

## The Defund MPD Coalition

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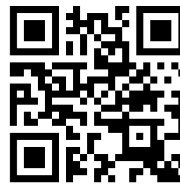


### Our Coalition

We are a Black-led multi-racial coalition of people and organizations in DC, formed in June 2020, who share a common vision of a world that's truly safe for everyone, without police or prisons.

### Our Vision

We demand a three-year transition from policing and oppression to care and freedom by defunding MPD to refund our community.



[defundmpd.org](https://defundmpd.org)

## Housing Justice Means Defunding Police



## Defund MPD and Refund DC

DC has more police per capita than any major US city. It is also one of the most impoverished states in the US. Here's how we can make DC truly safe:

### **R**educe MPD's budget by 50% over the next 3 years

Divert the \$500+ million that MPD gets every year for salaries, overtime & misconduct lawsuits to fight poverty, homelessness, and gun violence.

### **E**ducate with care and compassion

Our kids are being criminalized for just being kids. Let's take cops out of schools to fund teachers, counselors & trauma-informed support.

### **F**und our communities

Invest in health, housing, social services, and reparations to address the root causes of violence. Lift up DC's working-class and low-income communities to make us all safer.

### **U**nify DC with real public safety

Build real safety with non-police 911 responders, and expand violence interruption and harm reduction programs. Decriminalize homelessness, drug use, street vending, sex work, and other means of survival.

### **N**onviolence in all public services

Ban violent and illegal police tactics, like stop-and-frisk, jump-outs, and chemical weapons. Remove cops from traffic & health emergencies.

### **D**emand brave leadership

DC Council must vote "No" on all MPD budget increases, give communities a seat at the table, and implement our proposals, many of which are supported by DC Council's Police Reform Commission and Jails & Justice Task Force.

## Housing Justice Means Defunding Police

You might be wondering, "If we defund police, who will protect us in our homes?" Here's the truth:

- **Safety requires stable housing.** When we have access to affordable, high-quality, and sustainable housing, we are less likely to experience violence, including emotional and sexual abuse. This is especially true for anyone in immediate danger where they sleep at night.
- **Evictions are violent.** Everyone deserves a home, regardless of ability to pay rent. Yet when people can't afford rent, DC and federal cops are called to violently enforce evictions. We'd all be safer if DC reallocated funds from MPD's bloated budget to help people pay rent.
- **LGBTQ+ folks are especially housing vulnerable.** LGBTQ+ people experience higher rates of poverty and homelessness. This destabilizes their lives, putting them at higher risk of facing violence, including police violence. It also makes them more likely to be jailed for just trying to survive (e.g. by selling drugs or engaging in sex work).
- **Unhoused folks are especially vulnerable to police violence.** Cops routinely harass unhoused folks (85% of whom are Black) and violently clear encampments. This winter, the Mayor brought 35+ MPD cops, instead of social workers who have relationships with unhoused folks, to clear an encampment. Meanwhile, a single MPD cop's salary would end chronic homelessness for 3 of our DC neighbors.
- **Police threaten our safety, even in our own homes.** Too often, police violently intrude and kill people in their homes, including when they are asleep (e.g., Breonna Taylor in 2020).

**Bottom line: Effective public safety requires housing, not cops.**

## Join Our Movement

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### 2. Sign our letter

Tell DC Council to Defund MPD:  
[defundmpd.org/take-action](https://defundmpd.org/take-action)

### 3. Organize with us

Join a working group: [bit.ly/DefundWG](https://bit.ly/DefundWG)  
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