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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Budget Committee Deliberations for this week

Good morning all,

I would like this placed on the agenda for budget talks this week.

I am a resident of Ward 1 and indicating my displeasure about how the police budget request received 100% of what they were seeking, not scrutinized, and the things like transit, libraries, and the arts are receiving far less than what they were seeking. The London Police Association refers to concerned citizens as "radical zealots" and meanwhile, advocates for other community services (things that keep the heart of a city beating) are told to accept what's in the Mayor's budget. I am further writing to request that you fund transit, libraries, and the arts, like you're ready to fund an armoured vehicle for the cops.

Thank you,

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