

Email/Phone Templates for emailing administrators to support #NUCommunityNotCops, Part II

If no one answers the phone be sure to leave a message!!!

Email/Phone to Craig Johnson, requesting disclosure of NUPD budget

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Email Template:

Dear Craig Johnson,

On June 3rd, 2020, a group of undergraduates and graduate student leaders and organizations published a [letter](#) calling on Northwestern to **invest in life-giving institutions dedicated to Black students and to commit to the health and wellbeing of Black student communities and divest from law enforcement**, including severing ties with the Evanston and Chicago Police Departments and divesting from the Northwestern University Police Department.

As an ***[undergraduate/graduate student/faculty member/staff member]*** at Northwestern, I am greatly concerned by your silence on this letter, which reflects a broader institutional negligence towards the concerns and safety of Black students.

When asked about the school's budget for the police department at the [June 23, 2020 town hall](#), Bruce Lewis responded that he "wasn't sure" and that it was "however much they say they need". At the [July 24, 2020 town hall](#), Provost Kathleen Hagerty stated that "there was no problem with [disclosing] what it is" and that she would share this information after the meeting. Since then, NU Community Not Cops has followed up with Provost Hagerty eight times and has been met with silence. It concerns me that the Police Chief can't say how much his department spends. It concerns me that the Provost has not been able to procure this data over the past month. As the Senior VP

for Business and Finance we ask that you share what the **NUPD budget has been over the past 10 years, what it is for the 2020-21 academic year, and what proportion of the total budget has and will be spent on policing.**

In a [June 14 letter](#) to Northwestern community members, you made multiple commitments toward social justice on this campus including a commitment to “better support Black students, staff, and faculty” by revisiting and addressing the work of past student-led social justice activities. Inherent to this commitment is a promise to fund and support programs that uplift Black students, staff, and faculty on campus. I believe that the best way to support these programs is to reallocate funds from departments that harm Black students, like NUPD, into the many initiatives that Black students have carefully highlighted in letters dating back to 1968.

I urge you to stay true to your commitments by disclosing NUPD’s budget, developing a plan for reallocating funds from NUPD into life-giving programs, and share the plan and timeline with all Northwestern community members.

Signed,
[insert name]

Phone Script:

Hello, my name is ***[insert name]*** and I am an ***[undergraduate student/graduate student/alumni/staff member/faculty member]*** at Northwestern University. I am calling in support of NU Community Not Cops, demanding that you disclose NUPD’s budget to the entire Northwestern community, develop a plan for reallocating funds from NUPD into programs that improve the lives of Black students, staff, and faculty, and share the plan and timeline with all community members. It has also been brought to our attention that the city of Evanston pays for the budget of NUPD. Could you confirm the accuracy of this and explain the reasoning behind it?

Email to Provost Hagerty, requesting action in response to July 24 commitments

Provost Hagerty contact info

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Email Template:

Dear Provost Hagerty,

On June 3rd, 2020, a group of undergraduate and graduate student leaders and organizations published a letter calling on Northwestern to **invest in life-giving institutions dedicated to Black students and to commit to the health and wellbeing of Black student communities and divest from law enforcement**, including severing ties with the Evanston and Chicago Police Departments and divesting from the Northwestern University Police Department.

After two months of silence, you joined student organizers at a public town hall on July 24, 2020 in which you promised to

- Disclose NUPD's budget to the Northwestern community
- Increase transparency about senior leadership's plans to meet their stated commitments toward social justice by creating an online platform which includes information about student demands, how they will be addressed, who will be leading these efforts, and on what timelines.

Organizers with NU Community Not Cops have followed up with you eight times since you made these commitments to check on your progress. You have met their correspondence with complete silence.

As an ***[undergraduate/graduate student/faculty member/staff member]*** at Northwestern, I am greatly concerned by your lack of response, which reflects a broader institutional negligence towards the concerns and safety of Black students.

You previously stated a desire to “increase our resolve to create a Northwestern community, and a world, where all people are accorded the dignity and safety they deserve,” and pleaded that you would “work towards that end.” **For these words to be anything other than vacuous, performative statements, you must fulfill the commitments made on July 24, 2020**, immediately invest in Black students, staff, and faculty, as well as defund and divest from the law enforcement agencies and academic programing that criminalize and brutalize Northwestern’s Black community.

Signed,
[insert name]

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Email to President Schapiro, requesting action in response to June 3 petition letter

President Schapiro contact info

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Dear President Schapiro,

On June 3rd, 2020, a group of undergraduate and graduate student leaders and organizations published a letter calling on Northwestern to **invest in life-giving institutions dedicated to Black students and to commit to the health and wellbeing of Black student communities and divest from law enforcement**, including severing ties with the Evanston and Chicago Police Departments and divesting from the Northwestern University Police Department.

On June 14th, 2020 you wrote of [Northwestern's "Commitments Towards Social Justice."](#) where you stated alongside other Northwestern administrators:

"Northwestern's commitment to racial and social justice must be equally unrelenting. We vehemently oppose anti-blackness and police brutality."

As the June 3rd letter made clear, "vehemently opposing anti-Blackness and police brutality" requires defunding, dismantling, and abolishing police. The police are an inherently anti-Black institution. Efforts to "reform" police have historically emboldened the police's power to criminalize and have intensified racist police brutality, not eliminated it.

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- Increase transparency about senior leadership's plans to meet their stated commitments toward social justice by creating an online platform which includes

information about student demands, how they will be addressed, who will be leading these efforts, and on what timelines.

Organizers with NU Community Not Cops have followed up with these individuals eight times since they made these commitments to check on their progress. They have met NU Community Not Cops correspondence with complete silence.

As an **[undergraduate/graduate student/faculty member/staff member]** at Northwestern, I am greatly concerned by your silence on this letter and your refusal to meet with Black students at Northwestern, which reflects a broader institutional negligence towards the concerns and safety of Black students.

Your office previously stated a desire to “increase our resolve to create a Northwestern community, and a world, where all people are accorded the dignity and safety they deserve,” and pleaded that you would “work towards that end.” For these words to be anything other than vacuous, performative statements, you must fulfill the commitments made on July 24, 2020, immediately invest in Black students, staff, and faculty, as well as defund and divest from the law enforcement agencies and academic programming that criminalize and brutalize Northwestern’s Black community.

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