

**John Long**

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**From:** webmaster@somervillema.gov on behalf of Ashley Smith via City of Somerville  
<webmaster@somervillema.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:44 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** SomervilleMA.gov website form submission: Contact Us

Submitted on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 - 9:43pm Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:40:c105:1d20:7c1b:f267:a9:3e5  
Submitted values are:

Department: City Council

Name: Ashley Smith

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Message:

To the City Council of Somerville,

I am writing as an almost 1-year resident of the wonderful community of Somerville, and 5 year resident of the greater Boston area. I am aware that there is a Boston city council committee hearing this week on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, at which, the use of various funds (totaling approximately 2.5 million dollars ) granted to the Boston Police Department will be authorized. With the cities of Cambridge and Somerville both having a shared aid agreement with the BPD, I wanted to express my opinion on potential uses of the funds.

I understand the cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville's duties are to protect the property, rights, and most importantly, the lives of all citizens. With the increase of funding allotted to BPD, and subsequently our local law enforcement bureaus, I urge you to use the funds to better protect and serve the community we live in, more specifically the Black Communities of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville. I urge you to use the funding to better train and educate our officers and reconsider the brutal mechanics and strategies present within the police system. I ask you to consider investing less of the allotted funds into militaristic equipment and surveillance of peaceful protestors, and more into the reform, training, and surveillance of our own officers.

Somerville is a community I am proud to be a part of--one made great by its diversity and talented, compassionate, and meaningful Black and minority citizens. I implore that their lives and livelihoods be at the forefront of decisions made regarding this city. I know you have the power to be the change our city and country need; please represent us like the fine community we are.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Smith

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**From:** Rachel Mello [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** Mayor; Lori Cook; All City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Constituent Feedback, Time-sensitive immediate concern

TO: Office of the Mayor, City of Somerville  
Somerville Police Department  
Somerville City Council

CC: City Clerk

Hello,

I'm writing as a Somerville home-owner and business owner, fund-raiser, and resident of over 25 years. Please take note.

I am absolutely, fervently opposed to the City of Somerville sending Somerville Police Officers into the City of Boston to support their forces at demonstrations. There are numerous first hand reports, well documented, that overwhelmingly show the Boston Police Department inciting and escalating violence with peaceful demonstrators. I do not support my tax dollars going toward putting innocent blood on the hands of my police department.

The City of Somerville and the Somerville Police Department have put in tremendous efforts to gain the trust of Somerville residents, and to create and maintain a stronger, safer community for all of us. That work can be undermined and destroyed in a single day if Somerville Police supports the violent actions of the Boston Police Department. It is my understanding that we have sent our officers to support the BPD at recent demonstrations. If I am mistaken about that, then thank you. If not, then we must stop, for the sanctity of Somerville and the safety of our residents taking part in peaceful demonstrations.

One trusted friend of mine - also a Somerville resident - wrote to me saying, "There was no violence at all until the police drove SUVs through a crowd on Tremont and, where I was, a phalanx of motorcycles pushing at a crowd who was KNEELING with their hands up. Erin Tiernan from the Boston Herald was within line of sign for basically the whole evening."

Additionally I have come to understand that the BPD was behind the orders to close the T and buses, preventing my best friend's teenage daughter from being able to leave at all, after a full day of standing peacefully with a sign reading simply, "I Can't Breathe."

The BOSTON Police department - not Dallas, not Minneapolis, but BOSTON, has been inciting violence, and is out of control. I do not want to see the Somerville Police Department being connected with the BPD at demonstrations.

I have been a proud and active and engaged Somerville resident since 1988, and home-owner since 1998. I vote, I fund-raise, I participate in Somerville committees and activities. And I am urging the Mayor's Office and Police Department to stand behind the Black Lives Matter banner that was so proudly hung. Make our actions match our words.

Thank you.

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-Rachel Mello  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Donate Iron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** All City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the Police in Somerville

Dear Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Issy, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police.

I call on you to slash the SPD budget and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,  
Issy T

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**From:** Carolyn Gallmeyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Call to defund the police in Somerville

Dear Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Carolyn Gallmeyer, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I am heartened by the steps that the Minneapolis, MN city council has taken this week to begin defunding their police department. I think that Somerville has the ability to think creatively about ways to ensure public safety without armed police officers. I want to advocate for a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Sincerely,  
Carolyn Gallmeyer

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[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Laurie Rabin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** All City Council; City Clerk Contact; Mayor  
**Subject:** Redistributing budget

Dear Somerville City Council,

My name is Laurie Rabin and I am writing to demand that the Somerville City Council adopt a city budget that prioritizes community wellbeing, and redirects funding away from the police.

For the FY2020 budget, the City of Somerville allocated \$18.2 million dollars to our police system, comprising 7% of our total budget (and nearly half of the total Public Safety budget). This is compared to just \$4.5 million allocated towards Culture & Recreation (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council. Furthermore, the Office of Sustainability & Environment only receives a mere \$503,187.

I demand that the City Council begin meaningfully defunding the Somerville Police Department and re-allocate those funds to programs proven to more effectively promote a safe and equitable community: community-based mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, affordable housing programs, sustainable energy options and more. I demand a budget that reflects the actual needs of Somerville residents.

History has shown that police "reform" is not enough. We must take a hard look at the ways that the current system in place fails to serve--and in fact actively harms--our community, and come together to reimagine the role of police in our city.

Thank you for your time,  
Laurie Rabin

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[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Ankita Mishra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Demanding support for defunding the police in Somerville

Dear Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ankita Mishra, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Ankita Mishra

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**From:** webmaster@somervillema.gov on behalf of Sarah Round via City of Somerville  
<webmaster@somervillema.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 7:21 PM  
**To:** John Long  
**Subject:** SomervilleMA.gov website form submission: Contact Us

Submitted on Monday, June 8, 2020 - 7:21pm Submitted by anonymous user: 209.6.196.135 Submitted values are:

Department: City Council

Name: Sarah Round

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Message:

I have lived in Somerville for the past three plus years and am writing to encourage you to deallocate funds dedicated to the militarization of the Somerville police department. In addition, steps must be taken to address the racist history of the American police force. These issues have no place in modern society and the videos of police brutality that are being shared by the hundreds are heartbreaking. America was built on the ideas of governing by the people, for the people, and what is more and more evident is the fact that those ideas have been betrayed. Do your duty as an employee of the city and allocate more funds to our schools, our health care services, our infrastructure.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Round

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Elise Daigle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund BPD to Achieve Greater Community Life & Standards in Our Favorite State

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Elise Daigle and I am a Proud resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,  
Elise Daigle



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**From:** Ethan Conley-Keck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Support community wellbeing; defund the police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ethan, I'm a Somerville resident in the Winter Hill area. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Ethan Conley-Keck

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**From:** Jacquelyn Roy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please Read!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Jacquelyn, and I am a resident of Winter Hill. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Thank you.

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**From:** Janelle Dunham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please Read

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Janelle and I am a resident of Boston, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Janelle  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**John Long**

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**From:** Stephen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Police Reform Is NOT Enough

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Stephen Ambra and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Stephen  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Caroline Anastasi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reconsideration of Funds

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Caroline Anastasi, and I work in Somerville as a mental health provider. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,

Caroline Anastasi, MHC  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Defund SPD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:29 PM  
**Subject:** Petition: Fund public services before police

To The Council and Mayor:

The responsibility has fallen on me to present to you the following petition, signed by 3,164 Somervillains, demanding that our city government remove funding from police and reallocate it to nonviolent community services that empower communities of color. Activists in cities across the world are calling on governments to defund, disarm, and demilitarize police. Somerville must lead the way.

A team of us wrote the enclosed last week, and since then it has been passed around our community, neighbor to neighbor. Most of you know me personally from the long stretch of time I attended every Council meeting, or elsewhere around town. I can tell you on my honor that I have put in the effort to comb these signatures for duplicates and nonresidents, and leave only those representing unique members of our community. Similar names or initials were checked using contact info provided to us. Signatures are still arriving - there's about 240 more since I last compiled and checked - and I'll be submitting more to you soon!

You will notice that, as with the prior police-related petition, some signers asked to be anonymous, or to be identified by their initials. Reprisal for activism of this sort is real and the fear of it is legitimate, so we honor their request.

Thank you for considering this petition in this year's budget process, and in ongoing governance of our City. We look forward to the opportunity to expand on this petition during testimonials at Thursday's City Council Meeting.

I remain your neighbor and friend -

Matt Lavalley, submitting on behalf of the undersigned

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Dear City Councillors and Mayor Curtatone,

We write to you in shock and horror at the police murders and violent police riots that are shaking cities all over the country. We know many of you share our feelings—Mayor Curtatone expressed his “outrage and sadness”, and correctly recognized the role of racism in the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25th, Ahmaud Arbery on February 23, and Breonna Taylor on March 13th [1]. The Mayor writes,

"We need justice to be served for victims like Floyd, Arbery, and Taylor. [...] We must admit our failings and fix every one ... to ensure we are a fair and free society where all can thrive."

Like so many cities, Somerville’s failings include reliance on lethally armed police to solve community problems and funding our police force at the expense of programs that strengthen our community and reduce crime. To fix these failings, we must disarm the police and shrink the \$17,000,000 Police Department budget. Our needs must be addressed by the provision of care, and not the threat of violence. We must invest in public services that build towards “a free and fair society” rather than an armed force that endangers us.

Instead, the Mayor would allocate more money to the Police Department for programs that provide a false sense of security. His suggested response to the recent nationwide eruption of police brutality includes “Bias and de-escalation training for SPD” and “Community policing” [2].

This has been tried before. After the police murder of Michael Brown, Minneapolis implemented a raft of policing reforms [3]. As reported by policing historian Alex Vitale [4]:

"The Minneapolis police implemented trainings on implicit bias, mindfulness, de-escalation, and crisis intervention; diversified the department's leadership; created tighter use-of-force standards; adopted body cameras; initiated a series of police-community dialogues; and enhanced early-warning systems to identify problem officers."

George Floyd was murdered by Minneapolis police despite these programs. We believe Somervillians who were assaulted by Somerville Police officers in full view of civilian cameras at last year's Straight Pride parade would agree that surveillance of police doesn't change police behavior. These 'reforms' are futile and expensive.

Our city faces dire crises during the COVID-19 epidemic that can't be solved by policing. Members of our community live eleven people to an apartment, with multiple families crammed in tight quarters - this before a pandemic stole three months of wages, and counting. Thousands of us are becoming food-insecure and are at risk of eviction as soon as the ban is lifted. Essential educators are living on starvation pay while repeated, overwhelming community demands to right this glaring injustice are ignored. Meanwhile, the City continues to reward disgraced police officers with six-figure salaries [5] and our Police Department hoards hundreds of thousands of dollars seized from citizens unconvicted of any crime [6]. As we wrote this letter, Somerville Police participated in the May 31 police riot at the Massachusetts State house, where peaceful protesters were gassed and menaced with motor vehicles.

Mayor Curtatone tweeted that his policy response to police murders may also include investments in our school system, access to translation services, and having more equitably distributed parks and playgrounds. These show an understanding that what really makes us safer is addressing human needs. With the scale of need in the age of COVID-19, exhaustive nonviolent social services must be funded before, and in place of, policing in Somerville.

As the City and Council prepare to create the 2021 budget, we remind you that our most pressing problems cannot be solved at gunpoint. During a global pandemic, when municipal resources may become scarce, our budget must reflect our needs. We must provide essential services for those who have been hardest hit: housing, food, medicine, utilities, education and telecommunications. We need teachers and social workers. If a construction site needs traffic regulation, we need unarmed crossing guards. We must pay paraprofessionals the living wage they deserve. In no sense do we need more policing. We demand that our city allocate much less money to policing and much more to nonviolent public services.

Sources:

[1] <https://www.somervillema.gov/GeorgeFloyd>

[2] <https://twitter.com/JoeCurtatone/status/1266828640693747712?s=20>

[3] <https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2015/08/professors-and-police-how-minneapolis-project-may-change-way-cops-everywhere/>

[4] <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-not-reform-its-defunding-heres-why>

[5]

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xgH0Q0pNtiR15MVZQAKMNR6NqADExctOdwUOzXU4dfw/edit?usp=sharing>

[6]

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Nur\\_bTILNUuOXyRT4TRTps9dh7SMhkxkxBqFRiKRJqmg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Nur_bTILNUuOXyRT4TRTps9dh7SMhkxkxBqFRiKRJqmg/edit?usp=sharing)

[7] <https://twitter.com/JoeCurtatone/status/1266829619254177799?s=20>

Signed,

Organizations, businesses, elected officials, and candidates:

BrainCo Inc Professional Organization  
Cuisine en Locale and ONCE Somerville  
Erika Uytterhoeven, candidate for State Representative

Will Mbah, Councilor at Large  
MAMAS (Mutual Aid Medford And Somerville) Coordinators Team  
Rep. Mike Connolly  
Somerville Teachers Association

Somerville residents:

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A Boyd, Ward 6

A Cancalosi, Ward 5

A Harris

A Mazz

A Schreiner, Ward 7

A. Green, Ward 6

A. Kacker

A. Nolte, Tufts Alum

A. S. , Ward 6

A. Sigel

A. Sockwell, Ward 3

A.B., Ward 2

A.B., Ward 7

A.D., Ward 5

A.D.

A.M., Ward 1

A.T. , Ward 3

A.W., Somerville Public School Teacher, Ward 5

Aaron Bennett, Ward 3

Aaron Dockser, Ward 4

Aaron Fernandez, Ward 4

Aaron Greiner, Ward 2

Aaron Herman, Ward 7

Aaron Lumnah, Ward 5

Aaron Miller, Ward 4

Aaron Weber, Ward 3

Abby, Ward 1

Abby Howell, Ward 7

Abby Lee, Ward 7

Abby westcott, Ward 6

AbdurRehman, Ward 3

Aberdeen Bird , Ward 7

Abhiramie Ramanan, Ward 2

Abigail, Ward 2

Abigail , Ward 6

Abigail Bornstein, Ward 6

Abigail McFee, Ward 3

Abigail MW, Ward 6

Abigail Russo , Ward 2

Abigail Zielinski, Ward 6

AC, Ward 4

Adaline Lining, Ward 2

Adam , Ward 3

Adam Bazari, Ward 3

Adam Fisk , Ward 4

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Adam Kraus, Ward 6  
Adam Reed, Ward 6  
Adam Ribaud, Ward 6  
Adam S, Ward 3  
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Addie, Ward 7  
Addison Cox, Ward 5  
Adelaide Bruce, Ward 5  
Aditi Goel, Ward 6  
Adrian Bartel, Ward 2  
Adriana Jacobsen, Ward 5  
Adriana L, Ward 3  
Adriana Saldaña , Ward 5  
Adrien Hanley  
Adrienne Pomeroy, Ward 5  
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AF, Ward 7  
AG, Ward 2  
Aggie Pavlidis , Ward 4  
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Ahna Aposhian, Ward 7  
Aidan Burn, Ward 6  
Aidan Smith, Ward 2  
Aidan Thomas , Ward 5  
Aili Contini-Field, Ward 3  
Aimee BP, Ward 3  
Aimee DiPietro, Ward 4  
Aimee Trafford, Ward 2  
Aisha Rasool  
Aivory J Mendez, Ward 1  
AJ, Ward 2  
AJD, Ward 3  
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Alan M, Ward 6  
Alana Young  
Alasdair MacKenzie, Ward 6  
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Alessandra Jacimovic, Ward 6  
Alex Clark, Ward 5  
Alex Deutch, Ward 2  
Alex Feinstein, Ward 3  
Alex G., Ward 1  
Alex Luce , Ward 4  
Alex McGriff, Ward 2  
Alex Norby, Ward 3  
Alex R, Ward 5  
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Alex Soltoff, Ward 3  
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Alex Winzenread, Ward 3  
Alex Zink, Ward 6  
Alexa Diiorio, Ward 5  
Alexa Reilly, Ward 2  
Alexander Bandazian, Artisans Asylum Instructor, Ward 3  
Alexander Droznin, Ward 2  
Alexander E Goldberg, Ward 7  
Alexander Hartley, Ward 2  
Alexander Odom, Ward 3  
Alexander Riahi, Ward 3  
Alexandra Ferguson, Ward 3  
Alexandra Kittle, Ward 5  
Alexandra Lennon-Simon, Ward 2  
Alexandra Matson  
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Alexandra Therriault, Ward 7  
Alexandra Thorn, PhD, Ward 5  
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Alexandra Y. Ramos, Ward 6  
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Alexandria Itasaka, Ward 1  
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Alfred Ababio, Ward 6  
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Ali Gatlin, Ward 4  
Ali Rice, Ward 5  
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Alice Frederick, Ward 2  
Alice Galvin, Ward 2  
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Alicyn Zall, Ward 2  
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Alison Pinkerton, Ward 6  
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Alissa Popovich, Ward 3  
Alissa Zink, Ward 2  
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Aliza Razell, Ward 5  
Alla Hoffman, Ward 3

Allen McGonagill, Ward 2  
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Amanda Copeland , Ward 2  
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Amanda Gross, Ward 7  
Amanda Hook, Ward 3  
Amanda Jung, Ward 6  
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Amanda M. Masson, Ward 3  
Amanda Macchia, Owner, Amanda Macchia Photography, Ward 7  
Amanda Montero, Ward 4  
Amanda Ryan, Ward 2  
Amanda Rychel, Ward 6  
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Amanda Sutherland, Ward 7  
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Amber Rock, Ward 4  
Amber Villanueva , Ward 6  
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Amelia Oon, Ward 7  
Amelia S, Ward 7  
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Amy Book, Ward 2  
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Amy Rothschild, Ward 7  
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Ana Fernandez, Ward 7  
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Andia Paz , Ward 2  
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Anna Christensen, Ward 2  
Anna G, Ward 4  
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Anna Goulart, Ward 5  
Anna Ivanova, Ward 5  
Anna Leslie, Ward 6  
Anna Liebich , Ward 2  
Anna Nillni, Ward 2  
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Annalise Reusche  
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Ashley Cavanagh, Ward 3

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Ashley Fox, Ward 2  
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Ashley Oost-Lievense, Ward 7  
Ashley T, Ward 7  
Ashlie Taylor , Ward 4  
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ASW, Ward 4  
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Austin NR, Ward 2  
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AV, Ward 7  
Ava Durant , Ward 7  
Ava W.  
Avery Desrosiers, Somerville Action Team, Ward 6  
Avery Normandin, Ward 5  
Avinash Uttamchandani, Ward 2  
AVV, Ward 2  
Axis S, Ward 5  
AY, Ward 2  
Ayelet Pinnolis, Ward 2  
B Whitmore, Ward 6  
B. Burns, Ward 4  
B. Gravitt, Ward 2  
B. HOLDREDGE, Ward 2  
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Barbara Hill, Ward 7  
Barry Grace, Ward 6  
Basile Moreau, Ward 7  
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BE, Ward 7  
Beatrice Lindstrom, Ward 2  
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Becca Pollock, Ward 3

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Becca Smith  
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Becky Killin, Ward 4  
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Ben Baldwin, Ward 3  
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Ben Cordes, Ward 6  
Ben Dryer, Ward 3  
Ben Ginden, Ward 2  
Ben Hallion, Ward 4  
Ben Long, Ward 6  
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Ben Nissan, Ward 6  
Ben P, student at Tufts University, Ward 6  
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Ben Raynak  
Ben S, Ward 5  
Ben Smith, Ward 5  
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Ben Wittenberg, Ward 6  
Ben Woodward, Ward 3  
Benjamin Abramson, Ward 3  
Benjamin Bradlow, Ward 2  
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Benjamin Gibb, Ward 2  
Benjamin Goossen, Ward 3  
Benjamin Healy, Tufts, Ward 7  
Benjamin Lee, Ward 6  
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Beth Almeida, Ward 3  
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Bethany Shenise, Ward 6  
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Bhushan Suwal, Ward 2  
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Bill Fried, Ward 6  
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Blake Huggins , Ward 3



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Bob Hammerling, Ward 7  
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Bradley Dugdale, Ward 3  
Bradley Trumpfheller, Ward 3  
Brandon Cohen, Ward 3  
Breck McCollum, Ward 5  
Brendan Higgins, Ward 3  
Brendan McManus, Ward 6  
Brendon Bullard, Ward 2  
Brenna Clark, Ward 5  
Brenna Feeley, Ward 5  
Brennan Corrison, Ward 3  
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Brian Bjoern , Ward 2  
Brian Chappell, Ward 1  
Brian Cleary, Ward 7  
Brian Dudley, Ward 1  
Brian Guest, Ward 6  
Brian Gutierrez , Ward 5  
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Brian Humbarger, Ward 7  
Brian R. Richichi, Ward 6  
Brian Rutledge, Ward 6  
Briana Pendleton, Ward 5  
Brianna L, Ward 3  
Brianna Xavier, Ward 1  
Bridget Aumais, Ward 3  
Bridget Lindstrom, Ward 2  
Bridget McNulty Davila, Ward 7  
Bridget Norris, Ward 7  
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Brittany Kamson , Ward 3  
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Brooke Porter, Ward 1  
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Brooke Talbot, Ward 6

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Burt Beckwith, Ward 7  
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Cameron Prolman, Ward 7  
Cameron Rusin, Ward 7  
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Candice Bancheri, Ward 3  
Candice oyer, Ward 4  
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Cara DuBois, Ward 2  
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Charles Sadowski  
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Charlie Shi, Ward 3

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Charlotte Wiman, Ward 2  
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Chris Lay, Ward 5  
Chris Whitney, Ward 5  
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Christian Hoover , Ward 6  
Christian Latham, Ward 5  
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Christopher Spaide, Ward 5  
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Cole Meisenhelder, Ward 2  
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Colin Poranski, Ward 6  
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Colleen Rankin, Ward 2  
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Connor Ferguson, Ward 2  
Connor Goggins, Ward 7  
Connor Gramazio, Ward 3  
Connor Storms, Ward 2  
Conor Dennin, Ward 7  
Conor Guidarelli , Ward 3  
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Cory Frontin, Ward 6  
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Courtney Phoenix, Ward 4  
Courtney Stacey , Ward 5  
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CPJ, Tufts Student, Ward 6  
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Craig Ronan, Ward 1  
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Curtis Wu, Ward 7  
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CW, Ward 5  
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Dan Rowinski, Ward 2  
Dan Saint-Pierre, Ward 6  
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Daniel Litrownik  
Daniel Madri, Ward 3  
Daniel Moraff, Ward 6  
Daniel R. Abraham, Ward 5  
Daniel Riti, Ward 7  
Daniel Salazar , Ward 3  
Daniel Thorn, Ward 6  
Daniel Toner, Ward 5  
Daniel Viner, Ward 2  
Daniel Wong, Ward 2  
Daniel Zackin, Ward 7  
Daniela Friedson-Trujillo, Ward 2  
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Danielle Z, Ward 7  
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Danya Sherman, Ward 3  
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Dave Ortega, Ward 2  
David Albertson, Ward 4  
Dâvid Burgos, Ward 5  
David Colbus, Ward 7  
David Crowell, Ward 3  
David Gibbs, Ward 5  
David L Myers, Ward 2  
David Ly Khim, Ward 2  
David Richards, Ward 5  
David Robinson, Ward 2  
David Strasfeld, Ward 3  
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Dawn Emerman, Ward 2  
DB, Ward 5

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Deborah Pano, Ward 2  
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Denise Yoon, Ward 2  
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Dennis Zografos, Ward 7  
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Derek Johnson, Ward 5  
Derrick Marshall, Ward 5  
Derrick Meyer, Ward 5  
Derrick Rice, Ward 3  
Desirée Roy-Clifford, Ward 3  
Devin G., Ward 2  
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Sajid Shahriar, Ward 7  
Sal Gwynn  
Sally Schofield, Ward 7  
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Sheila Fay, Ward 5  
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Sheryl Chen, Ward 3  
Shree C., Ward 7  
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Simran, Ward 5  
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Sonja Knudson , Ward 6  
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Sonya Taaffe, Ward 4  
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Sophia Grogan, Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville (MAMAS), Ward 5  
Sophia Richardson, Ward 7  
Sophia Sioris, Ward 3  
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Sophie Hadingham, Ward 5  
Sophie Hill, Ward 2  
sophie kaufman, Ward 1  
Sophie Lyons , Ward 5  
Sophie Pollock  
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Stacy D, Ward 6  
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Stefanie N, Ward 7  
Steph Spinks, Ward 6  
Steph Synoracki, Ward 5  
Stephanie, Ward 3  
Stephanie Canavan , Ward 1  
Stephanie Caplen, LCSW  
Stephanie Eng, Ward 7  
Stephanie G., Ward 5  
Stephanie Jones, Ward 4  
Stephanie Karwacki, Ward 6  
Stephanie Plant, Ward 7  
Stephanie Weldon, Ward 6  
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Stephen Huff, Ward 5  
Stephen Miller, Ward 5  
Stephen Smith, Ward 5  
Stephen Swift, Ward 2  
Steve, Ward 3  
Steve Alderfer , Ward 2  
Steve Cherenfant, Ward 3  
Steve Legare, Ward 2  
Steve M  
Steve Powell, Ward 2  
Steven Delfino, Ward 5  
Stina Simmarano, Ward 2  
Stonewall was a riot!, Ward 4  
Storm D, Ward 6  
Sukriti Kala Dabral, educator & youth worker , Ward 3  
Sunny Kung, Ward 3  
Surjeet Paintal, Ward 5  
Susan Benson-Putnins, Ward 7  
Susan Coyne, Ward 3  
Susan Edwards, Ward 3  
Susanna Keilig, Ward 7  
Susanna Todaro, Ward 6  
Susanna Young, Ward 6  
Susannah Jabaily, Ward 3  
Susanne Althoff, Ward 6  
Suzanne P  
Suzanne Paszkowski, Ward 2  
Sydney K., Ward 5  
sydney schofield  
Sydney Singer, Ward 4

Sylvie Tuchman , Ward 5  
T Gandy, Ward 3  
T L-S, Ward 4  
T. Shongnak, Ward 2  
T.C., Ward 2  
T.E., Ward 6  
Tabitha Rohrer, Ward 7  
Talia Imbrescia, Ward 7  
Tallyn Owens, Ward 2  
Tamara F , Ward 4  
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Tamara W. , Ward 4  
Tamora Lawrence, Ward 4  
Tanaya Srini , Ward 3  
Tanuja Joshi, Ward 4  
Tara Kavanaugh , Ward 6  
Tara Williams, Ward 7  
Taryn Bone, Architect, Army Veteran, Ward 1  
Taryn Klein , Ward 3  
Tatiana Oberkoetter, Ward 6  
Tatiana Rodriguez , Ward 3  
Tatianna Goss, Ward 1  
Tatyana Astakhova, Ward 2  
Tayla Plett, Ward 1  
Taylor Brean, Ward 3  
Taylor M, Tufts student  
Taylor Mortell, Ward 7  
Taylor Patskanick, Ward 6  
Taylor Woods-Gauthier, Ward 5  
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Ted, Ward 2  
Ted Alexander , Ward 6  
Ted Billings  
Teddy S., Ward 3  
Teegan Jansen, Ward 3  
Terence Cawley, Ward 3  
Teresa Dovidio, Ward 4  
Teresa Wu, Ward 5  
Teresse de Rham, Ward 6  
Terra H., Ward 6  
Tess Kelley, Ward 7  
Tess Milliken  
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Thea Bissell, Ward 4  
Theo Black, Ward 5  
Theodora Christina, Ward 1  
Thomas B. Girdwood, Ward 6  
Thomas Burnham, Ward 6

Thomas Estabrook, Ward 4  
Thomas Gillespie, Tufts University graduate  
Thomas R, Ward 2  
Thomas Southwick, Ward 4  
Thomas Varner, Ward 5  
Tiara Bhattacharya, Somerville resident, Ward 3  
Tiffany  
Tiffany L  
Tiffany Tai  
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Tim Ryan, Ward 3  
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Timothy Sistare, Ward 5  
Tina Miller, Ward 3  
Tina W, Ward 2  
Titania Ng, Ward 3  
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Tobin Rodriguez, Ward 3  
Toby M., Ward 7  
Tom Grasso, Ward 5  
Tom Valverde, Ward 4  
Tomo Iwasaki, Ward 5  
Tony O'Brien, Ward 4  
Tori Antonino, Ward 3  
Tori Nietzel, Ward 2  
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Tory Peterson, Ward 5  
Tracey, Ward 1  
Tram Dao, Ward 6  
Trang Ngo, Ward 6  
Travis F., Ward 5  
Travis P, Ward 2  
Tré, Ward 3  
Tricia Boynton  
Trini Gao, Ward 5  
Trisha S, Ward 6  
Tristan Murphy, Ward 5  
Tufts student  
Tyler B, Ward 7  
Tyler Barnes  
Tyler Derryberry, Ward 5  
Tyler MacNeill, Ward 1  
Uday Prakhya, Ward 2  
Ulysses Lateiner, Ward 6  
V. G., Ward 1  
V. Lester, Ward 3  
V. Xiao, Ward 3



Vale Southard, Ward 2  
Valentina Chamorro, Ward 4  
Valerie Infante  
Vanessa, Ward 5  
Vanessa Merker, Ward 6  
Vanina Zack, Ward 6  
Veronica Cañas, Ward 7  
Vicka Corey, Ward 6  
Vicky S, Ward 2  
Victor, Ward 4  
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Victoria C., Ward 7  
Victoria Edgar, Ward 6  
Victoria Lounsbury, Ward 1  
Victoria Moore, Ward 2  
Victoria Romulo, Ward 6  
Victoria safarova, Ward 4  
Victoria Varney , Ward 4  
Vignesh R. , Ward 7  
Vignesh Ramachandran, Ward 7  
Vika Zafrin, Ward 3  
Vincent Borowy, Ward 2  
Vincenza Parella, Ward 7  
Vinoos Selvarajah, Ward 4  
Virginia Perez, Ward 7  
Vivian Phan, Ward 3  
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Wendy Jehlen, Ward 2  
Wes McEnany, Ward 3  
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Will Schwartz, Ward 7  
Will Wagner, Ward 7  
William Almy, Ward 2  
William Imbrogna, Ward 2  
William Stewart, Ward 1  
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William Wilson, Ward 7  
Willie Burnley Jr, Ward 4  
Willow Reader, Ward 7  
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Winter Douglass, Ward 5  
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Xin Zhang, Ward 3

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Y. Wu, Ward 6  
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Yasmin Bozeman, Ward 6  
Yifei Kong  
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Zachary Torres, Ward 6  
Zachary Zimmerman, Ward 2  
Zaimarie V. , Ward 7  
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Zoe McAlear, Ward 4  
Zoe Miller, Ward 6  
Zoe Thorsland, Ward 6  
Zoe W, Ward 3

## John Long

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**From:** Fannie Bilodeau [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Fannie Bilodeau. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment.

This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police.

I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,  
Fannie Bilodeau

**John Long**

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**From:** Samantha DiStefano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police. Fund the future.

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Samantha , and I am a resident of Boston. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Samantha DiStefano  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Chris McCoy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund SPD for a stronger Somerville!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Chris, and I am a proud resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the Somerville Police Department and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

In recent history, our city has often been at the forefront of progressive changes. We can again be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,

Chris McCoy  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Abi Chamberlain [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Abigail Chamberlain, and I am a resident of Ipswich, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Abigail Chamberlain  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Devers Talmage [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville PD Now!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Devers Talmage, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

Somerville PD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the Somerville PD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment.

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Sincerely,

Devers Talmage  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Kaia Sharon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kaia, and I am a resident of Paxton. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Kaia Sharon

Sent from my iPhone



**John Long**

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**From:** Andrew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** SPD FY21 Budget

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Andrew McLaughlin and I am a resident of Somerville and have been a proud Somervillen for roughly the last 12yrs. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to DEFUNDING the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I love and have loved this city. I've lived here longer than anywhere else in my entire life and think of this town as my home. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,

Andrew McLaughlin

Sent from my iPhone

## John Long

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**From:** Michal Zahler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor; Mark Niedergang  
**Subject:** Defund SPD now!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Michal, and I am a resident of Somerville, in Ward 5. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. Somerville has declared racism a public health crisis and to that end we need to defund the SPD, which has supported All Lives Matter in the past.

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Sincerely,  
Michal

## John Long

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**From:** Kate Moran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund SPD and fund Social Programs

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kate Moran, and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Kate Moran

**John Long**

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**From:** Rae Woodcock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Critical need to defund the police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Rae Woodcock, and I am a resident of Boston and an STA member. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Rae Woodcock, STA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** August Voorhees [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Re: The Somerville PD Budget

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Gus Voorhees, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Gus Voorhees  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Hannah Shaby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please Consider Taking More Action

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Hannah, and I am a future Tufts student. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Hannah S.

## John Long

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**From:** Susannah Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Susannah Wilson, and I am a resident of Somerville. For the last two weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to **defunding the police for fiscal year 2021**.

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Sincerely,

Susannah Wilson  
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## John Long

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**From:** avi block [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** ATTN: BUDGET CUTS

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Avi Block and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, as you know, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America.

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Sincerely,  
Avi Block

[REDACTED]



## John Long

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**From:** Sarah Waldman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Social Services > Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sarah Waldman, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Waldman  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** FUNDS NEED TO BE REALLOCATED !!!!!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is April, and I am a resident of Allston. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

April bruno  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## John Long

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**From:** Kristi Kruser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** BUDGET REFORM – DEFUND NOW!!!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kristi Kruser, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Kristi

## John Long

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**From:** Sophia Ducharme [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** REDUCE POLICE FUNDING

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sophia Ducharme, and I am a resident of Braintree. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I would also like to add some global comparisons.

In Norway, 3 years of training is required to become a police officer. Between 2000-2016, there were 4 fatalities caused by the police.

In Finland, a 3 year degree is required to become a cop. Between 2000-2018, 7 people were killed by the police.

In Germany, a 2 year training is required to become a cop. Since 1990, 267 people have died in police shootings.

In the United States, only a high school diploma and about 21 weeks of training is required. in 2019 ALONE, 1,004 people were killed by the police.

I hope you guys actually read these emails, and I would truly appreciate a response. I hope you join us in the fight to end systemic racism.

Sincerely,

Sophia Ducharme  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Ricky Wang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Changes need to be made to improve our community.

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ricky Wang, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for the fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Richard Wang, [REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Elana Lev Friedland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Ward 7 Resident Urging You To Defund SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Elana Lev Friedland, and I am a resident of West Somerville, Ward 7. I have previously lived in Spring Hill, Ward 3. I appreciate the work you've already done during this pandemic to protect your residents. I urge you to go further, to support your stated values with action.

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Sincerely,

Elana Lev Friedland  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Josephine Weidner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reallocate funds - crime is a response to needs that haven't been met

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Josephine Weidner, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Josephine Weidner, [REDACTED]

**From:** Heresa G. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** Mayor; All City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** A Greater Boston Resident and College Graduate Letter to Somerville council members

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Heresa, and I am a recent college graduate in your city. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Heresa  
[REDACTED]



**John Long**

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**From:** Ellen Troyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Enough is enough!!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ellen Troyer, and I am a resident of Somerville (Davis Square). This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Ellen Troyer, [REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** ember knight [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ember Knight and his past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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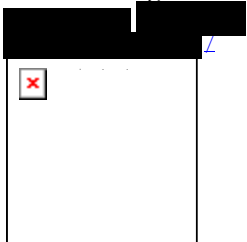
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**John Long**

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**From:** Susannah Calhoun [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please Reallocate SPD funds to Communities of Color and Social Services!!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Susannah Calhoun, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,

Susannah Calhoun, PhD

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** andrew eargle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Redistribution of Funds

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Andrew Eargle. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

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## John Long

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**From:** Michelle Wolf [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Important Request

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Michelle Wolf, and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Wolf  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Tabitha R [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** defund the Somerville Police Department

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Tabitha, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. I saw the tweet from the City of Somerville saying that, by request, the Somerville PD have adopted the 8Can'tWait police reform policies. I appreciate that the city is responding to the recent outbreak of police violence, and this is a good first step.

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Along with defunding, I demand a complete demilitarization of the Somerville PD, with use of the following tactics and equipment (NB: this is not a complete list) forbidden by city law:

- kettling
- body armor
- riot gear
- battering rams
- long range acoustic devices
- rubber bullets
- et al

I am also demanding:

- Ongoing and transparent public reporting on any use of force by Somerville PD, up to and including weapon discharges;
- Ongoing and transparent public reporting on civilian complaints about police officers and their subsequent investigations;
- Robust and ongoing investigation into officer involvement in white supremacist groups, including on Facebook and other social media-- after all, if you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about.

These are my demands, as a member of this community and as a registered voter. I will closely monitor what action our city government takes, including the voting habits of individual city councillors, and come next election, I will vote accordingly.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

Tabitha Rohrer



## John Long

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**From:** Richie Hines [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Budget Reallocation

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Trina Hines and I am a resident of Charlestown. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Trina Hines  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Clerk Contact](#); [All City Council](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** May I have a moment of your time, please?  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:26:46 PM

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Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Bradley Crosen, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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**John Long**

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**From:** Rupi Kaur [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police Department

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Rupinder Kaur, and I am a former resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Rupinder Kaur  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Eileen C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville funding

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors, My name is Eileen Curran, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture

**From:** Carlie McAdam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:07 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Carlie McAdam, and I am a resident of Halifax. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Carlie McAdam  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Jenny Goodman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:30 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Love Somerville, But PLEASE Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Jennifer Goodman, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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## John Long

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**From:** Carissa Whittemore [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Carissa Whittemore, and I am a resident of Amesbury, MA, however I grew up in Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Carissa Whittemore

## John Long

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**From:** Adriana Ewig [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** [\*\*\* INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE \*\*\*]

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

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Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]  
[YOUR ADDRESS]  
[YOUR EMAIL]  
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

**John Long**

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**From:** Annabel Xu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Annabel Xu, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Annabel Xu  
[REDACTED]



**John Long**

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**From:** Molly Swanton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville City Budget

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Molly Swanton, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Molly Swanton  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** James Mullahoo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** [\*\*\* INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE \*\*\*]

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors, My name is James Mullahoo, and I am a resident of Medford, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change. Sincerely, James Mullahoo, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Call For Budget Changes

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Amy Keum, and I am a resident of Westford. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Amy Keum

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**John Long**

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**From:** Ashley Dodge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Demanding Change in our Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ashley Dodge, and I live in the Powderhouse Square neighborhood. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Ashley Dodge  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Laura O [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** We Call On You to Better Our Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

I appreciate you taking the time to read these emails and hope you feel encouraged to take the message seriously as we work to make our community a better place for ALL residents.

My name is Laura O'Donnell, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Laura O'Donnell  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Helen Bartlett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Helen Bartlett, and I live in the Powder House Square area of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Helen Bartlett

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Aspen Silvino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please redistribute funds from Somerville PD to community oriented resources!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Aspen, and I am a resident of Somerville in the Powder House Square area. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Aspen Silvino

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Grace Kiffney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:54 PM  
**To:** All City Council; Mayor; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Reallocate funding away from police and invest in health and human services!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Grace Kiffney, and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. While I thank you greatly for acting quickly to declare a systemic racism a public health emergency, I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform the police and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Grace Kiffney  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**John Long**

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**From:** Sara Klugman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reallocating our resources for the common good

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sara Klugman and I am a resident of Spring Hill, Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Sara Klugman

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Camara Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Call to Reconsider Campaign Zero reforms; Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Camara Brown, and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. You, Mayor Curtatone, even declared systemic racism a public safety emergency. I completely agree.

Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Camara Brown  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**John Long**

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**From:** amanda.tragert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** [\*\*\* INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE \*\*\*]

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Amanda Tragert, and I am a resident of Somerville. These past few weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Amanda Tragert  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

## John Long

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**From:** Mia Lambert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** DEFUND SOMERVILLE POLICE NOW!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Mia Lambert, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Mia Lambert  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** victoria moore [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund police and invest in our BIPOC communities

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Victoria Moore, and I am a resident of Somerville. Over the past few weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city has formally adopted all of the 8 Can't Wait Police Policies as well as various other measures and has rightfully declared systematic racism a public health and safety emergency. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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It must go beyond creating civilian oversight and instituting asset forfeiture—that is not nearly enough to change an inherently racist system and truly serve all of our community members. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change

Sincerely,

Victoria Moore, [REDACTED]

**From:** Nikki Shayevich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** DEFUND THE POLICE

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Nicolette and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Nicolette Shayevich

**John Long**

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**From:** Courtney Chelo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Invest in student mental health

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Courtney Chelo and I am a resident of Ward 7. It has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

I work in policy advocacy related to children's mental health. Upstream investments - stable housing, transportation, food security - better serve our community. Having adequate behavioral health supports - especially as schools prepare for re-entry after COVID-19, would better serve our community. Universal pre-k, jobs, access to health care, would all better serve our community.

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Sincerely,

Courtney Chelo  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Dan Mayer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:31 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** [\*\*\* INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE \*\*\*]

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Dan Mayer. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Dan Mayer



## John Long

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**From:** Charlotte [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Call to Defund the Police and Invest in the Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Charlotte Boland, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Charlotte Boland

**John Long**

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**From:** Erin DeMay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:51 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police: Let's spend our money somewhere better

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Erin and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Somerville has been deeply engaged in much of this action.

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Sincerely,  
Erin

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Kathy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** public safety concerns

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Katherine Kennedy, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Katherine Kennedy

[REDACTED]

**From:** Isabella Patruno [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund The SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Isabella Patruno, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Isabella Patruno

## John Long

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**From:** Raef Sengupta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Policing must be done by COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY, not profit!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors, My name is Raef, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture

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## John Long

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**From:** Neha Amatya [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Urgent Call To Defund SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Neha Amatya, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Neha Amatya  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** skinny white boy stan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 7:10 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Police Reform

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kaelyn Manley , and I am a resident of massachusetts. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Kaelyn Manley  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**John Long**

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**From:** Andrew Loeser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Andrew Loeser, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Andrew Loeser  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



**John Long**

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**From:** Emily LaVerriere [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville can and should do better!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Emily LaVerriere, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Emily LaVerriere

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Alice Huang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Alice Huang, and I am a resident of Somerville. These past weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

With the backdrop of COVID19, I think budgets are even more important to readjust towards education, healthcare, and services to our community. Budgets reflect the values of our community and I think we can benefit from enrichment rather than punishment.

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Sincerely,

Alice Huang

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Ben Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ben Johnson, and I am a resident of Somerville. I've lived here for about 10 years, have freelanced for the Somerville News and attended many (many) town hall meetings.

Somerville is a beacon for its diversity and quirks, its rich academic, artistic and ethnic cultures and its progressive government. I respect and am grateful for its PD for keeping this community safe and peaceful, by and large.

But given what's been coming to light in the past few weeks on the national stage, I find myself agreeing with the calls to reassess police funding.

As the densest urban population in New England (and without the spotlight gaze of say, a Boston proper) Somerville has the responsibility and the political flexibility to show the way. To become a role model other communities nationwide can emulate, by spreading the wealth into avenues that not only enforce the law, but better ensure the economic and mental well-being of our community.

We've got lots of problems. Police can't and shouldn't have to fix them all. Change has to start somewhere.

Now I've said my piece, here's my boiler plate (all of which is crucial):

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Best,

Ben Johnson

**John Long**

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**From:** Andy Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** A Call on to Defund the SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Andrew Harris, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Andrew Harris

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Enrique Rodriguez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Enrique, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Enrique Rodriguez  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Leah Bakst [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reallocate police funds

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Leah Bakst, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you additionally consider defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Leah Bakst

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[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** MaryRose Blandino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund SPD - Reallocate to Proper Places

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is MaryRose Blandino, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
MaryRose Blandino

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Ashia Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** A call to action from a resident of Somerville

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ashia Wilson, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for the fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Ashia Wilson [REDACTED]



**John Long**

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**From:** Myles Herbert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** All City Council; City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Let's be an example for MA and the country and DEFUND THE POLICE in Somerville!

Dear Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Myles Herbert, and I am currently a resident of Somerville and was born and raised in this great city. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I am supportive of these reform efforts but think MORE needs to be done and ask that you pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Myles Herbert  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Andrew Cheever [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** 2021 Budget

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Andrew Cheever, and I am a resident of Somerville. These past weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America.

It has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021 and completely re-envisioning public safety in Somerville.

Somerville PD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—second only to schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, health care, child care, living-wage jobs, education, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Sincerely,  
Andrew Cheever

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## John Long

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**From:** Lisa Hanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** The Resources Our City Needs

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Lisa Hanson, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Lisa Hanson  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Marcus Masciarelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Marcus Masciarelli, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Marcus Masciarelli  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Harper Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Concerns regarding police funding

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Harper Johnson, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Harper Johnson

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Whitney Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** DEFUND THE POLICE -- invest in our community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Whitney Nelson and I am a resident of Somerville and teach in Boston. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Whitney Nelson  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Caroline McDonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:40 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** COLOR IS NOT A CRIME. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Caroline, and I am a resident of Boston. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Thank you for your time.

## John Long

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**From:** Alex Anders Kosnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Calling on you to continue to lead

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Alex Kosnett, and I am a Somerville resident. For the past weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Alex Anders Kosnett

[REDACTED]



## John Long

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**From:** Nicole Brenner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Consider changes to Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Nicole Brenner, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Nicole Brenner  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Jasmine Mote [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Relocating funds from police budgets

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Jasmine Mote, and I am a resident of Somerville. These past weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. I am asking you to prioritize defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Jasmine Mote

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Kate Powell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** URGENT: Invest in Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kate Powell. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Kate Powell  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Emily Shannon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** A message in support to defund the Somerville Police Department

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Emily and I am writing to support that the City of Cambridge reallocate the Cambridge Police Department budget to directly support our community rather than fund an armed force that endangers the lives of our black and brown neighbors.

Our city faces racial inequalities that can't be solved by pouring money into a one dimensional police force. We must restructure our first responder system to provide adequate protection of our citizens.

Please fund what Black and Brown communities need to be safe and healthy: housing, livable wages, fair housing, equal education, access to healthcare, free mental health services, community centers, arts, music & safe spaces for recreation.

Thank you,

Emily Shannon

**John Long**

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**From:** Zach Doss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Request to defund the police from an affluent white male seeking change

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Zachary Doss. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Sincerely,

Zachary Doss  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## John Long

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**From:** pamela worth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** we have the opportunity to redefine public safety

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Pamela Worth, and I am a Ward 7 resident of Somerville. I've lived in this wonderful city for 16 years. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to *reform*... and instead pivot your attention to **defunding** the police for fiscal year 2021.

It is clear to me that reform and half-measures do not keep Black people safe. Reform doesn't change the fact that our police officers are addressing needs better served by improved access to housing and education, trained social workers, conflict resolution experts, and other social service workers who do not have the power to murder with impunity. It was heartening to see Mayor Curtatone at the recent vigil in East Somerville. But how many more vigils will we attend together, murmuring over the senselessness of the latest tragedy, while our public servants do not use their power to make meaningful change to fulfill their primary duty: keeping residents safe?

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Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While Somerville spends extraordinary amounts on policing, I certainly have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, I see wasteful and harmful actions of our police.

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We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Pamela Worth  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Moleca Mich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Fiscal year 2021

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Moleca, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Moleca Mich  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Allison Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reallocate budget to social services instead of police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Allison Smith, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that as part of its response to the public health emergency of systemic racism, the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Sincerely,

Allison Smith  
[REDACTED]



## John Long

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**From:** Emma Driscoll [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Redistributing City Funds for Education and Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Emma Driscoll and I am a resident of Reading, MA. My family owns and rents a property on Porter St in Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Emma Driscoll  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Claudia Mihm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defunding the Somerville Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Claudia Mihm, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

Somerville is a place I am very proud to call home. I believe that you can do what is right to make room in our city for everyone, and invests in strong community rather than strong policing.

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Sincerely,

Claudia Mihm  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Michaela Sheridan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please use our money to fund social programs!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Michaela Sheridan , and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Michaela Sheridan  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sam Buntich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police and fund Human Services

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors, My name is Sam Buntich and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change. Sincerely, Sam Buntich

**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Following up on my previous request

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Chloe Copilevitz and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,  
Chloe Copilevitz

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Shannon Owen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Important message to my mayor and city counselors

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Shannon Owen, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Owen  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Jill Tokac [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Change Happens Now

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Jill, and I am a resident of Boston. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Jill

Sent from my iPhone

## John Long

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**From:** Mark O'Donnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Budget Inquiry

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Mark O'Donnell, and I am a Somerville resident. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead prioritize defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Mark O'Donnell

[REDACTED]



## John Long

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**From:** Christina Zhou [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Call for defunding police, not reform

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Christina, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Christina Zhou  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Sophia Chen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident Request - Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sophia Chen, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past few weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

While I applaud your initiative to recognize that immediate action must be taken and appreciate you all putting together an actionable plan in a short period of time, the SPD has frankly been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment.

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Best regards,

Sophia Chen  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Emma Stelter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Request to defund Somerville PD for 2021

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Emma Stelter and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Emma Stelter  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Robson Govine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Invest In Community Not Violence

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Robson Govine and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I have been a resident here for 10 years and am currently a Social Impact MBA student at The Heller School at Brandeis. Much of my career and life has been dedicated and geared towards social service and serving my community. I write this letter yes to make a demand, but also with the hope that you will see the weight of the moment that we are in. This is the point at which we must go beyond the comfortable reforms and status quo. We must be willing to make ourselves uncomfortable, to do the hard things, and perhaps, the uncertain and scary things. It is the only way we truly uproot and undo our institutions that were literally built to uphold white supremacy.

As a Somerville resident, and tax payer, I am requesting the reallocation of millions of dollars from the \$17,000,000 Police Department budget, removal of officers from Somerville schools, and the disarming of police. We must reinvest into public goods like education, public health, jobs, and safe housing. Most importantly, decisions around funding and reinvestment must be done in collaboration with Black and brown community members who are most impacted by the harms of police violence and disinvestment.

The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to significantly decrease funding to the police and abolish systems of criminalization while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

More personally, I write to you as a trans person, and someone who loves and cares for the diversity of my queer community, and the black and brown individuals I have the honor to call friends. I was disappointed last spring to learn that the city I love sent police officers to aid in protecting white supremacists during the straight pride parade in Boston. I bore witness to police officers, unprovoked, pushing, shoving, and instigating violence against queer people and allies - all of whom were there that day to stand up to the same injustices you are

claiming to stand up for now.

While I am hopeful given Somerville's recently steps, the reforms of 8Can'tWait are not enough. If you listen to the voices from the black community, they have said these reforms do not work. Samuel Sinyangwe, one of the co-founders of Campaign Zero, released a statement earlier this week apologizing and admitting to the deficiencies of the 8Can'tWait reforms (<https://twitter.com/samswey/status/1270538875283398656/photo/3>). We must be listening to leaders within the black and brown community right now. A reduction in police killings of 72% is unacceptable, and disgusting. There should be no police killings, and we should be accepting nothing short of that if we are invested in racial equity and justice. There are further alternatives to explore, and ones of which I would be happy to have a conversation with you about.

We must invest our community. This does not mean more police and more police funding. Investing in our community looks like insuring affordable housing and healthcare, investing in our schools and educators, investing in public services like community centers, trauma, rehab, and mental health services. It means investing in the most vulnerable in our community and addressing their issues at the root, rather than letting those issues become criminal. And when we address those issues at their root, it is not done by a person who is armed with no social service training. It is done by therapists, and counselors, nurses, and educators.

I hope you hear these demands, and I hope you hear your community. Now is not the time to reform, now is the time to reimagine and revolutionize.

Thank you,

Robson Govine

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**From:** SHANNON DRACUP [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the Somerville PD; Fund community services

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Shannon and I am a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Shannon Dracup

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**From:** Ruben Isagulov [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Smart Reinvestment of Public Funds

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Ruben and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into black, brown and immigrant communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

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**From:** Varsha Menon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** DEFUND the SPD and FUND Public Health, Schools, and Housing Initiatives

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Varsha Menon and I am a resident of Ward 5 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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As a NBPOC (I'm Indian/South Asian), I'm acutely aware of how my privilege affords me a police department that actually "protects and serves" me. I don't have any personal stories of how the Somerville police have failed me but that is the exact crux of the problem. Even at a protest last weekend, I was very aware of how white privilege and proximity to whiteness shielded me from the brutality that black people face on a daily basis.

I also am incredibly compelled by the importance of funding public health initiatives and other

community needs instead of an armed and militarized police force. As a 9-year-old, I watched my father be taken from our home by police as he was going through a manic episode (he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder). I hope for an America where calling 911/311 when someone is going through a mental health crisis would mean that a first responder trained in mental health would come, NOT armed police. This experience was very confusing to me as a child as I didn't understand what my dad did wrong (our education teaches us that police come for BAD people which I've learned as an adult is so untrue). This experience showed me why police have too much responsibility, too much power, and not enough training.

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Thank you,

Varsha Menon

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## John Long

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**From:** Lucy Lyons [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:17 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville Police Department

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Lucy Lyons and I am a resident of ward 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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I am a teacher, and recently got a job with Somerville Public schools. Before signing my contract I was informed that hiring is frozen as Somerville faces expansive budget cuts to public education. I feel it is a disgrace that the public school budget is being slashed while also expecting schools to maintain social distancing and safety recommendations come fall, and yet the proposed police department budget remains untouched. Policing will absolutely not get us out of this crisis.

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Thank you,

Lucy Lyons

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## John Long

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**From:** Ariel Derby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defunding the SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Ariel Derby and I am a Tufts University student in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Ariel Derby

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## John Long

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**From:** Terra Huber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Redirect Police Funding to the Community of Somerville

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Terra Huber and I am a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Terra Huber

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## John Long

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**From:** Meredith Epstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Somerville should lead the way

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Meredith Epstein and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville. I am proud to live in a city that leads the way in doing what's right to protect the health and wellbeing of its residents. From instituting stricter coronavirus restrictions than the state to offering safe injection sites- thank you for taking bold (and sometimes unpopular) actions that puts people first. I am asking that you continue your bold leadership and big ideas and commitment to doing what's right by defunding the Somerville police.

Across the country police are murdering Black people with near impunity, terrorizing protestors and communities with weapons of war, careening cars into crowds, attacking journalists, and brutalizing the very people they are meant to protect. The Somerville police was sent to recent Black Lives Matter protests in Boston where tear gas was used on peaceful protesters. Tear gas is a chemical weapon that has killed and using it is a war crime at any time and especially during a respiratory pandemic. I no longer feel safe having a police station at the end of my street. And I imagine that the Black community and people of color in Somerville have always felt that way.

Somerville should lead the way in showing how we can build a safer and healthier city by defunding the police and reinvesting in education, public health, jobs, safe housing, and environmental justice especially in Black and brown communities. I urge you to reallocate millions of dollars from the \$17,000,000 Police Department budget, remove officers from Somerville schools, and disarm the police. Decisions around funding and reinvestment should be done in collaboration with Black and brown community members who are most impacted by the harms of police violence and disinvestment.

Somerville should be a model for what a city can look like when it defunds police and invests in communities. I hope you lead the way.

Thank you,

Meredith Epstein

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## John Long

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**From:** Joanna Plotz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:52 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Joanna Plotz and I am a resident of Ward 3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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As a White person, I am privileged enough not to have experienced racism from the police department myself. But I am an educator in a nearby community and I know firsthand how reallocated resources could help schools, particularly those that serve our students of color.

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Thank you,

Joanna Plotz

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**From:** Emma Storbeck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund SPD Now

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Emma Storbeck and I am a high school teacher and resident of Somerville. I am writing to demand that you take immediate action to defund the police in the city of Somerville and reinvest those funds into our community.

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Thank you,  
Emma Storbeck

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## John Long

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**From:** Dawn Emerman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Dawn Emerman and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Dawn Emerman

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**From:** Ned Porter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:15 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** We Need Change Like Minneapolis

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Ned Porter and I am a resident of ward 5 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Ned Porter

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**From:** Kaia Mattioli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Fund our community, not our police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Kaia Mattioli and I am a resident of Ward Two in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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I am a scientist by trade. I have spent some time this week reading the literature on the effect that policing has on our communities. I was struck by the research that shows that decreasing police work has no effect on major crimes -- if anything, major crimes \*decreased\* during a de facto NYPD shutdown in 2015. I encourage you to check out the Sullivan & O'Keeffe publication, "Evidence that curtailing proactive policing can reduce major crime" published in Nature Human Behavior on September 25th, 2017.

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Thank you,

Kaia Mattioli

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**From:** Merissa Jaye [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** [PERSONALIZE SUBJECT]

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is [INSERT YOUR NAME] and I am a resident of [YOUR WARD (find out here!)] in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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[INSERT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH POLICE VIOLENCE/RACISM IN SOMERVILLE]

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Thank you,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ADDRESS OR NEIGHBORHOOD]

Merissa Jaye

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Ricky Hartman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:03 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** DEFUND NOW!

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Ricky Hartman and I am a resident of WARD 2 in Somerville and a housing advocate working with Somerville residents. I am writing to demand that you take immediate measures to reduce funding significantly for police in the city of Somerville with an end goal of dismantling the police. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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As a housing advocate in and resident of Somerville, I regularly witness the constant trauma and suffering caused directly by the police to community members and low-income clients, especially POC who are already marginalized by the system in almost every facet of their daily lives. The lack of supports (despite rhetoric indicating otherwise) for these members of our community is simply shameful; without the immediate systemic changes called for in this



letter, services currently provided in the City are simply bandaids covering up an awful reality.

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The #8CantWait police reform policies are NOT enough as they do not address the problem of policing itself. We must significantly defund the Somerville police department by cutting bloated salaries, expensive overtime, and militarized budgets to reinvest in our communities. It's time to stop investing in criminalization and surveillance, and fund what Black and Brown communities need to be safe and healthy: COVID19 relief, housing grants, healthcare, youth jobs and services, POC-owned businesses, community centers, trauma-informed first responders, POC-led organizations and projects.

Thank you,

Ricky Hartman

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**From:** Allie Wainer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:02 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Call to Defund the Police Department

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Allie and I am a resident of Ward 5 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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It is clear that police do not make black and brown people safe, in fact, parents, siblings, and friends worry that their black or brown children and friends will not come home because they will be stopped by the police because of the color of their skin. Somerville is committed to using data to inform its policies. We have the data to know that the black and brown people are significantly disproportionately sent to jail and stopped by police. Our system needs to change and it starts by diverting some of the police budget to services that folks need right

now--food, housing, employment, and support for their small businesses.

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Thank you,

Allie Wainer

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**From:** Terence Cawley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Terence Cawley and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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As a white person, I have been privileged and fortunate enough, through no virtue of my own, to have had no dealings with the Somerville police department. However, I know that my POC neighbors have had much different experiences, and it is for them that I write this letter. They deserve the same level of basic human respect that I have been afforded for my entire life.

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Thank you,

Terence Cawley

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**From:** Julietta Gratta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:53 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** [PERSONALIZE SUBJECT]

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Julietta GRATTA and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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I know that Somerville is already very progressive, but my hope is that, with Somerville and like minded cities in MA, we will be able to set a precedent and give data points on how this could work to other communities that might be hesitant. We as a city can really make a difference and show how to lead with compassion and democracy.

Thank you,

Julietta Gratta

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**From:** Olivia Peterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Letter To the Mayor and City Council

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Olivia Peterson and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Olivia Peterson

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**From:** Patrick Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is PJ Murphy and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

PJ Murphy

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**From:** Sara Sigel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** People come first and need investment

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Sara Sigel and I am a resident of Ward 3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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I would like to feel safe asking for help and no longer want to fear for others I see stopped by police. It puts us all at risk and we all deserve both safe work and safe use of public space.

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Thank you,

Sara Sigel

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**From:** Jessica Williamson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund SPD, Refund Citizens and Services

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Jessica Williamson and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Jessica Williamson

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**From:** Bethany Shenise [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** On the SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

Thank you for your time and attention to this crucial topic.

My name is Bethany Shenise and I am a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Bethany Shenise

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**From:** Abigail Reches [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:53 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Be part of a more equal future

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Abigail Reches and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,  
Abigail Reches

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**From:** Kelsey Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:49 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Fund our community, not police

John Long,

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Thank you,

Kelsey Miller

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**From:** Elsa Hardy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the Police!

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Elsa Hardy and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Elsa Hardy

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**From:** Nicole Fonsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Fund our Communities!

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Nicole Fonsh and I am a resident of Ward 3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Nicole Fonsh

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**From:** Jurgen Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:28 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Time to rethink

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Jurgen Weiss and I am and have been a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA for over 20 years. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville and deeply rethink the role of the police in the community.

While I have not personally experienced the violence many of my fellow Somerville residents are complaining about, I have to admit that I experience Somerville police (just like other police forces in the US) mostly as a pretty stark expression of force and authority (independent of whether the task at hand requires it). When I regularly get calls from some police related charity asking for money, I am afraid that if I don't make a donation there is some kind of retribution. While I am not claiming that this is actually the case, it should give you a sense of the image of the police I have. As someone who grew up in Europe and has lived in the US (and in Somerville) since the early 90s, I have experienced an increasing militarization of society. This applies equally to how I perceive the police "FORCE". If Somerville is indeed as enlightened as it wants to see itself, the city must end its reliance on lethally armed police to solve community problems and funding our police force at the expense of programs that strengthen our community and reduce crime.

To fix these failings, we must rethink the proper size of the budget for policing, reallocate a portion of the \$17,000,000 Police Department budget, remove officers from Somerville schools, and disarm the police. I also believe that whatever budget for policing is appropriate, those funds need to be allocated in ways that de-emphasizes weaponry (and ridiculous high salaries for some) to improve the effectiveness of policing in supporting civic life, only a small portion of which involves dealing with situations where weapons (and related equipment) are needed.

The needs of the community must be addressed by the provision of care and not the threat of violence. Decisions around funding and reinvestment need to be made in collaboration with all constituencies, including in particular Black and brown community members who are most

impacted by the harms of police violence and disinvestment.

While the City of Somerville’s adoption of all of the #8CantWait police reform policies is a first step, it cannot be where we stop. We should seriously investigate reducing funding for the Somerville police department by cutting bloated salaries, expensive overtime, and militarized budgets to reinvest in our communities. I also think that we need to fundamentally rethink the position of the police in the city. I don't know the name of a single police officer. I don't know whether anybody is responsible for my local area. Those are just a few signs of things not being the way they should be.

Thank you,

Jurgen Weiss

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**From:** Carrie Haynes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Young constituent asking to DEFUND the Somerville PD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Carrie Haynes and I am a resident of 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Carrie Haynes

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**From:** Adam Sigel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:09 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Let's make change with our budget

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Adam Sigel and I am a resident of Ward 3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to ask that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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healthcare, youth jobs and services, POC-owned businesses, community centers, trauma-informed first responders, POC-led organizations and projects.

Thank you,

Adam Sigel

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**From:** Mia Fasano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:04 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Reallocating police funding in Somerville

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Mia Fasano and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Mia Fasano, [REDACTED]

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**From:** Meghan Connors [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:53 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Please Defund Somerville Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Meghan Connors and I am a resident of Ward 3-3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Meghan Connors

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**From:** Jeremy Silver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** DEFUND the Somerville Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Jeremy Silver and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Jeremy Silver

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**From:** Jeremy Silver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:45 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** [PERSONALIZE SUBJECT]

John Long,

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[INSERT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH POLICE VIOLENCE/RACISM IN SOMERVILLE]

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Thank you,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ADDRESS OR NEIGHBORHOOD]

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

**From:** Carly Bobinsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville Police Department

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Carly Bobinsky and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Carly Bobinsky

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**From:** Nicholas Rabb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:12 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defunding Somerville Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Nick Rabb and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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I am a newer resident of Somerville, having only lived here for 2 years thus far. While I am not intimately familiar with the workings of SPD, I have listened to and internalized the stories of my fellow community members of color who have not only not been served by local police, but actively antagonized by the institution. I have had experiences with BPD that have left me terrified by the amount of force and indifference with which they conduct themselves. Especially in matters related to social safety, mental health, and school safety, we do not need such intimidating, highly armed officers "enforcing" these areas. To strengthen our

communities, we need to actually serve the communities, addressing the structural problems that lead to the symptoms we see as lack of social safety, mental health, and a need to guard schools. The authoritarian, top-down method of control only creates more of a wedge between those who exercise power in the community and those who are subject to it. We need to bring community together through non-violent means aimed at the structural inequalities that fuel these crises.

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Thank you,

Nick Rabb

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**From:** EMILIA HEARN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:13 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Emilia Hearn and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Emília Hearn , [REDACTED]

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**From:** Stacy Davidson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:17 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** It's time for change and it's been time

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Stacy and I am a resident of ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Stacy

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**From:** Skyler Tom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Reallocate Police Funds to More Effective Services

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Skyler Tom and I am a resident of Ward 3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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[INSERT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH POLICE VIOLENCE/RACISM IN SOMERVILLE]  
I personally have experienced aggressive racism at bars in Somerville. I've been questioned if I'm Vietnamese - only to receive a flurry of words demeaning and targeting Vietnamese people. I know that the police department will not treat POC fairly, and when I've seen individuals with mental illnesses I have to de-escalate the situation myself and with others around me. The police system in which we participate in means that we threaten arrests or use of force on those with mental illnesses - there is no option for a separate group of mental



health professionals to call to de-escalate situations. The police are not suited to handle mental health problems, and I do not blame them - they should not be responsible, real professionals that specialize in mental health should be in charge.

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Thank you,

Skyler Tom

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## John Long

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**From:** Lauren Marino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:10 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Fund Services before Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Lauren Marino] and I am a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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One night, a friend called me, shaken by a recent experience she'd had with the police. There were three armed men, right here in the middle of Davis Square, beating up an unarmed young black man. He was begging them, "Please, just tell me what I did!" My friend was too terrified to intervene.

This is what we're spending 17 million dollars on - a system that perpetuates racism and violence. Meanwhile, do you know how many homeless there are in Somerville? I don't, but I

know there's an old man in a wheelchair who is always out begging, even in the cold and rain. I know Paul, who has traveled the world and does Chinese astrology, and not only is homeless but has complicated dietary restrictions that are expensive to navigate. I know there's a man who tells commuters to have a great day and not to work too hard every morning, while holding up an issue of the Spare Change News. I know Sharon, who had to beg a stranger to put money on her Ride card so she could make it to a necessary medical appointment (and the system failed her so much that by the time she got that money, she'd missed her Ride, and had to rely on a stranger calling a Lyft for her.) I know that there are so many of our community members for whom a mere fraction of the money we spend arming police would completely turn their lives around for the better. But instead we're funding violence, and turning our backs on the suffering of our neighbors.

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Thank you,

Lauren Marino

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**From:** Miriam Olken [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:07 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Former Somerville Resident Asking For Change

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Miriam and I am a former resident of East Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

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## John Long

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**From:** Holly Dykstra [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Reducing police funding

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Holly Dykstra and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to ask that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Holly Dykstra  
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**From:** Jen Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:46 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the Somerville Police Dept. and Reinvest in Our Community

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Jen Brown, and I am a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA. As a resident of the city for the past 13 years and as a licensed clinical social worker, I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Jen Brown, LICSW

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**From:** Winn Costantini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund SPD and fund actual public safety

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Winn and I am a resident of ward 3 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Winn Costantini

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**From:** Tatiana Oberkoetter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Tatiana and I am a resident of Ward 6 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville and those who visit Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities and other under-invested communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Tatiana Oberkoetter

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**From:** Nate Krinsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:17 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville PD

John Long,

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Thank you,

Nate Krinsky

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**From:** Dani Douglas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Community Safety, Community Resources

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Dani and I am a Tufts graduate student in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Dani Douglas

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**From:** Monica Salazar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** DEFUND SPD, It's too late for reform

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Monica Salazar and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Originally I am from Arizona and have found a home in Somerville for the past 5 years. Upon moving to Somerville, I quickly learned how difficult it is to be an occupational therapist and make a salary where I can afford to live in the neighborhood I love. Within 5 short years, I have seen the gentrification of Somerville and how it has continued to remove neighborhood establishments, raise rents, and constantly building condos and businesses for the wealthy. Not only should the city defund the Somerville Police by more than 10% to reallocate that money to necessary jobs and services, such as affordable housing, given that Somerville

continuously pushes out the working class. But it must acknowledge that the Police as a construct are systematically used to push the oppressed and marginalized communities out of Somerville.

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Thank you,

Monica Salazar

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**From:** Becca rothfeld [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defunding the police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Becca and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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I believe the City should look at functions the police play and ask whether police are really best in those roles, as per Barry Friedman's informative paper, "Disaggregating Police Function." While I do not believe we should abolish the police fully, I believe the use of force should be limited and the police should be reduced and supplemented with trained mental health specialists, mediators, and the like. I also believe minor infractions, such as traffic violations, should be decriminalized.

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Thank you,

Becca Rothfeld

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**From:** Cara DuBois [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund (or, better yet, abolish) Somerville PD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Cara DuBois and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Cara DuBois

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**From:** VICTORIA SAFAROVA [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** A concerned Somerville resident

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Victoria and I am a resident of Ward 4 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Please consider what your community demands of you. Our requests are not radical or impossible to achieve. We are aiming at creating a future where Black people and POC are not treated like second class citizens. Let Somerville be an example to other Massachusetts city of how real change can be accomplished.

To do nothing is to be complicit.

Thank you,

Victoria Safarova,

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**From:** Susan Putnins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** [PERSONALIZE SUBJECT]

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Susan Benson-Putnins and I am a resident of Ward 7 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Susan Benson-Putnins

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## John Long

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**From:** Jillian Curran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Mayor, The Time Is Now to Defund the Police!

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Jillian Curran, I have been a Somerville resident for 6 years and my family is from here. My mom grew up in Ball Square and I've always grown up proud of this city.

Now, I want to be proud of it again. Now is the time to make revolutionary change for not only our community but our country. We've always been a city that wasn't afraid to step up. Now is our time to do that again, and the time is now.

I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. You have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police. I demand that you reinvest those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

We don't have time to waste. Thousands have lost wages and face food insecurity due to the economic crisis that is unfolding. Our Police Department hoards hundreds of thousands of dollars while the city rewards police officers with six-figure salaries. This is unconscionable.

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Defunding means:

- Cutting bloated salaries, expensive overtime, and militarized budgets

- Reinvesting in our communities.
- Stop investing in criminalization and surveillance
- Fund COVID19 relief, housing grants, healthcare, youth jobs and services, POC-owned businesses, community centers, trauma-informed first responders, POC-led organizations and projects.

Thank you,

Jillian Curran

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**From:** Beth Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Police Budget

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Beth Williams and I am a resident of Ward 5 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Beth Williams

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**John Long**

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**From:** Amanda Utstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defunding the Somerville Police Department

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone,

My name is Amanda Utstein and I am a resident of Ward 2 in Somerville, MA.

I have been very happy to see your tweets and the important conversations you have been having about police reform and the absolute terror of the stories of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the many other black folx that have been murdered by the police. I am a proud resident of Somerville, and when you compare SPD funding to many other cities, including Cambridge, Somerville looks pretty good. However, Somerville is still spending 17 million dollars a year on police where that money could be used to establish programs that are more useful, more inclusive, and far less dangerous. I believe this includes mainly education and affordable housing. I also believe the city of Somerville should establish a program to give some of this money directly to the many people working multiple jobs to support their families and still coming up short, continuing the cycle of racism and oppression.

In your Twitter bio you wrote "somebody has to have the best city, so we figured that should be us". I want to continue to believe that as I hope to see Somerville follow in the footsteps of Minneapolis in defunding the police and becoming a progressive trailblazer that we can be proud to live in.

Thank you,

Amanda Utstein

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## John Long

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**From:** Jacqueline Toscano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund SPD

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Jacqueline Toscano and I am a resident of 5-2 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Jacqueline Toscano

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**From:** Diana Griggs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defunding the Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Diana Griggs and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

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Thank you,

Diana Griggs

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**From:** Mallory Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

John Long,

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Council members,

My name is Mallory Walker and I am a resident of Ward 5 in Somerville, MA. I am writing to demand that you take specific measures to reduce funding for police in the city of Somerville. The Mayor and the members of the city council have a responsibility to communities of color in Somerville to take immediate steps to decrease funding to the police and systems of criminalization in place while reinvesting those funds into Black and brown communities most directly impacted by police violence and disinvestment.

Our city faces dire crises during the COVID-19 epidemic that can't be solved by policing. Thousands of us have lost wages and face food insecurity due to the economic crisis that is unfolding. We face the risk of forced removal as soon as the eviction ban is lifted and recognize that these conditions only exacerbate the long-standing inequalities in Somerville that have displaced communities of color from this area. For far too long the status quo has forced essential educators to live on starvation wages while overwhelming community demands to right this glaring injustice are ignored. Meanwhile, our Police Department hoards hundreds of thousands of dollars seized from citizens unconvicted of any crime and the City rewards police officers with six-figure salaries. This is unconscionable. Somerville police officers don't just brutalize Somerville residents, but also attack peaceful protestors in other cities through expensive interdepartmental mutual aid agreements. Somerville must end its reliance on lethally armed police to solve community problems and funding our police force at the expense of programs that strengthen our community and reduce crime.

As a Black person, I cannot name a single police encounter that did not instill me with fear. I am fearful of becoming another name on a growing list. A police force that is feared and that is very presence is rooted in racism, systemic and institutionalized, cannot serve its community. The police must be defunded in order to accurately address what you have deemed a public health and safety emergency.

To fix these failings, we must reallocate millions of dollars from the \$17,000,000 Police

Department budget, remove officers from Somerville schools, and disarm the police. Our needs must be addressed by the provision of care and not the threat of violence. We must reinvest into public goods like education, public health, jobs, and safe housing. Most importantly, decisions around funding and reinvestment must be done in collaboration with Black and brown community members who are most impacted by the harms of police violence and disinvestment.

While the City of Somerville's adoption of all of the #8CantWait police reform policies is a first step, it cannot be where we stop. We must significantly defund the Somerville police department by cutting bloated salaries, expensive overtime, and militarized budgets to reinvest in our communities. It's time to stop investing in criminalization and surveillance, and fund what Black and Brown communities need to be safe and healthy: COVID19 relief, housing grants, healthcare, youth jobs and services, POC-owned businesses, community centers, trauma-informed first responders, POC-led organizations and projects.

Thank you,

Mallory Walker

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**John Long**

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**From:** Hannah Nahar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Fund Communities and Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Hannah, and I am a current resident of Medford who has also been a resident of Somerville for several years. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Sincerely,

Hannah Nahar  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anna Catena [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Anna Catena, and I am a resident of Rockport, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Anna Catena



## John Long

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**From:** Dalilah Degen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:18 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Good Morning

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Dalilah, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Dalilah Degen

**John Long**

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**From:** Nate Kaufman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reconsider Somerville's policing budget

Dear Mayor Curtatone and City Councilors,

For the past two weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well a reckoning with racism in America. Somerville has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead focus your attention on reallocating police spending on community-oriented priorities for fiscal year 2021.

Somerville spends too much of our resources on our police force. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of our total budget—less only than our schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17 million on the Police Department this year. In contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3 million and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million. Of the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$750,000 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,000 was allocated to the Arts Council and a paltry \$500,000 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is backwards.

Budgets for immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to the excessive police budget. While we've been spending extraordinary sums of money on policing, we have not seen meaningful improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city.

I call on you to reallocate money spent on the SPD and instead direct those funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, equitable transportation, climate justice, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. Our budget must support community well being, rather than empowering a force whose tools of change are weapons.

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Sincerely,  
Nate Kaufman

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:11 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Leo Sasha and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

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Sincerely,

Leo Sasha

**John Long**

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**From:** Yizhi Wu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police, refund social services!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Yizhi Wu, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Yizhi Wu  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Shrenik Agrawal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Black Lives Matter

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Shrenik, and I am a resident of Somerville. These past weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Shrenik Agrawal

**John Long**

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**From:** Lauren Donahue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:59 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Lauren Donahue, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Lauren Donahue  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Eddy Page [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Concerned About Policing

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors, My name is Edward Page, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change.

Sincerely,  
Edward Page

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Tolan, Jillian [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 10:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Priority: Defund Somerville Police Department

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Jillian Tolan and I am writing to you regarding the Somerville Police Department. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Jillian Tolan, [REDACTED]



## John Long

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**From:** Patrick McGill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reallocate Police Funds to Education and other More Worthy Sources

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Patrick McGill, and I am a resident of Chatham, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Patrick McGill  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Danielle Snider [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Somerville Police Department

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Danielle, and I am a MA resident. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Danielle Snider  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Sam Sexton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sam Sexton, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Sam Sexton  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Mackenzie Britt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:43 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the police - invest in community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Mackenzie, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Mackenzie Britt  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Kaitlyn Marie Killion [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:20 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defunding Somerville Police, Fund Community Services

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kaitlyn Killion, and I am a resident of Boston, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Killion  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Lewis Silletto [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Lewis Silletto, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Lewis Silletto  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kayla Morelli [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors, My name is Kayla Morello, and I am a resident of Frederick, MD. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. SPD has been a waste of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, the SPD budget was approximately 18% of the total—less only than schools. The city of Somerville will spend over \$17,044,021 on the Police Department this year, as you well know. By contrast, Health and Human Services receives only \$3,064,691 and Culture & Recreation receives only \$4.5 million (1.8% of the budget). Additionally, within the \$21 million of grants received in 2018, \$749,867 was allocated to the police system, while only \$120,610 was allocated to the Arts Council and a mere \$503,187 was allocated to Sustainability & Environment. This is an abomination. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. I call on you to defund the SPD and instead meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change. Sincerely,  
Kayla Morelli

## John Long

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**From:** Rachel Moskowitz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Reform is not the answer, DEFUND SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Rachel Moskowitz, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Rachel Moskowitz  
[REDACTED]



**From:** max bernstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:29 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Demand to Defund the Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Max and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Max Bernstein, [REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ben Winston and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Ben Winston

**John Long**

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**From:** Ashley Archangelo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:15 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police & Take Action In Support of Black Members in our Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Ashley Archangelo and I am a resident of Somerville, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Ashley Archangelo  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Shelley LaMotte [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** If there's one positive thing that comes out of 2020 it needs to be this!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Shelley LaMotte, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Shelley LaMotte  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Samuel Heller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor; JTforWard2@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Defund Somerville Police!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sam Heller, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Sam Heller  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Daniel Grey and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Daniel Grey

## John Long

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**From:** Zoe Harvan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Funding social services

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Zoe Harvan, and I am a resident of Somerville, MA (02145). This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Zoe Harvan  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Elizabeth Nicholls [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 7:03 PM  
**To:** Mayor; City Clerk Contact; All City Council  
**Subject:** Reduction in Funding to Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Elizabeth Nicholls and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. **I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.**

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Nicholls  
[REDACTED]



**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

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## John Long

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Greg Hardy and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Greg Hardy

## John Long

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**From:** Nora Woofenden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Invest in communities, not force

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Nora Woofenden, and I am a resident of Boston. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Nora Woofenden, MA, MT-BC  
[REDACTED]

~Facilitating growth and healing through music.

She/Her/Hers

## John Long

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

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Sincerely,

Fred Jones

## John Long

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**From:** Hara Garramone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Why We Can't Wait

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Hara Garramone, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Hara Garramone, [REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Marta Abrams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** DEFUND THE POLICE

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Marta Abrams, and I am a resident of Brookline. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Marta Abrams  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## John Long

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**From:** Pamina Mejia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:56 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Mental Health Response Teams

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Pamina Mejia and I am a resident of Middlesex County. I am calling on the Somerville Police Department to consider defunding the police for fiscal year 2021. There is a disturbing disparity between the budget for the Police Department and the budget for Health and Human Services. With these extraordinary amounts spent on policing, there have been no improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in the City of Somerville.

Defunding the police department would allow the reallocation of money into creating mental health response teams, by replicating the CAHOOTS model established in Eugene, Oregon. I am aware of the partnership that exists between MB CIT-TTAC and the Somerville Police Department. However, a more widespread initiative must be put in place to ensure that individuals receive adequate support from individuals who have specialized in mental health education, such as social workers/crisis counselors.

Sincerely,

Pamina Mejia  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

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Fred Jones



**John Long**

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**From:** Elizabeth Arnold [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Elizabeth, and I am a resident of Westford, MA. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Arnold  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**John Long**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Resident for Defunding the Somerville PD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is David Gan and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

David Gan

## John Long

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**From:** Kiki Chu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please consider defunding the police for fiscal year 2021

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kiki Chu, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Kiki Chu  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Hyewon Han [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defunding the Somerville Police Department

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Hyewon, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021 or even abolishing the police force.

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Sincerely,  
Hyewon Han

[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Evan Becker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Please Reallocate Funds For the Betterment of Our City

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Evan Becker, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Evan Becker

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Caitlin Hill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Cut SPD budget and invest in community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Caitlin Hill, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, I am aware that the city is adopting all "8 can't wait" reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. While I commend this effort to take immediate action towards harm reduction, I ask that you strongly consider reallocating funds for the police to better support underserved communities for fiscal year 2021.

SPD receives more than its fair share of our resources. In fiscal year 2020, Somerville spent over \$17 million on the Police Department. By contrast, less than \$5 million was spent on Health and Human Services and related programs. Budgets for immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city.

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**John Long**

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**From:** Emma Kuehn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Black Lives Matter

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Emma Kuehn and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Emma Kuehn

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[REDACTED]

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**John Long**

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**From:** Kyra Babakian [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Budget for Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Kyra, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Kyra



**John Long**

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**From:** Mary Parker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville Black lives matter

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Mary Parker, and I am a resident of Somerville. In fact, I live a stone's throw from city hall. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Mary Parker

## John Long

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**From:** Corni Mj [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** The System is Broken

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Corinne Johnson, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021 and 2022.

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Sincerely,

Corinne Johnson  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Supriya Patel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Supriya, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Supriya Patel

**John Long**

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**From:** Anu Gopala [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ: For Immediate action

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

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Sincerely,

**Anu Gopala**  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Emily Winkelman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:00 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** [\*\*\* INSERT UNIQUE SUBJECT LINE \*\*\*]

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a resident of [CITY]. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]  
[YOUR ADDRESS]  
[YOUR EMAIL]  
[YOUR PHONE NUMBER]

Sent from my iPhone

**John Long**

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**From:** Charlotte D [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council  
**Subject:** Police and the Budget

Dear Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Charlotte Dye, and I am a resident of Somerville's 3rd ward. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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We were already in a housing crisis before the coronavirus happened. Imagine how much rent even a small fraction of the police budget would cover.

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Sincerely,

Charlotte Dye  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Anna Lello-Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Anna Lello-Smith, and I am a former resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Anna Lello-Smith  
[REDACTED]

**John Long**

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**From:** Jeff Grover [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:14 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the SPD

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Jeffrey Grover, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Grover  
[REDACTED]



**John Long**

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**From:** Taylor Brean [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund The Police

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Taylor Brean, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Taylor Brean

[REDACTED]

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**John Long**

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**From:** Cassidy Hark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Defund the Police!

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Cassidy and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Cassidy Hark  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## John Long

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**From:** Sophia Woyda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Shifting WPD Resources to Fund a Brighter Future

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Sophia Woyda, and I am a MA native and proud member of the community. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Somerville has been deeply engaged in much of this unfortunate action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that in conjunction with these reforms, that Somerville pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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This indicates an imbalance that our community must correct. Budgets for Immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing services also pale in comparison to this excessive budget. While we've been spending extraordinary amounts on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city.

Along with thousands of MA residents, I call upon your team to defund the SPD and meaningfully reallocate funds towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. We deserve a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than one that empowers the police forces that detract from them.

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Sincerely,  
Sophia

[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Saga Darnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Caring for Community

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Saga Darnell. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Somerville has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Sincerely,

Saga Darnell  
[REDACTED]

## John Long

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**From:** Lillian Switkes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:50 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Somerville needs action

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Lillian Switkes, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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Lillian Switkes

**John Long**

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**From:** Alex Willisson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council; Mayor  
**Subject:** Support people in trouble -- don't just police them

Dear Mayor Curtatone and Somerville City Councilors,

My name is Alex Willisson, and I am a resident of Somerville. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for a rapid and meaningful reconsideration of the role of policing in communities as well as an end to racism and anti-Blackness in America. Our city has been deeply engaged in much of this action. Accordingly, it has come to my attention that the city plans to adopt a number of the reform proposals created by Campaign Zero. I ask that you reconsider these attempts to reform and instead pivot your attention to defunding the police for fiscal year 2021.

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[REDACTED]