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Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members: in total frustration with my cable/wifi I'm signing off the Council Meeting as my wifi is on and off during the entire meeting. Please review my comments representing WABA on the discussion of policing in Alameda. We are here to participate in the discussions and offer our support in your efforts. Linda

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As we are all aware, this has been a very trying year for our business community and will take some time to recover. The apparent increase in crimes adds another level of frustration for these businesses.

On behalf of the West Alameda Business Association, we are asking for the maximum efforts be made towards having the APD fully funded and staffed, that would include staffing for non-criminal events. We recognize the process to train and hire can be a lengthy process. Please consider increasing incentives for lateral moves from trained police officers. Also, please consider hiring more Police Technicians to have a presence in our business districts.

The success of our business district depends on creating a safe, clean and inviting environment. Thank you for listening and moving the APD forward.