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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Good morning,

I want to comment on the upcoming city budget and plans for surplus money.

I would like to see this money go to the community and the people of this city.

I DO NOT want to see it go to police. Police have no trouble getting their budget. Their budget has risen since Ted Wheeler took office. We need to spend money on the community. Fully fund Portland Street Response, pay for sanitation and bathrooms for homeless camps. Invest in mental health. Invest in our parks. There are lots of places in this city where we need more infrastructure.

Hiring Police officers is not the solution. The Police currently have numerous open positions that they can't fill. Why are we giving them money to fill more positions when they can't fill the openings they have. No other city department gets to expand before they prove they can use the money they have. Why are you wanting to let the Police do that.

Also the plan to rehire people that quit. They quit for a reason. I have heard talk of improving the police department. Hiring the same people back does not change the culture or the police department. It all just feels like a scam.

thank you
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