

From: [MaryClare James](#)
To: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Moving on next steps Cc
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 3:24:19 PM

> Hello Alameda City Council,
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> Thank you for service to our City in your leadership roles at this time.
> These are undeniably challenging times with Covid and serious security concerns.
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> I have been fortunate to live in Alameda for over 38 years and it is disturbing to learn of numerous recent events that make me feel considerably less safe than previously.
> The shootings around Park Street seem more frequent and flagrant than I can recall before.
> The car thefts and car breakins are closer to home - across the street and around the block etc
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> I don't that there are any easy answers, but it appears that a lot more prompt attention, energy and resources need to be employed.
> I appreciate the surveys and hope that increased security can be put in place now and then have the survey this info sorted out and efforts adjusted as needed.
> If there is more citizen support is needed, let me know if/how I can help.
> Once again thanks for your service,
>
> MaryClare James
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From: [sam koka](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [John Knox White](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#)
Cc: [Manager Manager](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] When will enough be enough? (Items 6B, 9B)
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:33:02 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Councilmembers:

Following up on my email sent to you on Jan 27th, I am even more concerned for the future safety of our city.

The crime in Alameda and the homeless situation is getting out of hand. We need to urgently take care of this problem.

The police may need more training etc. but overall we have a good department that we appreciate and support all that they do. But we cannot go on like this; I am concerned about the training, but what I am deeply concerned about is the safety of our city.

As a property owner, business owner and as a resident for more than four decades, I have never seen or heard of so much crime as in the past year. Almost every business on Webster Street has been affected and at times, more than once.

My neighbors and business neighbors all feel the same way: Alameda is not as safe and secure as in prior years, and though I have compassion for the homeless, having them at the entrance or exit of town is not safe for them nor for us. I was driving towards the tube the other day and a man ran across the road to the other side. Luckily he did not get hit. I have spoken to a few officers from neighboring cities and they mentioned to me that Alameda could be the easiest city to protect, if given the direction along with the tools. (i.e. security cameras, both private and merchants', license plate readers, foot patrol on main streets). A few months ago, we heard residents and even non residents, "demanding" to defund the police. At this time, I am "asking" to please, support our police. They need direction from you.

Item 6B on the agenda will likely let us know what the Chief of Police is planning to do about the crime and the word around town is if there is no punishment there is no consequence to these actions.

I support Item 9B as well.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sam Koka

From: COLLEENARNERICH@AOL.COM
To: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Crime/Homelessness - Windsor Drive/Marina
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:04:26 AM

Hi Lara,

Thank you for your quick response. Yes, I would appreciate my email being included for both items.

Have a good day,

Colleen

From: Lara Weisiger <lweisiger@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:18 AM
To: 'COLLEENARNERICH@AOL.COM' <COLLEENARNERICH@AOL.COM>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Crime/Homelessness - Windsor Drive/Marina

Hi Colleen,

There are two items related to your email on the February 2, 2021 City Council agenda (attached):

6-B Police Chief oral update on Police activity

9-B Councilmember Spencer's Council referral on Police staffing and crime:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4746548&GUID=A8AB5334-055D-4DB1-956A-C0A5DC47D363&Options=&Search=&FullText=1>

If you would like your email included in the meeting record for either/both items, please let me know.

Thanks,

Lara

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Crime/Homelessness - Windsor Drive/Marina

Good Evening,

Crime and homelessness is hitting Alameda hard. My neighborhood is being hit almost nightly. The homeless have decided to do nightly shopping in our neighborhood by stealing property from our cars and porches. We are now concerned that the homeless have discovered the vacant lot at the end of the street and are setting up shop. There is a man sleeping in his car off and on. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! This is not safe for our families. We have been informed that the police have been

told to stand down and allow the homeless to set up their tents. They are not to be disturbed.

I would like to know if this is true? I would like the council to provide, in writing, the direction that is being given to the police. We have a right as homeowners and taxpayers to know what we are up against. So, I ask you to respond and explain your stance as it relates to the homeless setting up “home” in the neighborhoods in Alameda.

Crime is ABSOLUTELY on the uptake (contrary to the statements that John Knox-White has made). There are only 66 members of the police department in Alameda. How is that even legal? Why is there a freeze in place (call it whatever you would like). Years ago, when the population was far less, there was over 110 members of the department. As I understand it, the former chief agreed to a number in the 80s. I understand that it may be difficult to hire officers... really can't blame people for not wanting to work for a community where some members of the council have sold out the police. How are you planning on fixing this?

This needs immediate attention. We are no longer safe in our own community or in our own homes for that matter. Property values are decreasing. Those of us that care about this community are ready to fight for what we deserve – a safe and healthy community. One final thought... I wonder how you would like it if the homeless set up their camps in front of your homes?!

I would appreciate a response.

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