From:	Susie Hufstader <susie@bikeeastbay.org></susie@bikeeastbay.org>
Sent:	Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:15 PM
То:	City Clerk
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Bike East Bay Position on Policing and Transportation

Please see below email for tonight's special meeting agenda item 3-A.

Thank you,

Susie Hufstader Advocacy Manager <u>Bike East Bay</u> pronouns: she/her

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------ Forwarded message ------From: **Susie Hufstader** <<u>susie@bikeeastbay.org</u>> Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 2:49 PM Subject: Bike East Bay Position on Policing and Transportation To: <<u>mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov</u>>, John Knox White <<u>jknoxwhite@alamedaca.gov</u>>, <<u>joddie@alamedaca.gov</u>>, <<u>mvella@alamedaca.gov</u>>, <<u>tdaysog@alamedaca.gov</u>> Cc: ANDREW THOMAS <athomas@alamedaca.gov>

Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of both myself as a resident and Bike East Bay, I am writing to comment on this evening's special discussion on the police department. I have been following the City's discussions on the subject of police violence, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and dedication to these issues of justice and safety.

At Bike East Bay, we have joined with local partners to ask cities to defund their police departments and invest in community safety programs. I would encourage you to read our <u>statement</u> on this subject, and will paste it below as well. Our advocacy is rooted in a vision for safe streets filled with joy and community--this vision will not be realized until Black and brown people can bike, walk, and roll without fear of police violence.

While the reform options in today's staff report show a good effort to improve police conduct, I strongly encourage you to direct staff to focus their time and energy on solutions that will move resources out of the police department, reinvesting in community safety solutions and reducing the overall presence of armed, uniformed police in our community. Your actions yesterday were an excellent first step and I support continued changes along these lines.

In transportation, Alameda has a developing Vision Zero program and excellent plans underway to improve safety throughout the island. This focus on **systemic safety** in transportation through infrastructure and

encouragement programs is an excellent example of the type of investments needed to replace policing--an unsafe system. Prevention programs move safety interventions "upstream" and reduce the need for enforcement and its dangerous outcomes. Traffic enforcement is not effective in preventing crashes, and the City should move traffic enforcement resources to programs in Planning and Public Works that improve safety on our streets and reduce speeds throughout the City. I am always available to discuss in more detail, and have a great deal of trust in our transportation staff to continue expanding existing programs.

Thank you for your dedication to community safety, racial justice, and safe systems in Alameda. Please review Bike East Bay's organizational statement to our membership below.

Warmly,

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## Cut Police Budgets, Invest in Community and Transportation

# **Primary tabs**

Following the recent protests in honor of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and many more Black people who have been killed by police, organizers in the East Bay and across the nation are calling to defund the police and invest in community services. As bicycle advocates, Bike East Bay joins the broader call for systemic change to end the police violence that overwhelmingly impacts Black people while biking, walking, and just plain existing.

In the East Bay and across the nation, police are more likely to stop Black people while biking—and those interactions are more likely to escalate to arrest and violence. While Bike East Bay has worked for years to remove police enforcement from traffic safety policies, this strategy has had limited impact. Police violence and structural racism against Black people extends far beyond the bike lane. Bike East Bay's vision for safe, healthy, and sustainable communities will only be realized when Black people can use streets and public spaces without fear of police violence.

As a result, we are joining the far broader call for change. Bike East Bay is connecting with, listening to, and lifting the voices of community partners working to defund the police and reinvest in the community. We must widen our view and amplify the local organizers working for safer, more accessible streets in the broadest sense.

#### What does defunding mean?

Community groups are advocating for a spectrum of asks when it comes to defunding the police, but all are pushing to reinvest those dollars into community services. By reinvesting in services such as mental health, violence prevention, education, and safe street systems, our communities can work toward a new type of public safety that does not involve armed police. Find a list of groups working in the East Bay below.

### Moving Forward

The time to act is now. Elected officials revisit city budgets this month and will be making significant cuts due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Bike East Bay is already advocating to protect biking, walking, and public transit funding as cities face large budget cuts. Now, we will be adding asks to cut police budgets and redirect these funds to community services, which are frequently cut first and hardest. Bike East Bay's advocacy team will follow the lead and amplify the calls of local community partners, Black organizers, and justice reform organizations pushing for community reinvestment.

Specifically, we have already partnered with Hayward community organizers in a <u>call to reduce city police department funding by 10%</u> and reinvest in social services, including transportation.

Each community in the East Bay has unique needs, and the priorities put forth by Hayward organizers is just one example of what it could mean to defund the police and reinvest in the community. This is a learning moment for us, and we expect to have more information and calls to action in the coming weeks.

As we move forward, we will continue to use our voice to specifically address traffic policing, and we will align with and boost community organizations pushing for safe communities and the elimination of police violence.

#### Local Resources:

The best way to get the latest calls to action is by following activist organizations on social media.

## Regional:

• Ella Baker Center for Human Rights: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

## Oakland

- Anti Police Terror Project: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Black Organizing Project: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Urban Peace Movement: Facebook, Instagram

## Hayward

• The Hayward Collective: Linktree, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

## Richmond

- Rich City Rides: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- <u>Safe Return Project</u>: <u>Facebook</u>
- Richmond Revolution: Instagram

## Berkeley

- Defund Berkeley PD: Twitter, Instagram
- Walk Bike Berkeley: Twitter

From: Sent:	Alisa Kim <akim@ucdavis.edu> Wednesday, June 17, 2020 1:09 PM</akim@ucdavis.edu>
То:	City Clerk
Cc:	Tony Daysog; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Special City Council Meeting June 17, 2020

Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Alisa Kim, and I am a resident of Alameda, CA. I live on the West End near Crown Beach and love this town and its community.

I write in regards to the Special City Council meeting surrounding police reform. I appreciate the steps that have been taken so far in transparency, an outside investigation, and putting police officers on leave surrounding the horrifying treatment and unjustified arrest of a Black resident of Alameda.

While I have appreciated the actions that have been taken after public outcry, I am also disappointed in how much vocal resistance was required on behalf of the public to achieve the bare minimum. Even after there was video recording of how the situation transpired, elected officials and police upheld that releasing bodycam footage of police officers would tell a different story. It did not. Residents have asked for direct actions that have gone ignored; this includes firing of all police officers involved in the situation, a zero-tolerance policy for any forms of misconduct and higher accountability for all police officers involved in future situations, and reallocating funds being put toward reform and training of police officers to other departments--defunding the police. So far none of these changes have occured to my knowledge.

It is clear that many constituents do not approve of militarized police in Alameda nor believe that police reform is a viable or effective way to cause change in the police department. I stand and agree with the increasing volume of voices casting doubt on the solutions you have offered thus far. I hope you think deeply and research why people are demanding defunding and not reform. I hope that knowledge then results in visible systemic change beyond small symbolic placations. Many Black people's lives and bodies depend on it.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

#### Alisa Kim

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Alisa Kim (562) 400-0885

From: Sent: To: Subject: R Brown <rjaybrownie@gmail.com> Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:19 AM City Clerk [EXTERNAL] Special

Hello,

I support the recommendation to reform APD's use of force policy, especially as the parent of a black male who resides in Alameda. Thank you. R. Brown

Oddie; Eric

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, City Councilmembers, and City Manager Levitt,

We are deeply disturbed by the arrest of Mali Watkins for dancing in the street and would like to add our voice to calls for action by the City to prevent such racist occurrences from happening again in our community. \*Everyone\* in Alameda should feel safe using our streets, sidewalks, and bikeways. We recognize that achieving this entails more holistic thinking about both our physical and social infrastructure, and their interplay.

We look to you for immediate steps to address this enforcement issue, such as the authorization of the Mayor's Pledge and 8 Can't Wait, as well as a commitment to address broader systemic issues in the months and years ahead. Where we can, BWA plans to help, and hope you will welcome our advocacy efforts.

Thank you.

Bike Walk Alameda Board

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Lucy Gigli <lucy@bikewalkalameda.org> Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7:19 PM City Clerk Manager Manager [EXTERNAL] Special council meeting June 17

clerk,

Please forward to council.

thanks, lucy

City Council:

I support the recommendation for common sense Limits on use of force and 8 can't wait.

However, it is not nearly enough. Our city can do so much more to combat the blatant racist in our police force and the inhuman behavior we have see from it.

We should move funds away from the police department and reinvest them into the community and the people of Alameda, particularly those black and brown who have seen injustice time and time again here.

We know from other city across the nation, like Minneapolis, that previous piecemeal reforms make little difference in protecting black lives. Killings and indifference from police departments continue.

Instead we need to change the culture and the authority of the police department

- 1. Reduce the expenditures for the police department by 40%. Here are some proposed changes to achieve this:
  - MINIMIZE the size of the police force
  - REMOVE officers with high rates of excessive force misconduct
  - REMOVE officers from patrolling school grounds
  - WITHDRAW APD participation in police militarization programs
  - REQUIRE officers to be liable for misconduct settlements and defense attorney payments
  - DISCARD the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation
  - LIMIT overtime accrual and overtime pay for weapons training
  - REDEFINE use of force

2. Divert savings to caring for underprivileged parts of our community by investing in community care programs such as, but not limited to:

- First responders trained in mental health first aid
- Youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care

- Non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming
- Non-coercive mental healthcare
- Community wellness resources
- Peer support networks
- Community tutors and counselors
- Community childcare
- Community-based grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms.

The recent racial incidents in this nation and on this island have shown us that the system fails to protect and support Black and NBPoC community members. We see these failures represented even within the APD policy itself. For example, policy 402.3 supports using suspect description limited to a specific race or group to establish probable cause. Even when there is misconduct, there is no guarantee of discipline because policy 1020.14.1 delegates to the police chief the sole responsibility of determining the course of discipline in cases of misconduct. These policies pave the way for racial misconduct, and thus are a form of racial VIOLENCE.

Divert funds away from the police department, which perpetuates these failures with an atrocious lack of transparency and accountability, and that the funds are reinvested back into the parts of our community that need it the most.

Sincerely Lucy Gigli Alameda, CA To: Alameda City Manager, Eric Levitt

Honorable Mayor Ashcraft

Alameda City Councilmembers: Tony Daysog, Malia Vella, John Knox White and Jim Oddie

June 17, 2020

Submitted by email

Resolution to release Paul Rolleri from Alameda Police Chief

Whereas Chief Paul Rolleri has repeatedly responded to the arrest of Mr. Watkins in a cavalier and defensive manner, and;

Whereas the arrest of Mr. Watkins is only one of many examples where he has failed the Alameda Police Department by being demeaning and racially profiling people of color in Alameda, and;

Whereas his lack of leadership does not allow his officers to engage with the Alameda residents except in a militaristic, authoritative manner, and;

Whereas the residents of Alameda do not feel real and substantive change in the Alameda Police Department towards accountability and transparency possible under the leadership of Chief Rolleri, clearly demonstrated by his denial of access to information requested by the Good Governance Committee, and;

Whereas Chief Rolleri did not consult the City Manager in advance concerning the revision of the Police Department handbook or policies, and;

Whereas Chief Rolleri did not consult the City Manager, Mayor, or Council as to what types of calls for service the Police Department would respond to or the restructuring of the Department which demonstrates his lack of accountability to the elected and appointed officials, and the community to which they serve.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Alameda Justice Alliance seeks to ensure that all people are not only welcome, but respected, regardless of race in the City of Alameda, and the Alameda Justice Alliance hereby requests the City Manager, Mayor, and Council to immediately release Chief Paul Rolleri from his duties as police chief and replace him as soon as possible.

Respectfully.

Alameda Justice Alliance

From:	Marie Kane <mariekane94502@gmail.com></mariekane94502@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:56 PM
То:	Lara Weisiger
Subject:	Re: [EXTERNAL] Concern About Bashing Our Police and Present and Future Recruitment

Yes please include it. I am very concerned. Thanks Lara, Marie

On Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 2:53 PM Lara Weisiger <<u>lweisiger@alamedaca.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi Marie,

A special City Council meeting is being held tomorrow. The agenda is available here:

https://legistar1.granicus.com/alameda/meetings/2020/6/5209\_A\_City\_Council\_20-06-17\_Meeting\_Agenda.pdf

Please let me know if you want your email included in the record for the meeting.

Thanks,

Lara

From: Marie Kane [mailto:mariekane94502@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 2:50 PM

To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <<u>MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov</u>>; John Knox White <<u>JknoxWhite@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Jim Oddie <<u>JOddie@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Lara Weisiger <<u>lweisiger@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Malia Vella <<u>MVella@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Tony Daysog <<u>TDaysog@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Manager Manager <<u>MANAGER@alamedaca.gov</u>> Cc: <u>ekos@alamedasun.com</u>; <u>editor@alamedasun.com</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern About Bashing Our Police and Present and Future Recruitment

Dear Mayor and City Officials,

I am very concerned about recent treatment and attitudes toward our Alameda police personnel. I have lived in Alameda since 1965 and have seen very good work by our police department. Any

discriminatory practices have quickly been weeded out and we have an excellent police force. I am concerned that you are "tar and feathering" the entire department egged on by police actions in other cities and one recent questionable incident.

How are you planning to encourage recruitment of qualified persons when it is just not happening even now? It feels like you are doing nothing to improve the situation of Alameda's failure to recruit and the upcoming retirements of some current officers with the further diminishing of our force.

Many people in our city are worried about this and have been for a few months.

What are the solutions you are proposing?

Marie Kane

92 Steuben Bay

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft City Hall 2263 Santa Clara Avenue Council Chambers, 3rd Floor Alameda CA 94501

CC: Vice Mayor John Knox White Councilmember Tony Daysog Councilmember Jim Oddie Councilmember Malia Vella City Auditor Kevin Kearney City Treasurer Kevin Kennedy

Dear Mayor Ashcraft,

I'm an Alameda resident and homeowner and am writing to you today to urge a change to the status quo regarding policing in our city.

I am deeply troubled by the police responses across the nation to emergency calls on Black people. Too many times those calls have resulted in trauma and death for Black Americans. And in our own city, the police response to a call of a Black person dancing in the street is unacceptable.

I understand that the Chief of Police, Paul Rolleri, has responded to the backlash of this incident to say that the Alameda Police Department will no longer respond to mental health evaluation calls. I agree with this step. Can you please confirm that this will become policy moving forward?

Refraining from using police to respond to mental health crises of citizens is an important step to keep our communities safe. Police do not have the training or expertise to respond to these calls, and in cases where the police are called on Black people with mental health crises, those people often end up being treated with force and sometimes executed on the spot. (See below for examples, including in San Mateo: https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/10/17/chinedu-valentine-okobi-seek-answers-int o-death-millbrae-san-mateo-co-sheriff/)

https://theintercept.com/2019/09/29/police-shootings-mental-health/)

And in light of this proposed reduction in police responses, the budget for the Alameda Police should be reduced as well and the money re-allocated to social services. As W. Kamau Bell put it, we would be better served by a "Department of You OK?"



"BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DEFUND THE POLICE?"

"Hi, Mr. Brooks. I'm w/ The Dept. of You OK? So, you OK? Looks like you fell asleep in your car. Lemme get you a ride home. I'll be by your home tomorrow to check on you. Here's my number. Looks like your ride's here. Good night, sir." My current reality is one in which I live in fear that my spouse or my children will be targeted or hurt by police because they will be viewed as a threat due to the color of their skin. But I can imagine a better future: one that the funds for policing are reallocated to community building. We can create this world together, and I urge you to take the necessary steps to codify police reform and reallocate the city budget.

Sincerely,

Connery Obeng

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From:	johnsen cyndy <cyndyjohnsen@yahoo.com></cyndyjohnsen@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:47 AM
То:	Tony Daysog; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella
Cc:	City Clerk; Manager Manager
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Comment Letter for Special City Council Meeting on June 17, 2020

RE: Special 6/17 Council Meeting, Item 3-A

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for the steps you've taken so far in response to the recent police incident on Central. We support the recommendations to authorize the Mayor to sign the Common-Sense Limits on Police Use of Force Pledge, and to authorize the review and updating of police policies to align with "8 Can't Wait" initiative.

We urge you to go further. The stories that have surfaced over the last couple of weeks about racist experiences in our community, along with ongoing instances of excessive police force throughout our country — despite intense focus on the issue — speak to the tenacity of this problem. Dramatic and systemic change is imperative.

Fortunately, much can be done at the local level, and with your leadership, we look forward to seeing significant and positive change here in Alameda. Please consider also committing to the following at this council meeting:

- Review the city budget and consider reallocating police funding to better serve public safety. *For starters*, Police Chief Rolleri has committed to only respond to crime calls going forward. The budget that has been used for non-crime calls in the past should now be diverted to other, more appropriate channels that will serve in their place. Other cities are taking much bolder steps with their budgets, and Alameda might consider doing the same to reimagine effective public safety.
- Consider establishing a citizen's committee, commission, or even a department (as has been done in LA), with representatives from vulnerable populations, for oversight of civil and human rights within Alameda.
- Consider establishing a separate committee tasked with looking into ways to nurture a culture that welcomes diversity, inclusion, and equity in Alameda. Institutionalize ways to enact, measure, and report on progress.
- Ask City Manager Levitt to review Police Department hiring practices with an eye towards greater diversity in officer ranks (for example, women make up over half of our population yet make up significantly less of the police presence on our streets).

Thank you for considering these and other ideas that aim to make Alameda a better place for all of us.

Respectfully,

Cyndy Johnsen and Michael Sullivan

From:	Frank Matarrese <f.j.matarrese@gmail.com></f.j.matarrese@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 15, 2020 2:32 PM
То:	Lara Weisiger
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Special Meeting 17 June 2020 3A - In Favor

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Black Lives Matter has unquestionably locked the Nation's attention on routine violations of Black Men's rights, too often to the point of death at the hand of the police. There is no doubt that what should have outraged us all a long time ago is urgent and demands extraordinary and ongoing action right now.

Vigils, demonstrations, signs, slogans, leaders and politicians speaking out are not enough (I am painfully aware that I did not do enough when I had my chance on the Council). Extraordinary and ongoing action has to be taken to right this wrong, a wrong deeply rooted in our institutions. It's a matter of life and death and we can't wait for National leaders to act.

Local governments can act faster. Every Board of Supervisors, City or Town Council should immediately and officially set the community standard that unequivocally mandates equal protection under the law for every person within its jurisdiction.

To meet that standard these steps should be taken:

Establish standing justice commissions to independently measure how well civil rights are being protected and to root out violations. Alameda, certainly not Minneapolis, has had our own recent incident involving officers' encounter with a Black Man that is requiring an investigation. I was not a fan of having an Alameda Police review committee and thought that the Council could drive change, but have come to see that a justice commission as a significant step to institutionalize protecting everyone's civil rights.

De-militarize the police department. Ditch the military trappings (army-like camouflage uniforms, military weaponry, and military looking armored vehicle). These send the wrong message and further a culture that says that the people are the enemy.

Cities like Alameda can and must lead the way by defining the duty of its peace officers. That duty has to be in clear terms of what it means to serve and protect all, equally. Indoctrination on what it means to be a peace officer - again, the people are not the enemy - has to be ongoing, both for the public awareness and for APD to meet community civil rights standards.

Alameda is fortunate to have a Police Chief with great affinity for our community, but chiefs come and go. Past and future reforms have got to be permanently embedded in this public safety institution regardless who leads APD.

Actions to address the call of Black Live Matter (and all matters of civil rights violation) must rise to the level of being publicly and internally recognized as part of our government institution and Alameda's institutions must be unmistakably on the side of civil rights for all.

Institutional change is hard, but there is no longer any choice. It's a matter of life and death. We can't wait. Extraordinary and ongoing change has to happen now.

Frank Matarrese

From:	Sienna Parker <siennaparker2018@u.northwestern.edu></siennaparker2018@u.northwestern.edu>
Sent:	Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:24 PM
То:	Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Tony Daysog; Jim Oddie; Malia Vella; John Knox White; City
	Attorney; Manager Manager; City Clerk; kevin@kevinkennedyllc.com;
	cpakearney@sbcglobal.net
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] We Need a Budget That Represents Us
Subject:	

Hello,

My name is Sienna Parker. I am a resident of Alameda, CA and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department.

This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need.

Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable.

We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that

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Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

Sincerely, Sienna Parker

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:	Genevieve Rohe <genevieve.rohe@gmail.com></genevieve.rohe@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:00 PM
То:	City Clerk
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Comment on 6/17/20 meeting - Agenda item 3-A - File # 2020-8065

Dear City Council Members,

I fully support the recommendation that the Mayor adopt Common-Sense limits on Police use of Force and I urge the City Manager and Chief of Police to adopt all 8 measures in the "8 Can't Wait" Initiative.

These are extremely important measures that will help improve the safety of our community. Please act now and protect our community members from police brutality.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Rohe (707) 592-2913 2137 Otis Dr #315 Alameda, CA 94501

From:	Trish Ang <feeshsauce@gmail.com></feeshsauce@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, June 11, 2020 4:09 PM
То:	Lara Weisiger
Subject:	Re: [EXTERNAL] We Need a Budget That Represents US

Wow that would be great, please include me on both!! Thanks so much!

- trish

On Thu, Jun 11, 2020 at 2:16 PM Lara Weisiger <<u>lweisiger@alamedaca.gov</u>> wrote:

Hi Trish,

The City Council is adopting the budget at its 6/16 meeting (https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4554133&GUID=97249095-3AE8-450B-BB29-53F8B4F2EFE3&Options=&Search=&FullText=1) and addressing the Police policy direction at a special meeting on Wednesday, 6/17 (https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4566820&GUID=C1CC36CC-C577-4D7C-B6BF-69A5E27BCDBD&Options=&Search=&FullText=1)

Can you please let me know if you would like your email included in the meeting record for either item (or both)?

Thank you,

Lara

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk

City of Alameda

From: Trish Ang [mailto:<u>feeshsauce@gmail.com</u>]

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:00 PM

To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <<u>MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Tony Daysog <<u>TDaysog@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Jim Oddie <<u>JOddie@alamedaca.gov</u>>; Malia Vella <<u>MVella@alamedaca.gov</u>>; John Knox White <<u>JknoxWhite@alamedaca.gov</u>>; City Attorney <<u>cityattorney@alamedacityattorney.org</u>>; Manager Manager <<u>MANAGER@alamedaca.gov</u>>; City Clerk <<u>CLERK@alamedaca.gov</u>>; <u>kevin@kevinkennedyllc.com</u>; <u>cpakearney@sbcglobal.net</u> Subject: [EXTERNAL] We Need a Budget That Represents US

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