

## The Defund MPD Coalition

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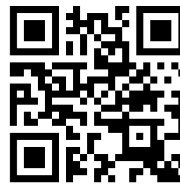


### Our Coalition

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.

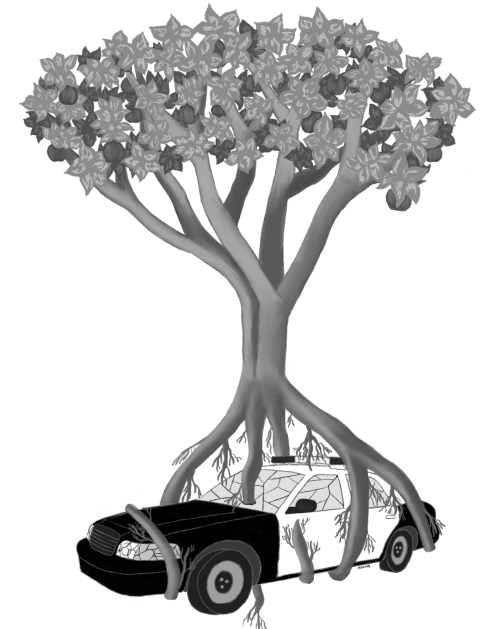
### Our Vision

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



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## Defunding Police is Food Justice



## 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.

## Defunding Police is Food Justice

Defunding police is essential to building a fair food system.

- **Safety means having the right to food.**

We are only safe when our basic needs, like nourishing food and clean drinking water, are met. Hunger is a violent consequence of poverty, but the government criminalizes poverty (using police) instead of addressing it.

- **Policing reduces access to food.**

Growing, buying, and selling food is essential to our survival. But police often surveil, arrest, and jail people for getting or growing food, accessing food assistance, or street vending. Where police presence is highest, food apartheid is starkest.

- **The food industry bankrolls**

**punishment.** Corporations profit from exploiting workers, our communities, and our planet, and from selling us food that makes us sick. Then, they invest those profits in private security, racist policing tech, and pro-cop political donations (Target, Walmart, etc.). They cry "crime wave" as they poison us and steal our wages.

- **Cops can't solve hunger.** MPD uses grocery distributions and food drives as "community policing" publicity stunts. But we should combat the root causes of hunger – poverty and racism.

- **Food and farm workers are especially vulnerable to police violence.** In addition to low pay, few workplace protections, and COVID-19 risks, many folks who work in the food sector are undocumented or have been previously criminalized by the state. This makes them vulnerable to exploitation by corporations and the police.

**Bottom line: Feed the people, defund the police.**

## Join Our Movement

### 1. Get our updates

Instagram: [@defundmpd](https://www.instagram.com/defundmpd)  
Twitter: [@defund\\_mpd](https://twitter.com/defund_mpd)  
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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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### 4. Order Defund MPD Gear

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