask that we sharpen these parameters to focus on selecting members that are committed to directly addressing the various inequalities that we see in our city, especially racial inequality.

Next, please empower the steering committees with true agency, and truly let them steer final decisions.

Also, please centralize the voices of Black people and those most impacted by the harms of policing. This would involve going the extra distance to include those who would otherwise not be able to afford to be on a committee.

Finally, please make a commitment to not take any public safety union or lobbyists' money at this time. This is a matter not to be influenced by monetary power.

Thank you

Irma Glidden

From: Sadie Kane <sadiekane160@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:38 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Silent senior

As a senior citizen and 50 year resident of Alameda I thought it was about time to speak up. I typically don't write letters, post on social media or address the city council, however, I do watch and read a great deal to stay informed. Lately there has been a lot of hateful and negative media written about our police. Last council meeting, for example featured individuals that were not even members of our community and all in favor of defunding our Police department. That's not the way all of us feel. Rather than listening to a small angry vocal group it's more important to get an individual sampling of how local residents feel. Take time to visit the Mastic Center or talk to people in front of one of the local grocery stores or possibly visit individuals living in section 8 housing.

Of course I understand all communities evolve and revisiting our policies are a good idea, but cutting or defunding our police is something I'm not in favor of. This would disproportionately affect the low income residents as the more affluent citizens can pay for private security to patrol in their neighborhoods. Stop for a moment and consider who would arrive when your security alarm goes off, or your child doesn't come home from school or someone has just robbed you in your garage? No one. Police are the ones who are first on the scene when there's a suicide, domestic abuse call, not to mention the numerous robberies and car thefts. As long as I've lived in Alameda the police have been courteous, committed and diligent in protecting us. Now is the time to stand up and support our police. The moto in our community is "Alameda stands against hate" and that includes the hate shown towards our wonderful police!

Robert K

Irma Glidden

From: Michaelia B. <michaelia247@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:38 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for tonight

My name is Michaelia, I am a life-long black resident and I am concerned about recent the direction this council has taken on behalf of the city me and my family live in.

Across the nation, and here locally, we have heard from thousands, including advocacy groups who are seeking equality, evaluations of police policies, and for minimal police interactions for non-criminal offenses. I think we can all agree that this is an important and overdo conversation. And without hesitation, APD took swift self-initiated action in reviewing policies, removing officers from the schools, and minimizing unnecessary contacts for non-criminal offenses.

While this is a large topic to tackle, these actions provided the community with an initial course of action from the PD. However, through a motion put forth by this council, the same council that has sat and sympathized with protesters, demanded change, and who have facilitated a slew of town hall meetings, APD was forced to continue business as usual, was placed on a hiring freeze, and forced to give up vital safety equipment despite APD's desires to initiate long term community policing.

Last week the city saw several violent crimes, a shooting, a number of assaults with deadly weapons, kidnapping, sexual assault, a home invasion, and multiple robberies. Just to name a few.

Yet, as directed by council, APD is to continue business as usual and must do so with less staffing, less lifesaving, and protective equipment and must respond to ALL calls for service. Including these Non-Criminal calls from June 22:

A child refusing to do chores, a tenant refusing to pay rent, a person collecting recyclables, an unknown person walking in a neighborhood by an anonymous caller, and a neighbor who threw eggshells over a fence.

If you're okay with APD going to calls about eggshells as opposed to people being held up at gunpoint while walking down the street, that is blood on your hands and is not a reflection of the majority of residents. Peeps does not speak for our Island.

Irma Glidden

From: Anna S <annabasketballgirl23@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:39 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Worried Citizen

The last meeting, a fellow alamedan mentioned the name Iko, the 15 year old girl who was shot in the back in Washington park in 2008. Iko actually sat next to me in math class, her death was senseless and an atrocity to the community. THANKS to Alameda police departments investigation, her murderer and his accomplices were brought to justice.

This is just one of the many incredible things our Alameda police officers do on a daily basis.

Alamedas population is growing and so is the crime. Look at the police blotter. I've personally been a victim of assault, robbery and attempt to steal my car. Our police department is extremely understaffed and overworked. No wonder they can't keep with the crime. On social media, I've never seen as much HATE towards another human being as I've seen towards these cops. Why would anyone want to work for a community that hates you and a local government that won't have your back? How are you gonna defund a department who doesn't have enough cops as it is? Who's gonna protect us?

I think it's questionable that our vice mayor John Knox White and council member Jim Oddie show up for racially charged graffiti on a car but NOT for a victim who was shot at this week on the island. This further proves that our city council care more about political persona than the actual wellbeing of ALL OF our citizens. I wonder if they even know the name of the victim who as shot at? Do they even care what race they are? Where's their social media post about that?

Two of our councils key priorities are to one, Protect core services and two, Support enhanced livability and quality of life. This council fails to support the entire community as a whole and is pushing policies that put our families in danger.

I honestly believe that more funding, more training and SUPPORT of our police department is the only way to keep our community safe. Thank you.

Irma Glidden

From: Amy DeSmidt <amydesmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:39 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need change NOW

Council Members,

Please read this aloud during your City Council meeting tonight:

I am emailing to demand serious and swift reallocation of money from Alameda's budget from the police department to community services (mental health, education, health care, homeless services). And let me be clear, I'm not calling for "reform", implicit bias trainings, or "independent investigations". Those tired solutions have only resulted in the continued brutalization and murder of Black Americans. It is time for a different strategy - and you have the power to enact that change now. We need to defund the police and reinvest in our community, especially communities of color. We need to follow in Oakland School District's footsteps and cut ties between Alameda police in Alameda schools. We need mental health counselors, not police, in our schools. We need more senior and low-income housing, not increased police budgets. We need to follow in Minneapolis's footsteps and pledge to defund the police. We need to show other cities and governments that Alameda cares about its citizens' lives more than its police badges.

It has been too long; too many Black people harassed, profiled, brutalized; too many Black lives lost to state-sanctioned - city-sanctioned violence. Alameda hasn't seen a Black resident killed by its police force.... yet. But it has seen a Black man arrested for dancing in front of his street. And it could so easily become the next Minneapolis, Ferguson, Louisville. What will you do to ensure it doesn't? What will you do to actually protect your citizens of color? Will you stand up in the face of racism, police brutality and injustice with action and change? Will you honor and fight for the Black lives lost to police violence as if it were your own child, husband, father? I hope so.

With urgency and hope,

Amy DeSmidt

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From: Bethania Andrade <bethafraga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council meeting

I have been a citizen in Alameda for over 15 years now. I wanted to express my support for the police department. I have some concerns with the changes that you are proposing to make. I have always felt safe here and I believe we depend on our police department to keep all of the citizens safe. I feel like cutting the budget or having a hiring freeze will put the citizens in danger. We live next to a city that is always on top of the list as most dangerous or most homicides in the United States. I do not want Alameda to turn into Oakland. We need all of these officers to keep crime down and continue to make the citizens feel safe. The last meeting hosted by this council discussed the possibility of selling the police department's armored vehicle. Is this a joke? Can you explain the reason why we are thinking about getting rid of a safety tool that could potentially save lives? If you mistakenly decide to do that, I suggest you call this move the Vella Knox White move. So if we lose a life in the future due to not having a bullet proof vehicle, we can say we lost a life because of the Vella Knox White move.

I feel sorry we are so misrepresented in this City.
Thank you for letting my opinion be heard.

Maria Gutierrez

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From: ps4man@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:48 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Statement to be read on Item # 3-A tonight

I strongly oppose those who call for an immediate full defunding of the police or an immediate large budget reduction. We clearly need to reallocate funding to other agencies for services that can be performed without police intervention, but until we go through the process of determining what services to transfer, the cost thereof, and the funding necessary to provide for police response to serious crime we cannot strip them of their current funding. To do an immediate full or partial defunding at this time would place the entire community at risk. Council has acted prudently in temporarily freezing the hiring of new police officers until we work through the allocation process.

Paul Foreman

Irma Glidden

From: April Madison <momesq2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:53 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for Today's Special Meeting

I am concerned that Council Member Oddie seems more concerned about "accusing the police of being racist" than he is about the conduct of the police department. The issue of systemic racism within the Alameda Police Department is the concern we are here to address. To be sure there is work to do in our larger society. But the reality is that only the police department apparently a badge, a gun and apparently a license to kill. Let's start there.

April Madison-Ramsey

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit." -Aristotle

Irma Glidden

From: Tiffany Jackson <tjaxe130@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:57 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We support you APF

Hello my name is Tiffany Jackson and for several council meetings I have listened to teens recite lines from the latest season of Netflix's 13 Reasons Why, in some cases verbatim as to why police officers make them feel a particular way, adults who recount embellished, inaccurate, or one-sided stories of something they saw online as to why APD is not needed or why they are "so bad."

But as a Black woman I feel nothing but respect and safety from our APD. A resident for over 35 years, I have been pulled over once. ONE TIME. Not for being black, but because I was pushing 55 down McCartney. The officer was polite, unthreatening, and I even learned about his favorite baseball team.

Alameda is in the heart of the bay surrounded by San Francisco with 55 thousand reported crimes last year, Oakland with 28 thousand reports, Berkeley, 6 thousand, San Leandro, 4 thousand, Hayward 5 thousand, and Richmond 12 thousand. Despite all of our surrounding city's crime rates, Alameda has been blessed with 2 thousand, 3 hundred reports. This is not by luck, but because of the work our PD has put in. Livermore, has 90 thousand residents and 90 police officers with only 18 hundred crimes reported. They have more residents, more officers, and less crime. And yet we are trying to take away the lifeline to our safety.

Black lives do matter, having a fair judicial system is absolutely necessary, racism on this island is not okay, and I applauded APD for taking self-initiated steps in addressing these matters.

They removed officers from schools before anyone asked, addressed policies to enhance safety on the street, and even tried to have officers respond to criminal matters to address the "Karen" calls and minimize non-criminal contact, but council told them they must, MUST, continue business as normal and even imposed a hiring freeze. Council, two of you in particular, with all due respect, you have no experience in public safety and you are putting our island and the lives of people of color in jeopardy, despite all of your claims during public settings because, let's not forget, it's an election year.

Irma Glidden

From: +15107018278@textmagic.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:57 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMS from +15107018278

Hello Council. I have a few follow up questions and new inquiries about the way we're handling our system of policing in Alameda. 1. Why have you delayed a response to the list of demands written and publicized by the Youth Activist Group in regards to Mr Watkins' arrest and our path to police abolition. 2. Mayor Ashcraft has shared her comments regarding the hate crimes that took place in Alameda recently, targeting and vandalizing the only Black family on their block. 3. Upon revising and redistributing Alameda Police's budget, how will you ensure that you listen to Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color about WHERE the funds are directed? How to you guarantee your city that Black residents, families, and youth are safe in Alameda? 4. Why has the city council, and Alameda's Police Department not yet issued a public statement regarding the militarization and brutality present in neighboring police forces, such as SFPD or Oakland Police Department, as they terrorize protestors, particularly Black and Brown protestors? What are you so afraid of? Your silence shows that Alameda consents to the police officers responsible for violent injuries, sometimes deaths, of protestors. I expect you all to speak out now. You represent US, and you need to use your privilege for good. Why serve on a city council if you choose not to care about the lives of Black residents?

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From: Melissa Scott <melissajunes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:01 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for June 29 meeting

Hello,

I am sharing a link here from the website "ShowingUpForRacialJustice.org" that outlines how white supremacy manifests in organizational culture. This page outlines common problematic characteristics and dynamics that emerge in particularly white-led institutions, as well as constructive actions to take in order to change organizational culture. I call on the city council to thoroughly read this piece and take into consideration its suggestions when making institutional reforms.

<https://www.showingupfornracialjustice.org/white-supremacy-culture-characteristics.html>

Sincerely,

Melissa Scott

Irma Glidden

From: Anthony Russell <russelaj2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:01 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6/29 Council Meeting

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the Police and distress over recent proposals to defund and alter the current leadership structure. I understand that what you may want is a fair and just system, but I fear that the policies you are enacting are rooted in ignorance, fear, and lack historical foresight. The national debate over defunding the police has ideological and philosophical connections to marxism and historically has been the first step in fascist regimes, for those who think this claim is alarmist, please look up Hitler's rise to power in Nazi Germany, the first step the Nazi party took was the defund the police and install a community operated platform much similar to what this council is proposing. Secondly what our police need is more support and funding from this council, not less. Our police force is already understaffed and under represented in this community. Serving our community takes a team skilled professionals. If the goal is to have a quality police force, then vacancies must be filled, overtime shortened, leave taken, and training improved. All of these require more funding and more candidates not less. Please look into these issues and educate yourselves on the actual problems, I assure you, it won't be a problem of too many police officers.

A concerned citizen of Alameda.

Irma Glidden

From: +15107018278@textmagic.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:10 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SMS from +15107018278

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protestors. I expect you all to speak out now. You represent US, and you need to use your privilege for good. Why serve on a city council if you choose not to care about the lives of Black residents?

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Irma Glidden

From: Carlos <cwmoreiras@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:20 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Special Council Meeting 6/29

Dear Alameda City Council and Mayor,

Police budgets grow because the prison industrial complex grows. As long as we have prisons, then police will feed demand for prison labor by arresting predominantly black people, and also poor people. Because our society has attached a profit motive to jailing, we **MUST** decrease contact between oppressed people and police in order to make a meaningful change. Police are looking for people to arrest. They will always target the most vulnerable in our society, because we measure their effectiveness in how many arrests they make. That metric is commonly mistaken for how many crimes they've prevented. When we say "police violence is systemic", that is to say that violent targeting of oppressed people is built into the institution of policing. Body cameras will not help. Banning choke holds will not help. There are many chokes, and officers will learn new ones. What will help is policy that diminishes policing. And if we're going to do that, we might as well cut the budget as well.

By the way, where is the Police Chief tonight? Did he get sick of us?

Also, for the police dispatchers who repeatedly call in and try to trivialize this issue by individualizing the crimes of officers, this is an institutional problem. It doesn't matter if a cop is a good person, because the badge turns them into an oppressor.

Best,
Carlos Williams-Moreiras

Irma Glidden

From: Brittany Benvenuto <bvenven24@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:37 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please read as anonymous

If you honestly believe that defunding the police is going to make us a safer community, then we deserve what comes next. We deserve the consequences of a 50% deduction of funds to our police department. This WILL not make us a safer community. I implore everyone in this community to do a ride along with our police officers to see what a day is really like in their shoes. To see what each interaction is REALLY like.

Sent from my iPhone

Irma Glidden

From: Debra Mendoza <dmendozaconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:48 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] public comment June 29

Hello,
This is Debra Mendoza

Tonight I would like to address the mayor and council-
I would like the council to make an amendment to the city charter, and create a citizen led oversight committee, and to members represent system impacted people appointed by the council, not the mayor.
I am concerned that the plan presented by Vella and Knox White will have no power, we need oversight and power with accountability, not suggestions or recommendations that will not be followed ultimately.

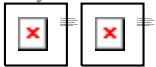
Lastly, what are you going to do with the \$150,000 that was earmarked for the 4th of July Parade?
I would suggest you distribute that money to the Black residents of Alameda as a beginning gesture and action towards reparations.

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Rowland Wing, is being Asian a person of color? Alameda Resident for over 30 years. 1: On 6/8/20, I was offended by what Vice Mayor Knox White said: "I was Appalled to see that body camera footage released on Friday. ...Police wasn't fully transparent about what initially happened." In my opinion Mali escalated the situation by not listening to the police & resisting. He was in violation of a pedestrian being in a bike lane, 21966 CVC, 21955 Ped not in a Crosswalk & 21950(b) CVC Ped leaving the curb. 2: I would like to keep our armored vehicle, because it's a depreciating asset, if u get rid of it, the city will never make the budget to purchase one when needed. If there is a citizen hurt & needed to be rescued, this would be a life saving tool for the police. It would also be invaluable for protecting our police in an active shooter situation.. 3: Mental Health cases are NOT ARREST, it's a DETAINMENT, called a 5150 W & I, possible up to 72 hrs or longer, if necessary. 4: How does anyone on the City Council or Government criticize police for their use of force protocols w/o the training. Until u go hands on with a resister, I don't really think you could experience how difficult it is to arrest a resister w/o using more force to overcome the resistance of a resister. Governor Newsom was correct in banding the "Choke Hold", however he should not have taken away the "Carotid Restraint", which is a

very useful tool to be used with resisters to minimize injury to both parties, suspect & police. 5: I think the police in Alameda do an Excellent/Professional job, given the resources that they have... 6: I request that u DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE!! There are certain training requirements by the CA POST (Police Officers Standards Training) 7: I think the police would be open to the idea of having the city assign professional social workers for mental health & homeless issues? Is this what Unbundling Services mean? If not what does it mean. 8: I disagree with the accusations that the police use excessive force. It the CRIMINALS STOP COMMITTING CRIMES, THE POLICE WILL NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM CRIMINALS!! 9: People haven't examined the REASON FOR THIS POLICE PROBLEM, I BELIEVE IT IS RIGHT IFO U, LOOK IN MIRROR. HAVE U RAISED YOUR KIDS TO BE LAWFUL HUMANS OR NOT? PEOPLE ARE NOT BORN CRIMINALS, THEY LEARN TO BE BAD OR GOOD. 10: I recommend that the city council go on monthly or bimonthly ride alongs with the police, so that you could actually see how hard their jobs are & maybe how they have to make immediate life/death decisions on a regular basis. Thank you!! Rowland Wing

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This wasn't covered, however I think the city council should consider these request/issues: 8: I disagree with the accusations that the police use excessive force. It the CRIMINALS STOP COMMITTING CRIMES, THE POLICE WILL NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM CRIMINALS!! 9: People haven't examined the REASON FOR THIS POLICE PROBLEM, I BELIEVE IT IS RIGHT IFO U, LOOK IN MIRROR. HAVE U RAISED YOUR KIDS TO BE LAWFUL HUMANS OR NOT? PEOPLE ARE NOT BORN CRIMINALS, THEY LEARN TO BE BAD OR GOOD. 10: I recommend that the city council go on monthy or bimonthly ride alongs with the police, so that you could actually see how hard their jobs are & maybe how they have to make immediate life/death decisions on a regular basis. Thank you!! Rowland Wing

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