

**Stephanie Lopez**

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**From:** mailgirl33@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:49 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** No cutting of Law Enforcement Staff

No cutting of Law Enforcement. I do not support this, period.

Thank you for your time,

Jacqueline Kraut, a registered voter.

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**From:** laurenrenteria <laurenrenteria@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:44 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Do not cut police positions

We are already at a time when our city needs as much protection as it can get. Do not cut police positions! As a healthcare employee, I count on you to do what is necessary to keep our city safe. Do not cut police positions!

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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**From:** Marvin Greener <greenerpastures01@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:12 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

Dear Mayor Ted Brandvold and Council Members Mani Grewal, Tony Madrigal, Kristi Ah You, Bill Zoslocki, Jenny Kenoyer and Douglas Ridenour,

In regards to the upcoming City of Modesto budget, we are very concerned about your proposal to reduce the number of Police positions from 240 to 210. First of all, it is apparent that it is difficult enough to recruit and maintain a full police staff that is adequate to provide for the safety and other needs of our community. Since we are already short officers, our city is paying an enormous amount of money in overtime just to provide the minimum coverage needed. If we reduce the number of allocated Police positions, we will not only end up paying more in overtime, we are also going to be placing our community and officers at higher risk. What are we going to do if we budget for only 210-220 officers and we lose some? I feel confident this is going to happen in light of the nation and statewide attack on Law Enforcement. Officers will either be changing careers or leaving for other states that are more Law Enforcement friendly. Do you really think we are going to see a lot of new recruits during these times? Do you not think that officers will be looking to go elsewhere if they feel unsupported and unsafe here? Our City Council has the responsibility to keep our community and our Police Officers safe!

We have never before voiced our opinions to the City Council. However, these are CRITICAL times and our eyes and ears are wide open to what is occurring in our community, state and nation. Obviously we understand that the City Council has to address our city's budget needs. However we feel the city would be negligent in addressing the safety needs of our community if it reduces funding to our Law Enforcement, especially during these times. Both of us are natives of Modesto born in 1959 & 1960. We are both close to retiring and would like to remain in Modesto during our retirement years. Unfortunately we are seeing a rise in crime and our officers being overwhelmed with a multitude of issues to deal with. If the City of Modesto does not provide the support that our officers need to do their jobs, conditions will continue to deteriorate and we will then be forced to leave the place we always called home for a safer place to live in retirement. We hope and pray this won't be the case. There must be other less critical areas in the budget that can be cut/reduced in order to accommodate the safety and well being of all involved.

Thank you for allowing us to express our viewpoints on this very important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin & Susan Greener

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**From:** Christie Sipes <msculinaria@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:38 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings

Dear members,

It's inconceivable at the thought to defund any police dept! How do you propose to protect your home, family, children or businesses? How would you protect the courthouse, or the City of Modesto Building?!!! Every office, including your conference room where you hold your weekly meetings would be over run and destroyed! If you defund our police, sheriff officers, the criminals would run amuck, and citizens would NEVER TRUST YOU AGAIN!!! Businesses would close!!! The city and our community would never recover, and the only people to blame would be YOU our city council members!

How long do you think you would have a job as a council member when our community unravels after you remove one of our most precious businesses that holds our city together, keeps us safe, and they risk their lives EVERY DAY keeping us all safe?!?!?!!!

If you defund the police, why not defund the Fire Department too!!! We don't need them, we can use our garden hoses to douse our house fires, car fires, fires started by illegal fireworks ! And untrained private citizens can stop at car crashes to drag the injured from their crumpled cars!!! Who cares if the untrained drag someone with a spinal injury from an accident and cripple them forever!!! What if that person who's injured was your child???

What if your beloved wife or daughter was raped, and there is NO police officer to help your family? What happens when there's no Detective from Modesto Police Department to investigate or follow up on leads and arrest the person responsible for psychologically destroying your family???

Yeah, we don't need the police, we can all go about like we have authorities who are protecting us even though our officers are not there!!!

Christie Sipes, EMT, Medical Assistant.

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**From:** christine4thelight@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:38 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Support our policemen

We desperately need to keep law and order please do not allow just a few with Loud chatter take away our police. We need them more now than ever.

Please ask the caretakers of our city stand up for freedom and liberty by keeping, supporting and defending or policemen that have done such an amazing excellent job!

Christine Lewis

*Sent from my Boost Mobile Phone.*

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**From:** Jennifer Veras <jmbizz3@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 8:04 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Do not defund the police

Hi City Council Members,

I was born and raised in Modesto and have lived here all 38 years of my life. Please do not defund the police. I'm sure there are ways to help mitigate police brutality by offering them support. I don't think defunding them is the answer. I support our law enforcement and hope they have your support as well.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Veras

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**From:** Vera Wilcox <wilcox\_vera@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:54 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Do NOT defund police

I'm writing to ask you to NOT defund or disband our police! Thank you.  
Vera Wilcox  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** robert williams <williamsr2006@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:50 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Fund Modesto Police Department

Good evening,

Please consider continuing to fund the Modesto Police department. We need to keep our streets safe and limit the crime in Modesto. We have a lot of vehicle break-ins, mail theft, and suspicious vehicle driver neighborhood. I want the reassurance that my family will be safe & officers will be out to respond if needed.

Thank you, Robert Williams

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**From:** Lauren Youngman <leyoungman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] Please do NOT defund police

**Importance:** Low

I know you have a big decision ahead of you... but please do NOT reduce police funding! We have many amazing officers in our city, doing their jobs well and I don't believe reducing the number of officers is the right answers to the challenges we might face.

Thank you,  
Lauren

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**From:** kirawilliams4@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:35 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] Continue funding MPD

**Importance:** Low

To whom it may concern:

Please continue to fund the police department as we need these officers to keep our community safe!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kira Williams

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**From:** Julissa Ruiz Ramirez <jruizramirez@csustan.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:23 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Come meet us outside! Stop silencing our voices! Defund the police! We are watching you.

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**From:** Lee Cross <leecross1208@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:22 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] Police Support

**Importance:** Low

No defending the police.

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**From:** Carrie Bell <mama24bellz@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:19 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Police officers

Hello,

As a citizen of Modesto, who pays taxes and obeys the law, I am not ok with less police officers. Every officer here is needed in order to have our citizens feel safe. Please find another avenue to cut.

Carrie Bell

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** Smarty Pantz <smartypantz0126@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:15 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] In support of police  
  
**Importance:** Low

Please do not put our community at a risk by eliminating jobs from our police dept. We live in a very crazy unstable world right now. We have criminals walking the streets that should be locked up. This is a common sense issue.

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**From:** Sandy Malatesta <buddynika8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:14 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK]

**Importance:** Low

We need our police department.  
Please don't defund it.

Blue Lives Matter!

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**From:** clavelett <clavelett@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:09 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Save all our Police jobs!

Time to save all the police jobs!

Craig Lavelett & Linda Lavelett  
USN Retired

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Kevin Nunes <bushmankev@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:59 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Support Police!

DO NOT DEFUND the police. Don't be the laughing stock of the county like Minneapolis. Modesto is riddled with crime and drugs. We need MORE police. Increase their budget and show support.

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**From:** Jozette Luke <lukejozette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:40 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** we matter

hi,  
jozette again. what about our homeless rate, what about developing other parts of our city other than the north side. the WHITE SIDE???? crows landing is the biggest revenue generator for this city and you can't even give them sidewalks. be ashamed of yourselves. we won't stay silent and you'll hear us every meeting i promise. until real change happens.  
WE MATTER. BLACK LIVES MATTER

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**From:** Jozette Luke <lukejozette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] defund the police

**Importance:** Low

Hi,

My name is Jozette Luke. How does the police get 50% of general funding yet we are #2 in the state for youth deaths by guns? Defund the police that aren't doing their job. Reallocate to social workers, special education workers, REAL counselors in schools. Police shouldn't be called for every situation. Start listening to your CITIZENS

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**From:** bugsmom1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Police force

Please do not take down the number of our police in our town. We NEED them.

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**From:** thayer4@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Proposed budget cuts of Police Officers

To the City of Modesto and it's leaders,

Please DO NOT cut the budget for Officers of the Modesto Police Force.  
DO NOT cut 30 Police Officers from our streets, neighborhoods, and city.  
We need every one of them!  
We are grateful for their service everyday.

Sincerely,  
Angela & William Thayer  
Modesto residents for 31 years

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** c <cceballos2000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Urgent. 20/21 budget

The city manager was mentioning that due to Covid every department is receiving cuts but why isn't the Police Department being cut? the police department is receiving about \$2 million more than it did in FY 19/20. Please stop using covid as an excuse to not only violate the public's right to access city council meetings but also to cut the budget in every department but the police department. We demand you answer our concerns.

- from the crowd standing outside of City Hall right now.

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**From:** Tatiana Covington-Parra <covingtonparratiana@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:59 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** 2020-2021 City Budget Concerns

Hello Mayor Brandvold and Modesto City Councilmembers,

As a young citizen of Modesto, I fully expect city leadership to hear and reflect the calls and concerns of a rapidly evolving community.

At this point, we are in a crisis both in regards to Covid-19 and national civil unrest over an increasingly militarized and unbalanced law enforcement presence.

I am calling on the council to divest from the already extremely unbalanced police budget and invest in the following:

- Community resources dedicated to Covid-19 education, testing, and tracing especially in underserved areas such as majority Latino communities that are being disproportionately affected by the virus.
- Halting purchasing/reallocating unnecessary tools for the police department such as tear gas, rubber bullets, and other "non-lethal" weaponry. These are increasingly being proven as dangerous and unnecessary.
- DO NOT cut funds from already under-funded community areas such as parks, infrastructure, and other necessary community areas.
- Invest in police alternatives and community care to attack the root of crime instead of reactionary police response.

I am extremely concerned by this statement made: "In pursuit of this goal, every department and labor group has been requested to make concessions, and there will be impacts to public safety and quality of life services, including our recreation program, streets program, and parks maintenance."

**It is unacceptable to pull funds from every department when there is disproportionate distribution to begin with.**

I am calling on the Modesto City Council to rethink what safety means in this community and think bigger for a future where crime is reduced because our community's needs are met. Mental health services, addiction services, affordable housing, food services, and other needs-based actions to REDUCE reactionary and punitive measures that increase police presence and bloat prison populations.

We have an opportunity for our community to lead the charge for a new form of justice.

Are you invested in care, councilmembers, or punishment?

Thank you,  
Tatiana Covington-Parra  
District 5

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**From:** J Borden <godsjewel1777@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:53 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Cutting Police Officers

We need our police force. The well-being of the public depends on it. They put their life on the line everyday for you, and you want to take their job away for a budget cut? They protect us, they give us rule and order in our beautiful city. Do NOT defund our police. If the people do not have protection, it will force people to take matters into our own hands.

Do what's right for your citizens, not for your wallet.

Julia Borden

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**From:** Truth Seeker <godisholy1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Don't cut any funding to law enforcement

City of Modesto,

No matter your financial shortfall, it would be completely ludicrous to cut any of our police force - especially during uncertain times with high tension & lawlessness!

We need & support our law enforcement & encourage that they be given every tool to be better officers.

Stanislaus County cannot turn its back on law abiding citizens!!

Sincerely,

Janette Borden

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**From:** Kevin Borden <californiaautotraders@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Re: Cutting Police officers

City Council and Mayor of Modesto, Please do not cut funding for the Modesto Police Dept. We need to stand behind the officers that protect us on a daily basis.. We need to have a good Police presence in this time of chaos and lawlessness in our country. If you cut our only line of defense, you leave the citizens in the city in a very vulnerable position. We will have to defend ourselves. Cut somewhere else, PLEASE DO NOT cut our Police Officers! Thank you for your consideration. Kevin Borden

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**From:** Stella Beratlis <berattle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:38 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Budget priorities

I'm a Modesto resident who believes that we need to re-prioritize our city budget to emphasize social services before public safety. In fact, I call on leaders to reject the expansion of police budgets, fire police officers with excessive force complaints, suspend administrative pay for officers under investigation, abolish asset forfeiture programs, and more.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Stella Beratlis  
1317 Fordham Ave, Modesto, CA 95350

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Stella B. 209-613-9283

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**From:** nico solorio <nicosolo92@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:33 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Modesto City Budget

Dear Modesto,

My name is Nico Solorio, I am emailing in today regarding the 20-21 budget. I strongly recommend you look over the budget and reconsider allocating funds to better improve the city of Modesto. I have lived here all 27 years of my life, I am very concerned for the future of Modesto due to 43 percent of its budget going towards the Police Department. Our parks are being ignored, not all areas of our city have sidewalks.

Tony From district two, please go with your heart. You are here representing people of color and you yourself know from our talk a few years back how neglected parts of our city is. I'm begging you to follow your heart and to rise and speak for the people you are representing.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** 2097027322@messaging.sprintpcs.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:33 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** 2/3

was 20 years ago. How is this going to help the community at all? I think this is a horrible idea! We as a community need

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**From:** Chadwicke Adams <geophilosophe@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:31 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] General Public Comment

**Importance:** Low

Modesto City Council,

The evidence for consistently excessive use of force by police in the U.S. is no longer in doubt by anyone with eyes to see. Those who cannot see that we are dealing with a systemic repression of black and brown people undoubtedly have an interest in not seeing it. The relative virtues and vices of individual cops is irrelevant to this problem. And there is no longer any question of reform. Reforms have been promised for a hundred years, and yet the daily terror and suffering experienced by our brothers and sisters of color never changes. No one will wait politely for more promises of reform. The apparent protection police provide to white people and their property is only worth the corresponding terror they maintain in black and brown communities if our society values white peoples lives more than others. Because that is the sad and deplorable condition we are in. To end police terror means to envision a different model of public safety, one that is unburdened by a history of slave patrols and lynchings and free to provide caring service and protection to all equally. Without breaking up police culture and police identity, we will never have the free society we all believe we want.

Russell, Modesto Resident

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**From:** Lorraine Khamis <lorraine905601@my.yosemite.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:29 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** FY 20/21 Budget

Hi there,

As a constituent of Modesto I am demanding city council cut the Police Department by AT LEAST \$25 Million this year. As a taxpayer of Modesto I do not feel okay with almost \$60 million of our taxpayer money being spent on Police salaries. I would much rather have this money be spent on Teacher salaries, counselors, mental Health services, homeless outreach, drug rehabilitation programs, and much much more that would actually benefit the City of Modesto. It is very tone deaf to continue to fund the police in favor of other social services that are proven to actually lower and prevent crime.

Please show us you actually care and lower the police budget. With three offices up for election this year it is really up to you to show us you DESERVE to sit in city council and represent the people of Modesto.

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**From:** Eden Barragan <gav36barr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings; Mayor; Mani Grewal; Tony Madrigal; Kristi Ah You; Bill Zoslocki; Jenny Kenoyer; Douglas Ridenour  
**Subject:** [BULK]  
**Importance:** Low

Dear City Council members,

I'm not here to badger you about defunding the police or to attempt to sway your political leanings one way or another. I just want to express my profound disappointment in all of you. I believe in all of your capacity to make change for the greater good, for your communities but instead our elected representatives fall for the impression that their populace isn't paying attention. There's no need to play up an image for the history books or for your campaigns, your actions will be more than enough. We're in historical times, please keep that in mind. How will your grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and their friends feel about the actions you take in the present?

Your constituent in District 2  
(Hi Bill :)

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**From:** Bianca Lopez <biancuchaloca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:22 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public comments- MCC-6/30/2020

Comment for Agenda Item entitled "Hearing to consider and approve the Final Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating and Multi-Year Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the City and related Resolutions.":

As you've probably heard, there is a growing movement to "defund the police." Here are some thoughts on the issue: 1- defunding does not mean completely defund the police, it means reevaluate priorities (the city currently spends HALF its money on police) and invest in prevention, early intervention, education, job programs, and other positions that deal with mental health, homelessness, drug addiction, neighbor and family relations, etc. before they become an issue police have to deal with. 2-local police may need more training, but do we want to train cops in all the issues and areas listed above (mental health, drug addiction, etc.) or do we that to be someone else's job who specializes in that work and isn't the person who carries a gun into those types of situations? 3-the police do not need more money for equipment. Military grade equipment and surveillance technology is often given to police through various programs in addition to their regular budget. For example, at the last meeting the city voted to accept a \$130,000 grant for license plate readers and surveillance cameras. Who pursued that? Did they also pursue grants for training? We know that just last year the city had to give back \$150,000 in grant money that was meant to help low-income residents and neighborhoods with housing issues. This is what we mean about reevaluating priorities.

I agree with the City Manager to remove the funds for the 30 police officers, which have not been used. If we have not been able to fill these positions in a long time, then we can do without them. DO NOT FREEZE these positions, lets move on and use the funds for something else, something the community actually needs.

Why is the city not ready to use money for low-income housing and infrastructure improvements but always ready to accept and use money for the police? If that money was used for housing, would that have led to less incidents of police being called to deal with homelessness or other disputes caused by lack of resources? If so this means we can do with less police and the cops we still have can concentrate on more important issues.

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**From:** Jessica Nila <jsscnila@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting on 6/30/20

My name is Jessica Nila and I live in District 6 within the city of Modesto.

I am submitting a public comment as a resident and concerned citizen regarding the cities priorities when it comes to the city budget for FY 20-21. Half of the cities budget is dedicated to the Modesto police department which tells me that the city and it's council members are more interested in protecting assets that don't benefit the most marginalized in our community. I ask the city council to eliminate the 20 vacant law enforcement positions and repurpose those funds to invest in more holistic community efforts that can help alleviate hunger, being unhoused, or experiencing abuse instead of law enforcement-based programs. These programs should include community input, such as that of local grassroots organizations, organizers, and communities directly and disproportionately impacted by over policing in the city of Modesto. I ask the council members to reconsider there position in passing the current budget as is because policing is not the answer to deeply painful histories that black and brown communities have had to endure over the centuries. Many social issues that we face as a community are a direct result of the colonization that was imposed on native communities and the enslavement of African people. We as a people have had to endure living in a city that continues to support the police and what they do when in reality the police were born out of slave patrols. As a brown women who grew up here I don't ever feel comfortable calling the police. I have never seen the police as my hero and only through my own political education did I understand the true historical roots of why police exist and how no matter how much reform is done it will still oppress.

If the council members and Mayor pass this budget and truly believe that defunding the police will lead to chaos then I will vote my council representative out and vote in a new Mayor. I won't forget the position the council took on this budget. I won't forget how you all decide to move forward if you truly want to serve the communities you were elected to. Defunding the police is the path forward.

Jessica Nila MPH

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**From:** Maggie Strong <magdalinejane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public comment

My name is Maggie Strong, and I am a resident of Modesto, California. These past few weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities and an end to racism and anti-Blackness. Based on the population of Modesto, a Black person was 3.1 times as likely to have deadly force used on them than a White person from 2016 - 2018.

At a time when people are calling for an end to racially motivated murders by armed police, in order to reduce police brutality with weapons, there should be a defunding and demilitarization of police. After looking at the city's budget, I am appalled to learn that for the proposed city budget 46.7% of Modesto's general fund expenses is dedicated to funding the police department with only up to 28% of the budget explicitly dedicated to projects, departments, and programs that invest in community well-being.

We demand that the City Council defund the Modesto Police Department, which is proposed to receive \$72.6 million, and redirect that money to much needed services and resources for our community.

As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank you for your time,  
Magdaline Strong

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**From:** B lopez <tucomrad@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:03 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Comentario Publico- Fecha 30 de junio 2020

Hola, mi nombre es Grisel, vivo en el distrito 2. Solicito que mi comentario se lea primero en español antes de que se traduzca, de esta manera los miembros de la comunidad de habla hispana que están mirando y escuchando también pueden escuchar y entender mi comentario. Me gustaría compartir con ustedes una preocupación que tengo con respecto a estas reuniones públicas. Es comprensible que las cámaras estén cerradas durante esta crisis, ya que es lo mejor para la seguridad de todos nosotros. Lo que no entiendo es por qué no querrían facilitar la participación de la comunidad. Es un mal servicio para muchos residentes que no tienen internet o una cuenta de correo electrónico para permitir la participación de la comunidad solo por correo electrónico. Vemos una y otra vez que las comunidades de bajos ingresos, monolingües y marginadas son las más afectadas por las políticas y otras acciones presentadas y votadas por el ayuntamiento. Lo menos que pueden hacer es hacer que el proceso de comentarios públicos sea más accesible, permitiéndonos llamar para que podamos compartir nuestras historias y opiniones, en nuestra propia voz con nuestro propio tono y a nuestro propio ritmo. Si los miembros del consejo pueden llamar, estoy segura de que ustedes son lo suficientemente inteligentes como para considerar la tecnología que ya está disponible para usted. Solo puedo suponer que la razón por la que no tenemos la oportunidad de llamar es simplemente y solo porque no quieren hacerlo.

Parece que el coronavirus se está disparando y la propagación no se está desacelerando, creo que es seguro decir que podemos esperar que estas reuniones continúen con cámaras cerradas y solo sean accesibles a través de video. Le ruego que reconsidere una opción de llamada para que los comentarios públicos comiencen en la próxima reunión. También espero animar a más miembros de la comunidad monolingüe a participar en estas reuniones y espero que les haga justicia al tener también un traductor disponible. Casi el 50% de la población en el condado de Stanislaus es latino y más del 42% habla un idioma que no es inglés. Creo que es hora de que todos se pongan al día con los tiempos, porque sé que los jóvenes votantes saben qué hora es. Gracias por tu tiempo.

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**From:** Erin PL <ertjpr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** June 30 City Council meeting

City Council Members,

The first goal of the police department's 2019-2020 plan indicated the need to "reduce crime and reduce fear of crime". I think this reduction of fear should be a priority in your consideration of resources for the next fiscal year. As you consider the 2020-2021 budget, a reallocation of resources to ensure that community policing resources include those with appropriate training (mental health professionals, social workers) to deal with those individuals without homes, those dealing with addiction, and those with mental illness would go a long way. Police officers may not necessarily have expertise and/or training to deal appropriately with these situations - and it may not even be in their purview. Recognizing that steps have been taken to develop community services in this area, I urge you to continue to develop and support these areas in the budget allocation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Erin Littlepage  
95350

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Clayton Morris <claytonm77@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** [BULK] Police

**Importance:** Low

Dear council,

Please don't cut any law enforcement positions in Modesto. We need them. I support Mayor Brandvold's position on this.

Thanks,  
Clayton Morris

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Stephanie Morris <morristeph@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Police cutbacks

Hi,

I do not agree with cutting police positions because of the budget. We need to do everything we can to keep police active in Modesto. Please don't reduce their numbers by 30, or even 1!

Thank you,  
Stephanie Morris  
Resident of Modesto

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Diana <ebsdiana@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Police reduction

This is very concerning considering the unstable climate we all facing at this time. The last thing we need is a reduction of police protecting us the citizens of Modesto. Please vote no! We need all the protection we can get!

Thank you,  
Diana Ferguson

Sent from my iPhone

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Marc Etchebarne <marc.etchebarne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Legacy Nursery Building Permit #2020-60944

Mayor and City Counsel,

I hope this note finds you well tonight while you discuss the difficult topic: BUDGET.

We came to your Counsel Meeting months ago and were granted approval unanimously for a Cannabis Nursery operating permit.

Since then we have gone through the proper background checks, planning phase, State approval, and we now have a fully approved Building Permit, almost.

I say almost because although we paid \$10,000 to get our foot in the door but we still owe the City over \$20,000 to become fully permitted and operational.

Now, we would be more than happy to pay these fees and start business which in turn would stimulate much needed funds into the community. The problem we face is on 6/9/2020 we submitted our Approved Building Permits to the Fire Department and to date they have yet to comment or reply to anyone's pleas for answers.

Marcus Tucker, MPA Business Analyst for the City of Modesto has worked tirelessly for the past two weeks to get our project finished and approved but again, Fire will not give us direction.

Countless emails, calls, and texts have gone to Shannon Sandobal, all unanswered.

Now the City is asking for direction from Mike Peyton, again unanswered.

We ask the Board assembled tonight to help us, Legacy Nursery, to get this resolved in a timely manner.

Many thanks and respectfully,

Marc E

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Leslie Doty <lesliedoty@wcsi.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** I oppose cutting Police positions

To the members of the Modesto City Council:

I agree with the Mayor that cutting Police positions is a bad idea and I oppose it.

The current proposed city of Modesto budget would reduce the number of allocated Police positions from 240 to 210. I am strongly opposed to this proposal.

Minimum safe staffing for city residents requires more than 210 or even 218 officers.

Cutting our actual, current numbers of officers is short sighted and puts the citizens of Modesto and Law Enforcement Officers in harm's way. It invites an explosion of crime, unrest, and provocation. Your most important responsibility to the citizens is first and foremost providing for our safety.

Thank you,  
Leslie Doty  
2316 Chapparal Pl  
Modesto, CA 95358  
209-595-5890

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Actions Overhashtags <actionsoverhashtags@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:06 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Hi, my name is Le'Anthony King and I currently live in District 5 here in Modesto, Ca. Per your agenda packet, it states that due to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20. It allows you to suspend certain requirements of the Brown Act... What are these certain requirements? This is not a specific statement to the public to understand fully what requirements are being suspended? I also read in the Executive Order N-29-20 that all states and local bodies are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act... in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to their meetings. Making the public utilize ONLY emails appears to be a violation to this order due to the order urging the use of sound discretion. I know many individuals, especially our older population who do not have emails.

My questions to you all is why have we not been granted the opportunity to call in? If other city council members have been able to call in during the meetings, why hasn't the public been given the same privilege?

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Monica Johnson <moniebae91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:54 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Hi, my name is Monica Johnson-King. I currently live in District 5 of Modesto, Ca. The purpose of this email to share my thoughts as a social worker as to why our annual funds should be redistributed from the MPD and back into our community. Due to history, we acknowledge that this is not an impossible task to complete due to funds being reallocated for years from our schools, parks, health care system, etc. As we are aware that our MPD responds to calls made to our homeless, mentally ill, domestic violence calls, run away situations and 51/50 calls. As someone who has been through much schooling for 7 years to learn about the social work field, it is utterly impossible for one to have the amount of knowledge, experience and background to effectively treat, handle or deal with our mentally ill population effectively. I am not saying that social workers are the sole answer, but I truly believe reallocating the funds to existing programs/departments to build & expand employment to develop a competent first response team throughout Stanislaus would decrease the amount of police brutality experiences & complaints. Systemic racism is a real thing! Police officers are not jacks of all trades, they too experience much trauma that goes unaddressed. Trauma unaddressed has many long-lasting impacts on an individual, and these are the people were expected to uphold the law but yet fail us time after time. It is essential that we put right people in the right place!

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Blooms Liberation <blooms.of.liberation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:53 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings; mayor@modestgov.com; Mani Grewal; Tony Madrigal; Kristi Ah You; Bill Zoslocki; Jenny Kenoyer; Douglas Ridenour  
**Subject:** Public Comment to Modesto City Budget Meeting - Tuesday June 30, 2020

Mayor Brandvold and City Council members,

We, *Blooms of Liberation*, are a collective of community members who have a deep love and driven commitment towards our communal liberation here in the Central Valley, nationally and globally.

Our nation is gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities, and an end to racism and anti-Blackness. Within Modesto's population, a Black person was 3.1 times more likely to have deadly force used on them than a white person from 2016 - 2018.

Currently, people nationwide are calling for an end to racially motivated murders by police. To reduce police brutality, there must be an active defunding and demilitarization of police. 46.7% of Modesto's general fund expenses are dedicated to funding the police department with only up to 28% of the budget dedicated to projects, departments, and programs that invest in community well-being.

We demand a complete defunding and the eventual abolishment of the Modesto PD, which is proposed to receive \$72.6 million, and a commitment to deny funding of any form, from whatever source, public or private. We call for redistribution of that money to vital services and resources for our community from the city's budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

It is your duty to *protect* and *represent* your constituents. We deliver this call of action to defund, demilitarize and abolish Modesto's Police Department. The responsibility falls on your shoulders.

***Blooms Of Liberation***

Modesto, CA

[blooms\\_of\\_liberation@protonmail.com](mailto:blooms_of_liberation@protonmail.com)

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Terhesa Gamboa <terhesa@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:49 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings; COUNCIL  
**Subject:** Statement To City Council 6-30-2020  
**Attachments:** Statement To City Council 6-30-2020.pdf; ATT00001.txt

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Julissa Ruiz Ramirez <jruizramirez@csustan.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Hello, I'm Julissa Ruiz Ramirez. I will tell you my brother's story and why this influenced me to push to defund the police and redistribute those resources back to the community.

As an immigrant brown man, he developed traumas due to the white supremacy this country advocates for. Being separated from family divided by a man made border on lands our ancestors freely traveled and traded through broke his heart and soul. Continued by the exploitation of our family due to the capitalist agricultural business of the central valley. He developed depression and anxiety and other mental health issues that we are still fighting to determine.

As an adult, we cannot legally force him to seek professional mental health help. Those who we asked told us to call the cops because they could help. We did on several occasions, all to the demise of my brother. They asked him the questions during the wellness check: do you want to kill yourself or harm others? My brother saw what was happening and didn't want to be held in a mental health institution. He was sick not stupid. He said no. And again no. Until he said yes.

He was taken to the hospital to where he was transferred to a mental health institution. During his stay there, he didn't sleep or eat for an entire week. He got worse. And to top it off, the doctor only saw him for 5 minutes and did not get a diagnosis for him. He no longer speaks. He only sits in his chair, broken, breathing, but lifeless.

During the wellness checks, my brother feared law enforcement. The first time the cop entered our home to supposedly check on him, the cop looked straight in my eyes and said, "I won't be afraid to use this," all while holding his gun on his hand. On another occasion, they tried to criminalize my brother by demanding us to look through his belongings, as they were sure he had drugs. More specifically, heroine. When he was arrested, they did a drug test which turned negative.

These "wellness" checks didn't help my brother but in fact, made his conditions worse. We must divest money from the police department to redirect it to the proper programs to help our community. Defund the police or we will elect someone who will.

Julissa Ruiz Ramirez

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Angela Rugado <apop18@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** No to de funding our MPD

To whom it may concern, please hear my words and the words of my family. We are a family of police officers and sheriffs. In no way should our city de fund our Police Department and rid of 30 wonderful hard-working men who have taken an oath to protect and serve. As a citizen of Modesto I already don't feel safe enough with all of the criminals that were released due to the Mr. Gavin Newsom and his idiotic thinking. So please keep in mind the civilians of Modesto and our protection.

Thank you

Have a great Day.

Angela Rugado,  
Loan Officer  
Geneva Financial

Contact # (209)206-6834  
NMLS # 1413149

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Trace'e L Harris <tnwharris@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** MPD

Hello City Council and Mayor,

We absolutely support completely staffing the MPD especially during these uncertain times. Losing and/or not filling these crucial jobs will allow more crimes to happen. It's cuts such as these that will push people to move out of Modesto and California to safer areas. Our family is certainly contemplating leaving California.

Thank you for allowing our input.

Harris Family

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Marco Bettencourt <marcopolob@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** No police budget cuts!

To Modesto;

I wanted to voice my opinion. Cutting 30 police officers from our Modesto PD is not what we need in a time like this of ever! I am 100% against cutting police officers we must stand behind our police officers and support them. Our neighborhoods are not safe as it is and cutting more police officers would raise crime and anxiety throughout the city and Modesto.

Marco Bettencourt

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Tori Stall <tori@modexelec.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:53 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Cutting police officers

**Importance:** High

City Council Members,

I am a 33 year resident and business owner in Modesto. I am very concerned to hear that you are considering cutting 30 police positions. We already have one of the highest crime rates in the country for our size city! Community safety should be the number one priority of any city council. Let's not make the mistake other city governments are making and become complacent in thinking that defunding the police department is a wise decision!!! KEEP US SAFE!!!

Thank you,  
Tori Simpson, President  
446 Charity Way  
Modesto, Ca 95356  
209-238-9898



## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Anita <rubioani@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Police Reduction

In regards to reducing Modesto Police Officers, as a community resident I am opposed to this proposal. This would cause a greater risk to our citizens and police officers. Giving those individuals who have criminal activity on their minds an opportunity to take advantage of the situation, knowing that police are under staffed.

A Concerned Citizen

Anita Rubio

Sent from my iPhone

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Clara Silva <silva.c.2001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Hello. My name is Clara Silva and I have been born and raised in Modesto. I care deeply about the effective use of taxpayer money and the effectiveness of our law enforcement's ability to aid justice. I am requesting that every member of the council consider appointing a commission comprised of both city councilmen and members of the community to review alternatives to how the police budget is allocated. I specifically request that the commission review reallocating funding from the police department to other departments that are more adequately equipped to handle certain cases such as mental health crises, homelessness, domestic abuse, and drug abuse. I also specifically request that the commission review the possibility of forming a social worker unit that works hand in hand with the police to be the first responders to such cases (potentially with police back-up). Finally, I request that the issue of appointing such a commission be placed on the next meeting's agenda. Thank you.

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Daley Perry <dhperry13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Tonight's City Council Meeting

City Council Members,

I am writing to you today to oppose classifying the eliminated police positions as frozen and I oppose any policy mandating a minimum number of sworn officers in the police department.

The question we should be asking ourselves right now is what are we willing to do to protect the lives of the BIPOC citizens of this city? Because policing in this country as it is (and as it has always been) has never protected Black and Brown lives the way it protects white lives.

So when the Mayor prioritizes protecting the precious police budget over everything else- what message is he sending? He is saying loud and clear that he values the status quo over actual human lives and chooses to be complacent and complicit and that is not the kind of leadership that is going to lead us into a more just, safe, and equitable future for Modesto.

As a white person, I believe it is up to those of us who are white to SHOW UP for our BIPOC neighbors, LISTEN to what they are telling us, and to TAKE ACTION. It is our duty to work to dismantle racist policies and institutions. On a local level, it means speaking out against a budget like this- that does not reflect a city that is attempting in any way to protect all of its citizens.

Thank you for your time,  
Daley Perry

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Lisa Carlson <lmcarlson11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:49 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Police staffing

The safety of our city is important. We need every single officer to be staffed, not cut. If its overtime that is causing the issue, we definitely need to staff up, not cut our officers. Please, DO NOT CUT EVEN ONE POLICE POSITION!

Lisa M. Carlson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Derek Pendley <derekpendley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings; COUNCIL; Mayor; Mani Grewal; Tony Madrigal; Kristi Ah You; Bill Zoslocki; Jenny Kenoyer; Douglas Ridenour; slopez@modestogove.com  
**Subject:** 30 MPD officer elimination proposal

My name is Derek Pendley and I am a resident of Modesto where I proudly live with my family, the place we call home. I am requesting you look to alternatives to balance the budget.

What I know is that every member of this city wants to feel safe. When times get tough and you are put under pressure, I believe this is when your true character shows. A diamond is produced under extreme pressure. Modesto is under extreme pressure right now; we need to let our true character show. We need to show that Modesto is a diamond. We can do this by showing our officers the support they need when they need it the most. Where some cities are choosing to make a political statement with the lives of officers who have dedicated their lives to protect and serve, we cannot join this list. We need to lead the way and support the MPD. We do not abandon them when they need us the most.

To set aside the political climate, we also need to look at the essential services MPD offers. We need them much more than they need us. Essential services are needed to produce the community we need, so families continue to stay and call Modesto home. Please do not make a decision that will force many families to make a tough decision to move to another city that will put their safety first and continue to provide the essential services they need.



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## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Tina Vera <tinavera1027@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Mayor; Council Meetings; Mani Grewal; Tony Madrigal; Kristi Ah You; Bill Zoslocki; Jenny Kenoyer; Douglas Ridenour  
**Subject:** [BULK] DO NOT Defund the MPD: Here's Why (City Budget Meeting June 30, 2020)  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

[DO NOT Defund the MPD: Here's Why \(City Budget Meeting June 30, 2020\)](#)

Regardless of the minority voices that are shouting out their demands to defund our law enforcement, it would not be in the best interest to our community safety.

The citizens that care about Modesto and the surrounding communities, are NOT in favor of defunding our police. I support police and the community in which they serve.

We should not defund our police department, because according to 2019 crime ratings, Modesto has one of the highest crime rates compared to other communities of all sizes from small towns to the largest cities. One's chance of becoming a victim of either a violent or property crime is 1 in 16.

Modesto statistics indicate that the murder rate is twice as high as the United States average. The rates for armed robbery and assault were almost double the national average.

With this type of rating the City of Modesto must **increase** the budget to create a safer community.

Defunding the police is not the right solution. Training, stringent screening of potential LEO's, independent oversight, are some of the ways that can be implemented. These types of positive solutions will aid our police force to become more acceptable to the masses all a while keeping our community safe.

San Diego knew that defunding the police would not help their community and added \$27 million to \$566 million to the fiscal year budget. They chose to be proactive and not pander to the minority that wants to defund our police. Their decision to prioritize the safety of the community and not to give in to the shouting, the bullying that the minority has exhibited as a "scare" tactic to get their way.

The City of Modesto should do the same. Our police are the first responders, to a broad range of public-safety issues and crime.

Without police in our communities it would not be safe to own a business, live or raise a family here. As angry as a few are at the systematic problems within law enforcement, we must be careful to preserve what is good about the profession and the safety of our citizens. Don't let a few who cry defund the police be the voice of reason.

Crime will not end if we abolish or defund the police. Crime will increase! New York City statistics are a clear indication of what happens to a community left to lawlessness, If police were to be defunded there would be delayed response when people who are in need call 911, fewer police on the street in our neighborhoods and communities, and lack of police capacity to respond to serious crimes that present significant threats to public safety. If we defund the police, those most affected will be the poor.

The wealthy can hire private protection, just as the Minneapolis City Council recently did because they're receiving death threats due to the fact they are dismantling the police. How lucky they are to have that option to hire protection. But where does that leave its citizens, especially those that are poor? They cannot hire private security to protect them.

If Modesto panders to the minority the results would be "catastrophic" we will see an increased crime, victims of crime would be rendered helpless, it will wreak havoc on communities, especially the communities of color, even more so than is already the case.

Together as a community, along with the law enforcement we can build our community and neighborhood to be a safer place to work, own a business, raise a family and visit.

**Supporter of our Law Enforcement and a concerned Modesto Citizen**

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Amber DeBoy <ams122000@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Tonight's City Council Meeting

This is a time that we should be increasing our police force, not diminishing it. Before all of this civil unrest, we already had a huge problem here with crime, mostly related to gangs and drugs. Now we have a new problem with officer safety. Less officers will only make that worse. We need to set a precedent that Modesto is not going along with the ridiculousness that is occurring in our country. This is the most important thing the City Council can fund!

Thank you

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Nick Donegan <nickdonegan23@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** General Fund Cuts and Increases

Please give more detail regarding general fund increases/decreases.

MPD: +\$49,000

Fire: -\$589,000

Public Works: -\$531,000

Parks & Rec: +\$490,000

Community/Economic Development: -\$220,000

City Auditor: -\$35,000

Finance: +\$495,000

HR: -\$65,000

CC: -\$19,000

City Manager: -\$80,000

City Clerk: +\$800,000 (wow!)

General Revenue: +\$30,000

City Attorney: -\$200,000

I eagerly await your response!

Nick Donegan, District 3 citizen

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Derek Pendley <derekpendley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings; COUNCIL; Mayor; Mani Grewal; Tony Madrigal; Kristi Ah You; Bill Zoslocki; Jenny Kenoyer; Douglas Ridenour; slopez@modestogove.com  
**Subject:** Message From A Concerned Modesto Citizen

To: Modesto City Council and Mayor,

My name is Derek Pendley and I am a resident of Modesto, CA where I proudly live with my wife and three children. My wife and I were both born here in Modesto and this is where we have decided to live and raise our children. Both of our extended families are long-time residents of Modesto. This is the place we call home.

It has come to our attention there is a proposal to eliminate 30 MPD positions, some from a hiring freeze as well as some from current officers. I am writing to request that you move any reduction of police funding from the budget, and look to alternative means to solve this budget balancing need. I work in a field where I am well aware of the need to balance a budget and that sometimes you are put in a position where you need to make tough choices; however, with that said, I am requesting that you provide the city manager time to prepare some options and alternatives to this proposal.

In my opinion our city does not have enough officers at the current staffing ratio, so this proposal is unacceptable. What I know is that every member of this city wants to feel safe living here. Under our current political climate we are sending the wrong message whether intentional or unintentional. We as members of our city need to take a stand and let our MPD officers know how much we appreciate and value their service. They go out every day and put their lives on the line, so the least we can do is show them we support them when they need someone to stand up and support them. When times get tough and you are put under pressure, I believe this is when your true character shows. A diamond is produced under extreme pressure and heat. Our City and Nation is under extreme pressure right now, we need to let our true character show right now and show our community, State, and Nation that Modesto is a diamond. We can do this by stepping up and doing the right thing. Showing our officers the support they need when they need it the most. Where some cities are choosing to make a political statement with the lives of officers who have dedicated their lives to protect and serve, we cannot join this list of cities. We need to be trailblazers and trend setters by leading the way to show support to the men and women our MPD officers. We do not abandon them when they need us the most.

To set aside the political climate, we also need to look at the essential services MPD offers. We need them much more than they need us. Under any circumstances we need to find alternative ways to balance the budget that does not affect essential services. Essential services are needed to produce the community we need, so families continue to stay and call Modesto home. Please do not make a decision that will risk many families to make the tough choice to relocate to another city that has made the tough choice to find a way to continue to offer essential services.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Derek Pendley



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## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Jenea Chesnic <calijenea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Budget meeting public comments

Hello,

My name is Jenea Brunton. I am a registered voter here in Modesto. I live at 3712 Dix Ln, Modesto CA 95356.

I expect to call in tonight at 5:30pm to the city council budget meeting for public comment.

Thank you,

Jenea

Sent from my iPhone

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** cetacean16seas <cetacean16seas@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Our police

To whom it may concern,

My family and I want to let it be known that we are U.S. citizens and local Modesto residents who wholeheartedly support our state and local police officers department. We love and appreciate them! We appreciate the work they do to protect our communities, and we do not support defunding them, disrespecting them, or ....devaluing them and the dangerous work many of them do.

We do NOT support the bad actions of a few police officers, and believe those officers who act badly should be dealt with justly. However, we ALSO don't believe a label should be slapped on all because of the sins of a few.

It has come to our attention that there are some folks in our city who want to defund the police and view the entire police force as an inherent evil. We do not agree with that view and want you to know it!!!

In America, when the Constitution is upheld and our God given liberties respected, there should be no fear of good police men and women correctly doing their job to uphold just laws and protect their fellow citizens from violent, dangerous, or otherwise evil actions done by a small percentage of the population.

Please know that when I (Mom) have heard police, firefighters, or ambulance sirens these last few weeks (since the protest & riots that ensued after Floyd's death and the anti-All-police rhetoric that followed as well) I have stopped to thank God for those public servants and pray for them! We need our good police force and want them to stay, not be defunded and/or disbanded.

Yours Truly,  
The Duke family

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Lorenza Figueroa <ljfigueroa67@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:08 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Concerned Resident: Modesto Council

Mayor Brandvold and City Council members,

My name is Lorenza Figueroa, and I am a resident of Modesto, California. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities and an end to racism and anti-Blackness. Based on the population of Modesto, a Black person was 3.1 times as likely to have deadly force used on them than a White person from 2016 - 2018.

At a time when people are calling for an end to racially motivated murders by armed police, in order to reduce police brutality with weapons, there should be a defunding and demilitarization of police. In order for police to be less likely to use deadly force, their access to guns, tear gas, pepper spray and tanks should be limited or completely cut off. After looking at the city's budget, I am appalled to learn that 50% of Modesto's general fund expenses is dedicated to funding the police department with only up to 28% of the budget explicitly dedicated to projects, departments, and programs that invest in community well-being.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise of homelessness in our city and the ongoing problems of access to much needed resources around mental health, healthcare, housing and violence prevention, support for communities in need is necessary-- now more than ever. We demand that the City Council defund the Modesto Police Department, which receives at least \$69.5 Million, and redirect that money to much needed services and resources for our community. I am demanding a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of vulnerable Modesto locals during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being rather than empowering the police.

As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank you for your time,  
Lorenza Figueroa

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Erin O <paws4christ@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:33 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Save our Modesto Police Officers

I am opposed to reducing our police force by 30 officers or even 5 officers. I understand a project or 2 may be delayed until next fiscal year but we cannot afford to lose these men and women. With the current state of our society I believe it would not only hurt moral for our officers and our community but it is also short sighted. If we reduce our Police force, Modesto would soon experience the violence many major cities are now experiencing. Our Community has worked so hard to restore a good reputation along with a safe place to raise families. We cannot afford to lose ground. It would cost 7-10 times more to start again if we lost these officers. Please vote against this and find another way. During times of trouble we need our police strong to show our City is capable of protecting its citizens from those that might think they can take advantage in times of trouble.

Sincerely  
Erin O'Roark  
US Navy Veteran  
Desert Storm 91  
VFW, DAV, CVMA

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Shelby McManus <shelbers0280@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Cutting first responders

Dear City Council of Modesto,

I'm emailing you since we can't be present for tomorrow's meeting in regards to cutting funding to our first responders. This city that I was born and raised in and am now raising my kids in for 40+years needs to realize how valid and important our first responders- police and fire are. They are the ones who day in and day out put their lives on the line to help others, even during this pandemic they go to work everyday not knowing what the day may bring. As a child of a retired Modesto firefighter and now a wife and mother to a firefighter- they need to be recognized and appreciated for their work- this includes police. Getting ready to possibly cut police jobs who in the end protect us all and the firefighters, I ask you to think about this: if you were to have an emergency and need that support and protection and now they aren't there because the jobs were cut- how would that affect you and your family? So I ask you please to not just look at the dollar signs for the city, as hard as that is, but to look at the safety and well being of ALL including you and your family of Modesto citizens and don't cut money from police and fire.

Sincerely,  
Shelby Anderson

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Annette Nuno <annienuno@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:53 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Defund The Police

Mayor Brandvold and City Council members,

My name is Annette Nuño, and I am a resident of Modesto, California. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities and an end to racism and anti-Blackness. Based on the population of Modesto, a Black person was 3.1 times as likely to have deadly force used on them than a White person from 2016 - 2018.

At a time when people are calling for an end to racially motivated murders by armed police, in order to reduce police brutality with weapons, there should be a defunding and demilitarization of police. In order for police to be less likely to use deadly force, their access to guns, tear gas, pepper spray and tanks should be limited or completely cut off. After looking at the city's budget, I am appalled to learn that 50% of Modesto's general fund expenses is dedicated to funding the police department with only up to 28% of the budget explicitly dedicated to projects, departments, and programs that invest in community well-being.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise of homelessness in our city and the ongoing problems of access to much needed resources around mental health, healthcare, housing and violence prevention, support for communities in need is necessary-- now more than ever. We demand that the City Council defund the Modesto Police Department, which receives at least \$69.5 Million, and redirect that money to much needed services and resources for our community. I am demanding a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of vulnerable Modesto locals during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being rather than empowering the police.

As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank you for your time,  
Annette  
Walnut  
annienuno@icloud.com

Sent from my iPhone

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Liz Villasenor <lizvillasenor2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:46 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Defund the police

Mayor Brandvold and City council members,

My name is Lizbet, and I am a resident of Modesto, California. This nation has a history of racism that still goes on today which targets the Black and Brown community. We the people of Modesto are demanding the council members and mayor to defund the police. You say that the police serves the people but why do the people feel so attacked and afraid of the police?

You stop crime sure, when it already has happened but who stops it from starting? You should but you don't how do you use 50% of Modesto budget on police when you neglect other sections. You forget you serve the people. We aren't being served. I urge you to change your plan defund the police or face leaving office. We the people have had enough you either change now or get ready for elections. We won't stand with a government that won't help its people. We need better programs for our children, we need mental health care, we need real trained emergency teams, healthcare, housing and violence prevention, support for communities in need is necessary-- now more than ever. How is it possible for the police to get nearly \$65.4 millions while teachers have to use their own money to buy their students school supplies? This election we have high school graduates who grew up with very little resources and whose teachers used personal money and events to pay for school supplies, these young adults are who you neglected. How dare you do this to us? We are the future and we won't let this injustice continue, our voices will be heard this election.

We demand a budget that supports community well-being rather than empowering the police. I'm asking you major, council members from districts 1, 3 and 6 you either make a plan that BENEFITS the COMMUNITY as a whole including the Brown and Black COMMUNITY or get ready to be kicked out of office during the elections.

Lizbet Villasenor

[lizvillasenor2@gmail.com](mailto:lizvillasenor2@gmail.com)

Modesto Ca 95351

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** 378871 - Lizbet <378871@monet.k12.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 8:15 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Defund the Police

Mayor Brandvold and City Council members,

My name is Ebelin V and I am a resident of Modesto, California. This past week, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities and an end to racism and anti-Blackness. Based on the population of Modesto, a Black person was 3.1 times as likely to have deadly force used on them than a White person from 2016 - 2018.

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Thank you for your time,  
Ebelin Villasenor

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Marco Romo Gonzalez <mromo1@csustan.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 6:40 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Hello, my name is Marco Romo.

I sent an email regarding agenda item #8 last week and my public comment was not accounted for.

I am writing this email to demand that I and other constituents have the ability to call into city council meetings for public comment, as mine was disregarded.

Additionally I would like to very much demand that the city budget consider an actively engaged approach to defunding the Modesto PD.

I demand that the 20 vacant law enforcement positions be eliminated and funds be repurposed and invested in community-based responses.

The discrepancies of funding that the current PD receives and the lack of investment in our communities for their betterment is outrageous. We should move in a direction where policing is no longer required because we have addressed the root of problems that need policing.

It is time that you care for and listen to those you are intended to serve. Defunding the police is a step in the right direction for creating a space where poverty isn't criminalized, and community members have access to equal and fair opportunities. Why do we focus on punishing and criminalizing rather than prevention of further participation in police violence and prisons. Our community's lives are on the line!

It's time to make a change, and the opportunity rests on your shoulders.

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Marco Romo-Gonzalez  
Physics & Ethnic Studies Double Major  
*he/him & they/them*

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Shel Thompson <shelthor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Fwd: Police cuts in budget

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**From:** **Shel Thompson** <[shelthor@gmail.com](mailto:shelthor@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 4:00 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Police cuts in budget  
**To:** <[ccmeetings@modesto.gov](mailto:ccmeetings@modesto.gov)>

Re sending my letter.

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**From:** **Shel Thompson** <[shelthor@gmail.com](mailto:shelthor@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:09 PM  
**Subject:** Police cuts in budget  
**To:** <[ccmeeting@modestogov.com](mailto:ccmeeting@modestogov.com)>

Chief Carroll endorsed shifting certain routine duties from officers trained to protect and serve ( starting salary \$72,000 ( \$36 per hour plus benefits) to cadets and community service officers in Kevin Valine's article June 28.

August 1994, the Bureau of Justice produced the 69 page "Understanding Community Policing, A Framework For Action" that details why accessible beat cops, informal neighborhood sub stations, and lowering tensions by replacing weaponized police driving armored tanks with alternative personnel works where appropriate.

When individuals know someone, respect ensues because people tend toward reason one on one.

Additionally, please consider replacing armed uniformed presence in schools with personable, articulate, young role model men and women ( fit, attractive, skilled in defusing, empathetic, also adept in judo) phone equipped to summon nearby substation backup when necessary.

The right people will reduce that last choice option.

Too many students have no one to talk with, respect, or emulate in this isolated era, and this is one way to fix that.

MPD seems efficient with civil caring individuals, but now is the time to get better, more cost effective, and transparently open to dialogue with the citizenry representing equal justice and respectful application of law at all times.

This is regrettably a suspicious era of "What's in it for me?"

Everyone must give some and start communicating.

Using stimulus funds for over time is bad messaging.

Hire lower paid specialist communicators for domestic violence and allow the armed pros to deal with bad actors.

Shel Thompson

425 Buena Vista, Modesto Ca 95354

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** elizabeth v <lizziev789@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT-Budget

My name is Elizabeth Velasquez and I am a resident of District 1.

I'm writing this email to urge council members to remember their oath to the people they represent. We demand that you fund our city to thrive. That means completely revamping the budget to reflect the dire need for social services and education in our city. Investing in our communities will inevitably circumvent the need for such a gargantuan police budget.

A certain mayoral candidate recently said that "we don't want those problems to come into our neighborhood" but those problems are already here. I see constant reminders that the city is dealing with an opioid epidemic yet services are underfunded and overwhelmed. Our education system is underfunded and overwhelmed. It takes police officers to respond to a mental health crisis that could have been prevented had our behavioral health not had a waitlist that is 5 weeks long.

If we want to see real change we need to focus on the sickness, not the symptoms or we will never get better as a community.

It all starts with the budget, and with all of you elected officials.

I'm counting on you, Mr. Grewal to listen to the people NOW or you will hear from us on November 3rd.

Do the right thing.

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** David Angulo <davidtibbittsangulo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Council Meetings; Kristi Ah You; Mayor; Joe Lopez; DeAnna Christensen  
**Subject:** Modesto City Budget

My name is David Tibbitts Angulo, and I am a resident of Modesto, California. These past few weeks, our nation has been gripped by protests calling for rapid and meaningful reevaluation of the role of policing in our communities and an end to racism and anti-Blackness. Based on the population of Modesto, a Black person was 3.1 times as likely to have deadly force used on them than a White person from 2016 - 2018. At a time when people are calling for an end to racially motivated murders by armed police, in order to reduce police brutality with weapons, there should be a defunding and demilitarization of police. After looking at the city's budget, I am appalled to learn that for the proposed city budget 46.7% of Modesto's general fund expenses is dedicated to funding the police department with only up to 28% of the budget explicitly dedicated to projects, departments, and programs that invest in community well-being. We demand that the City Council defund the Modesto Police Department, which is proposed to receive \$72.6 million, and redirect that money to much needed services and resources for our community. As the City Council, the budget proposal is in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank you for your time,  
David Tibbitts Angulo  
302 Gayle Ave, Modesto, CA 95350  
[davidtibbittsangulo@gmail.com](mailto:davidtibbittsangulo@gmail.com)  
(209) 226-8004

## Stephanie Lopez

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**From:** Lagomatics <msrlagos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Item: Hearing to consider and approve the Final Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21...

I request that the following comment be publicly read and entered into the record:

In his Final Budget Modifications letter dated June 26, 2020 the Mayor communicated his intent to make motions that would "freeze" 30 police officer positions and institute a policy mandating a minimum number of officer positions. The mayor is aware of the movement to defund the Modesto Police Department and I believe these motions are intended to bureaucratically block the community's current and future efforts to achieve defunding. Furthermore, I take exception to his crediting police staffing for our avoidance of the "mayhem" that other cities have seen without acknowledging the role of the community. Community organizers and community members have insisted on peaceful and respectful demonstrations and held each other accountable. He also gives no credit to the respect, compassion, and professionalism our police officers have shown their community. The language used in his letter is irresponsible because, intentional or not, it implies that the Americans exercising their constitutional right to freely assemble are inherently violent and are only stopped by police. That is untrue and is an attack on the character of Modestans. I urge the Mayor to abandon these motions and if he does not, I implore the City Council Members to vote against them.

Roxi Lagos, Modesto, District 1

**Stephanie Lopez**

**From:** Cameron Duquette <cameron.john.duquette@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:03 PM  
**To:** Council Meetings  
**Subject:** Budget Meeting Comment

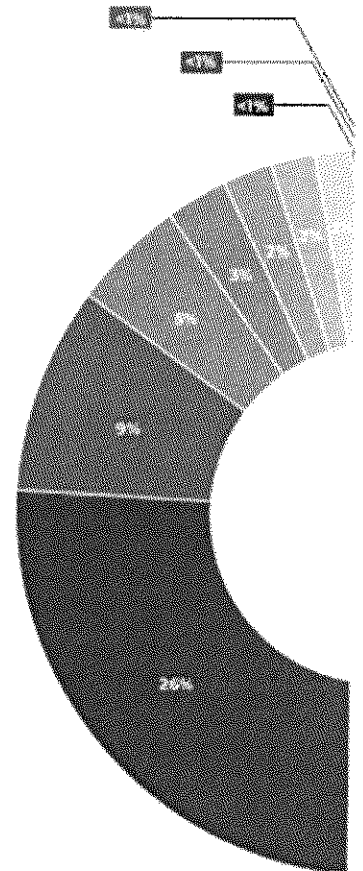
Hello, I would urge the city to cut police spending drastically. 50% of the cities expenditures for just police is insane, while our schools don't have the resources that they need. I urge for at least a 50% reduction in police spending or the total abolishment of MPD and to reinvest the money into the community. We have such a large homeless population and nothing ever seems to be done, we must cut the funding of police and invest it to the areas where it is needed more.

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**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

**TOTAL EXPENSES | \$138M**

POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$69.5M
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$15.9M
PARKS, RECREATION & NEIGHBORHOODS	\$12.0M
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$5.4M
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	\$5.3M
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	\$2.8M
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	\$2.1M
GENERAL DEPARTMENT	\$1.9M
PUBLIC WORKS	\$528K
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE	\$506K
CITY COUNCIL	\$431K
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$291K
CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE	\$350K
TRANSFERS OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND	\$7.7M
VARIABLE NET SAVINGS	(\$7.7M)



**Stephanie Lopez**

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**From:** Rita Costilla <verikool1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:55 PM  
**To:** Mayor; Council Meetings; Mani Grewal; Tony Madrigal; Kristi Ah You; Bill Zoslocki; Jenny Kenoyer; Douglas Ridenour  
**Subject:** [BULK] DO NOT Defund the MPD: Here's Why (City Budget Meeting June 30, 2020)  
**Importance:** Low

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

**DO NOT Defund the MPD: Here's Why (City Budget Meeting June 30, 2020)**

Regardless of the minority voices that are shouting out their demands to defund our law enforcement, it would not be in the best interest to our community safety.

The citizens that care about Modesto and the surrounding communities, are not in favor of defunding our police.

Why we should not defund our police department, because according to 2019 crime ratings Modesto has one of the highest crime rates compared to other communities of all sizes from small towns to the largest cities. One's chance of becoming a victim of either a violent or property crime is 1 in 16.

Modesto statistics indicate that the murder rate is twice as high as the United States average. The rates for armed robbery and assault were almost double the national average.

With this type of rating the City of Modesto must **increase** the budget to create a safer community.

Defunding the police is not the right solution. Training, stringent screening of potential LEO's, independent oversight, are some of the ways that can be implemented. These types of positive solutions will aid our police force to become more acceptable to the masses all a while keeping our community safe.

San Diego knew that defunding the police would not help their community and added \$27 million to \$566 million to the fiscal year budget. They chose to be proactive and not pander to the minority that wants to defund our police. Their decision to prioritize the safety of the community and not to give in to the shouting, the bullying that the minority has exhibited as a "scare" tactic to get their way.

The City of Modesto should do the same. Our police are the first responders, to a broad range of public-safety issues and crime.

Crime will not end if we abolish or defund the police. If police were to be defunded there would be delayed response when people who are in need call 911, fewer police on the street in our neighborhoods and communities, and lack of police capacity to respond to serious crimes that present significant threats to public safety. If we defund the police, those most affected will be the poor.

The wealthy can hire private protection, just as the Minneapolis City Council recently did because they're receiving death threats due to the fact they are dismantling the police. How lucky they are to have that option to hire protection. But where does that leave its citizens, especially those that are poor? They can not hire private security to protect them.

Without police in our communities it would not be safe to own a business, live or raise a family here. As angry as a few are at the systematic problems within law enforcement, we must be careful to preserve what is good about the profession and the safety of our citizens. Don't let a few who cry defund the police be the voice of reason.

If Modesto panders to the minority the results would be "catastrophic" we will see an increased crime, victims of crime would be rendered helpless, it will wreak havoc on communities, especially the communities of color, even more so than is already the case.

Together as a community, along with the law enforcement we can build our community and neighborhood to be a safer place to work, own a business, raise a family and visit.

**Supporter of our Law Enforcement and a concerned Modesto Citizen**