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To: Stevenson, Susan <sstevenson@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for increased funding for London Police in City budget

Hello Councillor Stevenson

We are long-time, part-time residents of London and own several properties in Old East Village. We returned to London this week and were astonished to see the media coverage reporting a backlash to the increased funding of London Police Services in the new budget.

We wholeheartedly support the decision to increase the spending and support of LPS as presented, and would like you to know that we personally understand, as the repeated victims of property crimes, trespassing and B&Es at our properties, that this spending in support of London Police Services is VITAL and long overdue.

Just the other day we were delighted and reassured to see and speak with the LPS Foot Patrol Supervisor walking the beat on our street. We are reminded of the value of a robust police presence for our community, especially in OEV.

Please actively continue to advocate for these essential Police services. We are grateful for your attention in this regard.

This is important especially because we see from the reports that funding is being cut back for social services hubs in this area and from our past hard experience we have seen that one unfortunate consequence of this resulted in homeless encampments, trespassing and theft at our properties.

Sincerely,

Arch Angelus and Laura Sturaitis