

From: Keonah Chartrand
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:03 AM
To: Budget Committee <BudgetCommittee@london.ca>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 2024 Budget

Hello I would like that communication placed on the agenda as well as the following:

As a person of colour living in London and just a community member that sees what poverty is doing to the people of the city I think it is very important to

Defer the vote on the LPS budget and consult with ALL community members before making a decision.

Instead of increasing the LPS budget by that much you should conduct further research on call times - both mental health calls and homelessness calls; Fund more grassroots organizations and non-profits that do essential work in our London community, including SafeSpace London, Atlohsa (at-LOW-sa), Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and LondonCares; And lastly, as I know it is important to still fund the LPS you should send back the police budget and tell LPS to find ways to reduce it and look into sensitivity training for the protection of minority communities and people at risk in the London area.

Thanks for your response,

Keonah

From: Keonah Chartrand
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Cc: Cuddy, Peter <pcuddy@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2024 Budget

To whom it may concern,

First I would like to say it is extremely disheartening to not hear back from my ward representative, Councillor Cuddy. You are meant to be the voice for people in my area and cannot even take the time to respond to an email. Your actions affect the everyday lives of hundreds of people and the disregard for active communication is sleezy.

My name is Keonah Chartrand and I am a full time student at Western and a part time worker in the city of London.

I rely heavily on the use of the transit system and believe it is of great importance to invest in this system. It is integral to the lives of all Londoners. Workers and students need a reliable and sustainable transit system, so you must invest in transit growth.

In relation to investing you CANNOT let the \$672 million of the budget be allocated to the London Police Service. This money will not stop crime. Investing in social services that will alleviate poverty will stop crime. This large amount can be distributed to much better services to actually help Londoners.

The city of London continues to fail in important aspects that impact Londoner's on the daily. We are a University city, the transit system is not something we can afford to ignore. With hundreds of People of Colour, born in Canada and abroad, we cannot be investing in systemically racist institutions with no intention of changing these ways.

You must reconsider the 2024 budget.

I hope you'll make the best decision for the city.

Thanks,

Keonah