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	Sloane Pitman	<p>*Continued 2/2* years ago, with much of that increase being allocated specifically for pensions and merit increases. Even with the proposal of a zero budget exercise on the table, these budget actions are enraging, and show that the public lip service from the Council and Mayor's office as well as from Chief Brown is just that - lip service - and not a true commitment to reimagining a city and government without police brutality, and more importantly without systemic racism. I urge you to consider a huge divestment from policing and instead engage in the following programs: Housing : especially since the City Council has named this as a priority, I urge you to look at new solutions including forgive burden of rent repayment during COVID-19, prohibit evictions, create non-coercive housing for youth experiencing abuse or familial rejection because of their identity as LGBTQIA+, increase funding for housing for refugees and those seeking asylum, continue to provide and expand adequate housing options for those experiencing homelessness Healthcare infrastructure : especially non-coercive drug and alcohol addiction treatment centers, neighborhood trauma recovery centers, women's health resources, mind/body wellness resources (mindfulness, meditation, movement) training for mental health professionals, and free programming to low-income residents. Education : end the use of property taxes to determine school funding. Funnel resources into paying educators more, offering free or affordable continuing education at the post-graduate level for educators to develop their skills and talents, diversity and inclusion as well as trauma sensitivity training for educators and staff, and offering more and better counselling services in schools. Youth Programming : expand current and develop more and more effective youth programs that support growth, development, safety, and community care, as well as climate change awareness, and responsibility. I am looking to you to do your part as the leadership of our city government to unravel the societal structures that explicitly and implicitly harm our communities, and disproportionately harm those in our community who are Black, Indigenous, or people of color. Best, Sloane Zupon</p>

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7/2/2020 9:37	Heather Casey	<p>Amy, My husband and I are business owners in district 7. We have seen an exponential increase in vandalism and crime around our business. In recent weeks gang related graffiti has been tagged nightly around our property which is across the street catty corner from South Parc apartments. The entire area around these apartments has become dangerous. 3 stolen cars have been recovered in the past week from the parking lot privately owned by Charisse Orton who is our landlord. We are installing video surveillance but need the help from our district to keep funding in place for our police department to fight this crime. Below you will find photographs of the gang tagging and a video of the police recovering a stolen car with 3 gang members sleeping inside the car when I arrived at work this morning. IMG_5852 2.HEIC https://drive.google.com/a/peakstatefit.com/file/d/1qaOt4nNcTgr5Hesb74j5P9N4iP4IuLXb/view?usp=drive_web IMG_5853 2.HEIC https://drive.google.com/a/peakstatefit.com/file/d/1uUv6vN_I-dPA6RxJB1yrB6ciTEjJVohs/view?usp=drive_web IMG_5855.HEIC https://drive.google.com/a/peakstatefit.com/file/d/1slqu3MlrVaAFstwr18rUPAPgnqWq2mJb/view?usp=drive_web IMG_5857.MOV https://drive.google.com/a/peakstatefit.com/file/d/1RNfMWnoOEsS8yKqPXOCi1G6N38JzYTjN/view?usp=drive_web <https://d36urhup7zbd7q.cloudfront.net/78ae0fdf-25b4-4124-b942-9f598779df72/peakstatefitlogo_primaryrgb.format_png.resize_200x.jpeg#logo></p>

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7/2/2020 8:49	Sean O'Connor	<p>We the people with the Movement for Black Lives demand the following reforms immediately: 1. Suspend the use of paid admin. leave for cops under investigation: this reduces police funding, challenges the notion that the administrative costs of policing violence are essential to safety, & reduces the overall support for policing by removing the financial support. 2. Withhold pensions and don't rehire cops involved in excessive force: this decreases police funding, challenges the notion that police killings are exceptions rather than the rule, and reduces the ability of the police forces to re-engage with cops known for their use of violence. 3. Require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements: this saves community budgets a lot of money, rejects the notion that the costs of policing are essential to safety, and creates financial pressure for police to be accountable for their actions. 4. Cap overtime pay for military exercises and withdraw participation in police militarization programs: this saves our communities money, rejects the idea that we need cops trained for counterterrorism, and stops police from increasing their capacity/reach over our daily lives. 5. Prioritize spending on community health, education and affordable housing: defunding police decreased their resources. This creates space for us to learn about resources that create well-being. Decreasing police funding means decreasing the size, scope and capacity of policing. All of these steps work to reduce the size of the police force and minimize the role it plays in our society, which gives us more space and resources to invest in Black communities. Thank you, Sean O'Connor Sent from my iPhone</p>

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