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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:03 AM
To: Budget Committee <BudgetCommittee@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] London 2024 Budget

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Ana Moyer. I am a citizen of London, Ontario, residing in Ward 13. I am emailing to encourage City Council to vote NO on the recent budget ask by London Police Services (LPS).

This letter is for the public participation meeting (ppm) and I consent for this letter to be part of the public agenda.

Jamelie Hassan, the co-founder of local Forest City Gallery, says it best: "The proposed budget is a crushing blow as it does not recognize, respect or value the excellent cultural work being done in this city. Cultural workers in all disciplines are economically desperate." Regardless, half of our 2024 city budget should not be going to any one service or section - including the LPS.

I demand that City Council:

1. Conduct further research on call times, both mental health calls and homelessness calls
2. Defer the vote on the LPS budget and consult with all community members before making a decision.
3. Fund more grassroots organizations and nonprofits that do essential work in our London community, including: SafeSpace London, Atlohsa, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and LondonCares
4. Send back the proposed police budget and tell LPS to find ways to reduce it

I ask you to respond to the above demands and consider the voices of all your constituents. At a minimum, we deserve a response and a detailed explanation of how the decision benefits our city.

Kind regards,
Ana Moyer