

Janine Vicalvi

Hello Mr. Hanlon,

I am writing to you today as a concerned Allentown resident. I live in the west end in a home I purchased in 2012. I immediately installed an ADT alarm system as a home security method. I have lived in this house with both my son's father as well as alone and with my new husband. There have been many times I have been most thankful for the alarm system as well as our amazing police force, firefighters and EMT's.

Though I do not wish to express my personal situations in this letter, (My last correspondence to Amy Zanelli was published on her facebook page.) I have on multiple occasions required police assistance and it was always provided in a safe and responsible manner. I, personally have seen the community involvement from Glenn Granitz, our esteemed and well liked Chief along with Superintendent Parker working to unite the community via the pals program and basketball events throughout the city schools. We are not and should not try to become an LA, Chicago or NYC where children are killed in the park and in their beds due to "peaceful protestors".

We need to support our police and provide any trainings that would be helpful. Obviously, officers should not be able to abuse that power and I am unclear on the full reporting system. I would not comment at this time regarding those issues. We should not manifest efforts to defund or abolish them, rather honor and respect them for the work they do each and everyday.

I have expressed these feelings to Cynthia Mota, Ce-Ce Gerlach, Josh Seigel and Ed Zucal. They know who I am if you need residence verification. I can't risk my address being published online. I hope that my husband Jack also writes to you, as he and I both have the utmost respect for the work done by our Allentown Police Department.

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Jane E. Heimbecker, MAS

2145 W. Highland St.

Good Morning, Mr. Hanlon-

I am aware the City Council will meet on July 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the incident which occurred in front of Sacred Heart Hospital on July 11,2020. I watched the entire video and was very impressed with the way the Allentown Police handled the situation. We are very fortunate to have great police in our city.

How about the Council **COMMENDS the POLICE** for their controlled response instead of creating division. I'm wondering how you would've reacted had someone high on drugs, who just vomited all over the place spit in your face. The police and medical personnel from the hospital were trying to provide assistance and did not over react even though the individual was clearly resisting.

You have the power to bring this city together. The more you play into restrictions to the police, the more crime will escalate. Look at the conditions in Portland, Chicago, and New York. I've lived here my whole life – for the well being of Allentown please support our police. Thank you

*Have a wonderful day!*

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As a concerned business owner and citizen of Allentown, I am totally against this effort to defund The Allentown Police Force.

Thank You, A concerned citizen

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We are totally against defunding the APD

Gerlach and Spiegel better hope they never need to call them. We hope the citizens of Allentown remember their actions when it's time to vote and vote them OUT!

Back the Blue instead of attack the Blue

Sharon and Woody Benner

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Vanesa Peakcock

Please. We need you fellas We are lost without you. You all, the police department does an exceptional job. Please don't let these crazy anti police discredit your work. We depend on you. You keep us safe and do your job to the best of your ability. These pansy as people, as my dad would say don't deserve your time. You are valuable to our community Please keep serving!!

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J. Romero

Resident of Allentown, PA.

Hello Mr. Hanlon

I am writing to you to share my thoughts on the subject of defunding the police

- 1- I don't agree with defunding the Police.
- 2- I prefer if funding is given to the police for better defusing or de escalating training
- 3- I believe their should be an effort in integrating more minority officers.
- 4- I think it would be better to create community involving events to connect the police with its community.
- 5- Last but not least, I strongly belief candidates for becoming police officer must go through strict psychological testing, and continuous follow ups to make sure all are in conditions to deal with the stress the job creates.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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Tom Soul

Allentown City Council:

My name is Tom Soul and I am an Allentown resident residing in the 8<sup>th</sup> ward. I have been so situated since 2007. At the last city council meeting, resident observers were made to endure the chattering buzz of radical ideologues parroting two form letters that were likely drafted by an adjunct sociology professor at Muhlenberg college. For nearly two hours, tax payers were forced to listen to the same verbiage, cut, copied and pasted by children receiving extra credit for Xeroxing such drivel. Eight out of ten of these letters were from residents at the 2400 block of Chew street – Muhlenberg College- that I'd add are protected during the semester via extra duty assignments by the very Allentown Police Officers some of them have sought to vilify. It is my sincere hope my letter receives the same attention as did their little homework assignment.

I will not belabor the St. Luke's Hospital incident except to say that; since the last council meeting the District Attorney's Office, after an independent investigation, has decided there would be no charges against the officers and the Allentown Police Department has decided no policies were violated. In the interim, however, it has come to my attention that, at least two City Council Members, Ce-Ce Gerlach and Joshua Siegel, were seen marching with "Black Lives Matter" activists chanting "fuck the police." The obvious impropriety of such behavior on the part of a sitting city council person needs no further discussion. And neither does the 8 second head (NOT NECK!) restraint that was used by the Allentown officer. What is necessary, and I hope you'll permit me, is a closer examination of the underlying ideology that motivated two city council persons to turn their backs on their own police force in the absence of any evidence whatsoever.

For weeks Allentown residents, via a 20 second cell phone clip, were made to believe that one of their own had narrowly dodged the fate of George Floyd, the black man extinguished on the side of the road via nine minutes of asphyxiation in Minnesota. Moving forward, and to provide context for the next use of force incident – and there will be one – it is imperative that these two city council persons are educated about the rarity of a George Floyd and are censured for their deliberate and political misrepresentation of the facts in the Allentown incident. In interest of that...

In 2015 The Washington Post -hardly a bastion of conservatism – began tracking police involved killings in the U.S. There are approximately 330 million citizens in the United States. African Americans make up about 13 percent of that, about 43 million people.

Last year in 2019, according to the Washington Post, **EXACTLY NINE UNARMED** African Americans were killed by police officers and a substantial majority of those nine were actively fighting the officer -who is armed- at the time they were shot. That's .0000021 percent of the population. To say George Floyd -while tragic- was an anomaly would be an understatement. And yet, for two weeks "Black Lives Matter" activists descended on our fine City and were joined by Joshua Siegel and Ce-Ce Gerlach in painting one of our officers as a murderous racist in the total absence of any facts and without the benefit of any review of relevant policies and procedures.

Allentown tax payers should demand immediate censure of Ce-Ce Gerlach and Joshua Siegel and I believe council in its entirety should be forced to review the Black Lives Matter website whereby they will formulate a better understanding of the socialist ideological machine they will be forced to contend with in the coming years. To wit, an excerpt from their own website...

***"we disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable."***

Absent – as is the case in so many dysfunctional households regardless of race- is any mention of a father. This is no accident. And neither is their total misrepresentation of the men and women that swear an oath to protect majority minority cities like Allentown. I demand an immediate public apology from both Ce-

Ce Gerlach and Joshua Siegel for their reckless conduct and blatant disregard for the safety of Allentown's finest.

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Harry Balsogna

Allentown, PA

City Council,

As a long time resident of the City of Allentown, I am appalled by the actions of Councilman Siegel. Not only was his condemnation of the actions of the fine Allentown Police department misguided, but further investigation and video of the incident lead to proving him an outright liar.

Furthermore, I find it appalling that he, who appears he could not fight his way out of a wet paperbag, wants to defund and eliminate the police. Mr. Siegel appears to live quite a sheltered life in the basement of his parents house. He should realize that the only thing keeping him from being a statistic is the police force.

I hope the veteran members of council can talk some sense into Mr. Siegel, and let him know that his opinions of the police do not represent his constituents.

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John T. Rosey

City Council,

As a Muhlenberg alum I took great pride in hearing from current Muhlenberg students last council meeting. It reminds me of my days in Guy Ramma Guy, where our rallying cry was Baba Booeey! It was the same belief that we could make a difference to our community back in the 1980's that is seen in the current students.

That being said, I am appalled at the current state of academia at the college. Any professor that would push his or her students to submit a form letter decrying the actions of the police before all facts are known is a disgrace to the profession. Furthermore, I am quite dismayed that the students do not have an opinion of their own.

It is people like police officers, EMS, fire and hospital staff that will keep these soon to be student sheep from being slaughtered by the wolves. I would hope the students and professors were smart enough to make a thorough investigation before making their unsubstantiated claim of police brutality known, unfortunately a lot must have changed since I went to school.

I commend the actions of all emergency workers, and decry the abhorrent rhetoric that councilpersons Siegel and Gerlach have aimed at the police department.

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Craig M. Aschmeyer

Baba Booeey! As a lifelong Allentown resident and Muhlenberg alum, I am following the current study body in voicing my opinion to city council over the police use of force incident.

However, unlike the current students, I am not appalled nor do I call for the defunding of the police. I also think that the actions and statements of Gerlach and Siegel prove that they are both mental midgets and lack any professionalism. Both have no business being on city council whatsoever.

If the police are defunded, are Siegel and Gerlach going to volunteer their services? All they want is more money for their pet projects. More money for homeless, more money on mental health and drug addiction. Have either of them walked through the city they represent?

Leave your parents' basement and walk downtown. Not the JB Reilly downtown, a few blocks north of there. Then tell me that less money for the police is what this city needs as drug addled losers stumble like zombies in the middle of traffic. Try grabbing a bus at LANTA. It is appalling to see the level of overdoses and people passed out on benches. Please tell me what Siegel and Gerlach's plan is to help them, besides more money.

Allentown once was a great city. Now it is overrun with drug addicts, homeless and crime. Defunding the police is not the answer. Police are not responsible for the numerous mistakes these people have made. The citizens of Allentown are not responsible either.

Don't compromise our safety and happiness over your rush to judgement of a 9 second cell phone video. Once all of the facts were made available, the District Attorney and Police Department completed thorough investigations and found no wrong doing. I am still waiting for an apology from Gerlach and Siegel for their incorrect rush to judge the actions of the officers involved.

The Police Department is the only thing keeping the citizens of Allentown safe, not more money for useless studies and committees that make the city council feel good.

I wish all first responders safety,

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M. Dave

Dear Mayor and City Council members of Allentown,

I'm writing this letter in response to City Council making decisions on defunding the police.

If you want to criticize an honorable profession such as being a law enforcement officer, you need to first take a deep look at yourself. Are you okay with being cursed at, spit on and criticized all the time but having to remain professional? I'm sure that the honest answer is "no", so don't kid yourself otherwise.

To the two supposedly "council members" that protest and say "fuck the police", I'd like for you to work one day as a police officer so you can see what really happens in everyday life instead of your make believe world. I'm sure you wouldn't be able to last a day due to your own crippling fears. It's okay though, police officers even though the threat of death is at their door everyday, they continue to do the job courageously in order to compensate for your weaknesses. To those two city council members, I was born and raised in Allentown and I guarantee that you were not due to your opinions. You think defunding the police will "cure" all. Well much to your ignorance, I don't see a newly graduated or even seasoned social worker will be able to keep engaged in conversation with someone that is intoxicated with drugs on top of having mental breakdown. Good luck with that!

As an Allentonian, I support the Allentown police officers. To those that try to condemn the Allentown police due to their involvement in an incident earlier this month, they are just plain ignorant. Before gathering all the facts and watching a full video, instead of a 9 second transmission from a nosey passerby, you want to voice your opinions. That shows extreme unprofessionalism and ignorance, but I guess it doesn't take much nowadays- a few hundred votes- to become a City Council member. I'm glad that the District Attorney found no wrongdoing in those Allentown officers.

Walking the streets of Allentown everyday, I feel safe and protected knowing that the Allentown police are a call away. My experience with the police have been nothing less than beneficial. They make me feel safe and part of a larger family.

I support the Police and the Thin Blue Line. I thank them for their hard work in tumultuous times and for keeping strong. I pray for them and their families!

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Sue Hirst

CeCe Gerlach and Josh Siegel Should be representing our city in a better way along with upholding the laws of this City! Trying to defund our police would only be hurting our city greatly, it is at this time we need to stand up for our police department and the laws of this city to get control of the people that feel as though laws are not needed! Our Country is fallen apart and at this time it is at a city level we need to regain Law and Order so that people can live their lives and go on with enjoying their families and not have to worry about who is going to be out there to protect them! We are a part of the Greatest Country in the World and we need to start acting like it! Whatever happened to the Sticks and Stones can break my bones but names could never hurt me! Everyone is acting like crybabies over the smallest issue, they don't like a

statue, they don't like a name, they don't like a cartoon, it's getting to be ridiculous where do we end this!

Beverly Moyle

I think that it is a very bad idea. I come to Allentown to shop and also drive through Allentown. I would NOT feel safe if the Police Department was defunded. Please reconsider this idea.

Thank you for your time.

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Heather Trumbo

Please do not vote to defunding the APD. I do not feel safe traveling through your city as it is.

I recently moved out of Allentown because of the crime and shootings. If you defund the APD I will conduct my business in a town that values the safety of the public. Its a shame you would even think about making thw PPL center and downtown less safe for visitors

Dont do this.

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Suzanne Prebosnyak

Dear Mr. Hanlon,

It is my understanding that many members of your community are calling on the city to defund the police. I have also come to learn, to my surprise, that some council members are in favor of "defunding the police" as well, which I find appalling to say the least.

I do not reside in the City of Allentown, but I do reside in a neighboring township and have come to love what the City of Allentown has to offer. Once the revitalization of the city began, it became my destination for dining, socializing and attending all types of events. I can tell you, I do not feel unsafe walking to the PPL center in the evening with my children because of the police presence.

I am also employed by a business that operates in the city. This business heavily relies on the support and protection provided by the great women and men of the Allentown Police Department.

These officers of the APD put their lives on the line every single day! They serve the community with honor, dignity and respect. They are nothing short of heroes in my opinion.

Defunding the police in any fashion will, without a doubt have grave and lasting effects on the community.

These individuals calling for the swift defunding of the police will come to realize very quickly that they clearly didn't think through the details when they jumped on this bandwagon of absurdity. The first time they find themselves in a situation where they truly need the police, be it a missing child, a



robbery/burglary, a medical emergency, an assault, the list goes on and on, that is when they will realize and it will be too late!

Every business within your city limits may as well lock their doors forever, every family with young children and every elderly citizen should begin to seek new residence outside of your city if this defunding is actually a possibility. Law abiding citizens will not be safe and citizens of neighboring communities will not be safe visiting your city.

I sincerely hope that every member of the city council considers the grave and lasting effects that will loom over the city for years and years to come, if they do in fact vote to defund the police.

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Karl Monroe:

Please no to the defunding proposal. It's dangerously short sighted and punitive in a destructive way to the already thinly-stretched force. It's not a perfect organization, but it has a real tough job to do and I'm thankful for them.

My sister lives on Walnut street, so I am a visitor to your fair city. From what has already happened to her and her property in the past five years, I couldn't imagine the chaos that would ensue with a defunded, demoralized police force!

Hoping reason returns soon to all America,

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Meghan Brubaker [meghan.ds05@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.ds05@gmail.com)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that a pocket of people in Allentown have jumped on the recent trend of calling for their city to "defund the police." Sadly, I understand a few members of city council have joined this group as well. These members should not be considered leaders in the community or a voice for most people in and around Allentown when taking such a stance.

I attended college in Allentown, and worked and resided in Allentown for much of my adult life. I continue to enjoy patronizing the city's restaurants, small businesses and sporting venues; many of the parks in the city are my favorite places to exercise. I have always found the presence of the police in the city to be comforting. I feel safe downtown or alone in a park because I know the police are often present or nearby.

I am also aware through my experiences living and working in a city that many police calls do not generate any use of force or even an arrest. I know that police in Allentown are trained to work with the mindset of fitting into a community. It is unfortunate that an officer is often the first person to respond to situations that might be better suited for a social worker or mental health professional, but defunding police is not going to make those or other crisis resources the first response in that type of scenario. I understand that it's trendy and popular right now to take to various social media platforms and call to defund a brutal police department. That is not a real problem in Allentown, and it's unfortunate that a few people with a very limited understanding of an officer's career are going along with the trend. The

motivation of a private citizen could be anywhere on a broad spectrum, but any so-called "leader" undercutting the value of the police department in the city of Allentown is certainly only using the idea for their own personal gain. If they truly had the city's best interests in mind they are in a great position to speak directly with actual community leaders, leadership in the police department, and the departments they prefer to see in the forefront (mental health and crisis resources, etc). A true leader who actually perceives a problem in their city would take a constructive approach to helping all the city's resources work in concert, rather than simply tear down the healthy and vital tool that is Allentown's Police Department. Do not entertain the notion that defunding Allentown's Police would solve any problems or create a more harmonious community. It is a dangerous idea that would certainly go the other way, taking away or constricting a valuable and accessible community resource.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

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Jeff Barber, letter of support for police, notes call for defunding is small minority

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Nicos Elias

**Nicos C. Elias Funeral Home, Inc.**

*at the General Harry Trexler Estate*

1227 Hamilton Street

Allentown, PA 18102

Hello,

As an Allentown business owner, I want to express my opposition to any attempt to "defund" the Allentown police department. This is a short-sighted knee jerk reaction to a few incidents that came to the forefront recently. Of course there are some bad actors in law enforcement, as there are in my business, and in every career. Police need more funding, not less or you will see a sharp rise in crime and lawless behavior.

I worked in Allentown's 911 Center (Comm Center) in the 80's and 90's, Allentown Fire Police, and I'm on the board of Western Salisbury Fire Company. I can tell you that we have a very good police chief and a department to be proud of, please don't punish them for the wrongdoings of others.

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Don Ringer,

"In response to siegel and gerlach, I watched the video, i saw no abuse The DA saw no abuse, People that work at St Lukes saw no abuse. When will the clowns be made to make a public apolgy for what the said to our police department?

It about time the city council stand up for what is right and have some guts to put them in their place"

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Kim Martin

Dear Mayor O'Connell and Allentown City Council Members:

I am writing to you to express my desire to continue to fully fund the Allentown Police. Our police have a very difficult job, and should be applauded, not besmirched.

We have a group of people that want to dismantle our police departments just when we need them the most. We have people going through city streets (maybe not our city) rioting and looting, and causing major problems with obstructing traffic and scaring peaceful citizens. With a governor like Wolf, this could be coming to our city any day. I'm guessing those who want to defund police, are those who want to commit crimes without any repercussions. The majority of Americans see nothing wrong with the way police conduct business. People who commit crimes should expect police to come down hard on them.

We have seen some police acting badly, but in any group you will have some bad apples. We have to have the ability to get rid of bad apples, and this can be done by working with the police unions. The vast majority of police are kind, helpful, and want to get rid of crime (as we all should want).

I urge you NOT to defund the police. We need them for every theft, rape, murder, and more.

Another note, I have seen only one police officer in a car at a time. I think each car should have two police officers so one can be watching the other's back.

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July 27, 2020

Dear Mr. Hanlon and the Allentown City Council:

I do not believe that de-funding our Allentown Police Department will solve the issues that are plaguing our communities in Allentown. I have been a resident of Allentown since 1992 and a home owner on S. Lafayette Street from 1993-2004. I have also owned my primary home at 1124 W. Walnut Street since 1996 and watched as our neighborhood went from a rich, lively, fun community to one that regularly experiences thefts, vandalism, drug dealing, violence, and death. We have always had a community organization and the police never failed to attend the meetings. However, I know that they have been struggling to prioritize what crimes they must investigate. I don't believe they are even staffed well enough to run any crime prevention programs...let alone deal with the crime on our streets currently.

During my time at this address, the following things have personally happened to my husband and me, or one of our boarding house tenants:

1. Brick thrown through window, first floor, breaking window and light fixture.
2. Car stolen from our driveway, then later found and towed to A-1 storage – where I had to pay to get it out of storage.

3. Van tires flattened – all four – while it was sitting in our driveway.
4. A tenant's car was set on fire and completely destroyed in our back-parking area.
5. A man followed me to my house and exposed himself to me on our front walkway.
6. At least 3 packages, furniture, and a plant have been stolen from our front porch.
7. As for the drug activity, we see many locations around us with very busy in and out foot traffic and people even parking in our driveway – it is all around us.

In each case we have called the police. An officer has always come to take a statement. There has never been a resolution to any of these crimes...and I don't think it's for lack of trying. I don't think we have enough officers. And I also think it's because the officers aren't living in the community with us where they can have an ear to the ground. I know there are some that do live in Allentown; however, I believe we need many more officers and living in our communities to keep us safe.

Please don't take money from the police...we need good men and women who are willing to take risks to protect us and who will be rewarded—with their families-- after serving bravely and faithfully for their 25 years. Yes, our communities need programs and funds too – but this is not the way to get that money.

Thank you,



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1124 W Walnut Street | Allentown, PA 18102

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*Jerry Steward*

My name is Jerry Steward and I am a resident of Center Valley. I work in Allentown. My address is 1455 Station Ave, Bethlehem, PA. I am writing to support resolution R86. Oversight, accountability, and defunding the police are overdue in Allentown as we saw in the video from July 11. Especially important are the recommendations to suspend officers suspected of violating the use of force policy, to require officers to intervene when they see excessive force being used, and to give misuse of force situations to the attorney general. Most of all, I support a significant shift of funding away from the police budget and toward community interventions like health, housing, infrastructure, and education. City Council must pass the resolution with this language intact, and then implement a serious plan for moving funds away from the Allentown Police Department. Police brutality cannot continue to be a reality in Allentown. Make it clear that Black Lives Matter to our elected representatives.

-- please count our vote to NOT defund the police.

Tara and William Paletski

4120 Primrose Dr.

Allentown PA 18104

Jodi Eichler-Levine

My name is Jodi Eichler-Levine and I am a resident of Upper Macungie. My address is 306 Blue Sage Drive, Allentown, PA. I am writing to support resolution R86. Oversight, accountability, and defunding the police are overdue in Allentown as we saw in the video from July 11. Especially important are the recommendations to suspend officers suspected of violating the use of force policy, to require officers to intervene when they see excessive force being used, and to give misuse of force situations to the attorney general. Most of all, I support a significant shift of funding away from the police budget and toward community interventions like health, housing, infrastructure, and education. City Council must pass the resolution with this language intact, and then implement a serious plan for moving funds away from the Allentown Police Department. Police brutality cannot continue to be a reality in Allentown. Make it clear that Black Lives Matter to our elected representatives.

I spend a good deal of time and money in downtown Allentown, and have even been treated in the hospital where the July 11 video took place. As a white woman, no one questioned why I was there. ALL people should feel safe and welcome in our region.

This is the most disturbing subject I have ever heard! We should be giving our men in blue a raise! They are here for us and keep us safe! Rules are important for keeping peace! There is always a bad cookie in the cookie jar! Doesn't mean we throw them all out! What the heck is wrong with people! Our leaders shouldn't be so easy to push around, grow a set! Back our blue!

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Mr. Hanlon,

I am writing because of my utter distress at the possible actions being taken in an attempt to defund the Allentown Police Department. I do not live in the city, but many of my friends and family live or work in Allentown and the thought of the council further tying the hands of their officers during these difficult times is appalling to me! Who is going to protect your citizens? Defunding the police department because of a few bad apples is ridiculous! How about weeding out those bad apples and letting the fine officers in your employ do their job? Giving 'criminals' the upper hand is NOT the answer to today's racial problems! I feel that meeting somewhere

in the middle would be much more effective and fair to everyone concerned. Part of the problem in this country, as I see it, is that no one is willing to give an inch nor compromise on anything. Let the good officers do their job effectively before you go and get them all killed and the city becomes a free for all, PLEASE!!! I pray for the safety of all of the fine Allentown police force during these trying and scary times. Please don't make it even scarier for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Ann Marie Schwab

My name is Alyssa and I am a resident of Allentown; I am writing to support resolution R86. Oversight, accountability, and defunding the police are overdue in Allentown as we saw in the video from July 11. Especially important are the recommendations to suspend officers suspected of violating the use of force policy. This is not uncommon for professions; as a teacher, this would be policy if an investigation were to occur within our school district. It is also important to require officers to intervene when they see excessive force being used, and to give misuse of force situations to the attorney general. Most of all, I support a significant shift of funding away from the police budget and toward community interventions like health, housing, infrastructure, and education. City Council must pass the resolution with this language intact, and then implement a serious plan for moving funds away from the Allentown Police Department. Police brutality cannot continue to be a reality in Allentown. Our community and our youth deserve better. Make it clear that Black Lives Matter to our elected representatives. This Resolution must be passed.

Hannah Milagio

My name is Hannah Milagio and I am a resident of Allentown. My address is 1921 W Allen St. I am writing to support resolution R86. Oversight, accountability, and defunding the police are overdue in Allentown as we saw in the video from July 11. Especially important are the recommendations to suspend officers suspected of violating the use of force policy, to require officers to intervene when they see excessive force being used, and to give misuse of force situations to the attorney general. Most of all, I support a significant shift of funding away from the police budget and toward community interventions like health, housing, infrastructure, and education. City Council must pass the resolution with this language intact, and then implement a serious plan for moving funds away from the Allentown Police Department. Police brutality cannot continue to be a reality in Allentown. Black Lives Matter, and our City Council members need to show that the safety and well-being of Allentown's Black and Brown residents are important to them.

Josie Sparks

My name is josie and I am a resident of Allentown. I am writing to support resolution R86. Oversight, accountability, and defunding the police are overdue in Allentown as we saw in the video from July 11. Especially important are the

recommendations to suspend officers suspected of violating the use of force policy, to require officers to intervene when they see excessive force being used, and to give misuse of force situations to the attorney general. Most of all, I support a significant shift of funding away from the police budget and toward community interventions like health, housing, infrastructure, and education. City Council must pass the resolution with this language intact, and then implement a serious plan for moving funds away from the Allentown Police Department. Police brutality cannot continue to be a reality in Allentown. Make it clear that Black Lives Matter to our elected representatives.

I would also still be demanding the release of the body tape footage from the incident on July 11th.

I would very much so like to speak on the voter suppression that took place in the valley and 100% back Enid Santiago in her fight to be on the ballot this November. I a Puerto Rican woman from Allentown want to see myself in our state reps. Please give her the chance she deserves & her rightful place on the ballot.

Lastly Mx I would like to say that Daryl Hendricks should resign immediately, his response to the incident on the 11th alone makes a mockery of the justice system. He does not represent the people of this city he represents the police force he was a member of for many years.

Hashtag Bye Felicia

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