

**From:** Roberts Natasha  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:53 AM  
**To:** Roberts Natasha  
**Cc:** Budget Committee <BudgetCommittee@london.ca>; City of London, Mayor <mayor@london.ca>; Stevenson, Susan <sstevenson@london.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Request to review LPS budget

Oh and also,  
PLEASE don't close Carson Library! It is an integral place for my family and many of my neighbours. You have already closed our neighbourhood public school (Lorne Ave) please don't close our library.

I urge city council to consider reallocating funds to keep our libraries open and to increase their budgets to provide more mental health support, community building events and opportunities. We need our libraries!!!!!!!!!!!!

**From:** Roberts Natasha  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9:45 AM  
**To:** Budget Committee <BudgetCommittee@london.ca>; City of London, Mayor <mayor@london.ca>; Stevenson, Susan <sstevenson@london.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Request to review LPS budget

My name is Natasha Roberts and I am a citizen of London and resident in Ward 4. I give consent to provide the following email dated Feb 13th, 2024, for public record for the London committee budget review.

I am writing this letter to ask the city council to vote "**NO**" on the London Police Services (LPS) budget ask.

I ask you to respond to the below demands and consider creating a community that is safe for ALL.

I demand that city council:

1. Complete and provide, a thorough data analysis on the types of calls LPS has received over the last 5 years and the response times, to calls such as, traffic violations, accidents, organized crime, and **especially** in regards to mental health and homelessness **including specifics regarding the "crimes" committed by those without a consistent, safe place to sleep.**
2. Provide detailed outcomes of the above mentioned.
3. Provide a detailed explanation of how LPS are trained and expected to respond to each type of call.
4. Provide a detailed account for ALL allegations against ALL members of the LPS organization over the last 5 years and their outcomes.
5. Provide a detailed account for how LPS currently nurtures their relationships with community organizations such as SafeSpace, YOU, Atlohsa and London Cares.
6. Provide a detailed breakdown of what the requested budget will be for, and HOW it will benefit ALL people within the London community.
7. Request that the London community and city council review the above findings BEFORE they determine the bearings for an increased LPS budget.

As someone who lives in the core, and witnesses the "problem areas" of our city, I can say with complete certainty, that more police presence does not make me and my family feel safer. More police does not equal less people on the streets. More police does not mean less mental health concerns. More police does not decrease the addictions rates.

When will our city council recognize the need to address the roots of all these issues? When will the city recognize that police are not the best trained people for many of the issues our city faces? When will city council prioritize building UP our community?  
Bandaid solutions, like increasing the LPS budget are not the answer.

Please consider creating a community that provides dignity, safety, and connection for all.

Thank you,  
Natasha Roberts

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From: Roberts Natasha

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:18 AM

To: Budget Committee <[BudgetCommittee@london.ca](mailto:BudgetCommittee@london.ca)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to review LPS budget

Hello,

I am so confused and upset by the recent announcement to increase the LPS funding by 30%, while our social services, such a housing, community outreach, libraries, mental health etc, get nothing even close to that!!!

Have we not learned that the “need” for more police is due to these other issues. That the use of more police is NOT HELPFUL!

As someone who lives in the core of the city, I see and live amongst the “problem areas”. And all I know, is that seeing more police does not make me feel safer.

What would make me feel safer would be more housing and resources to help the unhoused.

We don't need more police arresting people for trying to live. We need more money and resources to help these people live in dignity without needing to sleep on the streets or committing “crimes” to survive.

PLEASE consider reallocating a big chunk of this budget to community resources. The library, health care, mental health, housing. More police are not the answer. More armoured vehicles are NOT the answer.

I'm teaching my children who we need to take care of our neighbours. Can you say you are doing the same?

Do better. Our community deserves better.

Thanks,

Natasha Roberts