

Hello, my name is Trinity. I am a citizen of London, Ontario and a resident of Ward 4. I'm calling to encourage our council to vote NO on the recent budget ask from the London Police Service (LPS).

I demand that City Council:

1. Conduct further research on call times - both mental hi 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 non-profits th do essential work in our London community, including SafeSpace London, Atlohsa (at-LOW-sa), Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and LondonCares
4. Cut back the police budget and tell LPS to find ways reduce it (no one needs 600+ million dollars if they couldn't even handle the Hockey Canada Sexual Assault case)

It's been proven countless times over that funding social services reduces crime and homelessness. That giving affordable housing is actually more cost effective for cities. And yet there is a proposal for a \$672 million police budget increase? This is a waste of taxpayers money. A literal waste. We could be funding actual support groups to aid our most vulnerable populations (abuse victims, homeless, the mentally ill, etc). Rather than beating them up, slapping the cuffs on them, and tossing them in the slammer.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very serious matter.