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WHAT DOES THIS DOCUMENT COVER?

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WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The City sets its budget based on fiscal years, which run from **July 1st to June 30th**, instead of calendar years. Mayor de Blasio's proposed 2021 budget is still being negotiated between elected officials, the NYC Office of Management and Budget, and the Mayoral Administration. Currently, de Blasio's budget gives the NYPD **6 BILLION dollars** while slashing social services, arts and essential city operations. Every dollar the NYPD gets is a more militarized police force and more money taken away from housing, homeless services, the arts, the Dept of Health, and essential programs that serve citizens.

Mayor de Blasio has the most jurisdiction over the City's budget, but by putting pressure on our elected officials, we can encourage them to use their influence to adjust the FY21 budget by moving resources **away** from policing and back into our communities.

#NYCBudgetJustice means that we divert dollars **away from cops** and invest back in community services, programs, and infrastructures. For more information, visit the Communities United for Police Reform's [budget breakdown](#) and their detailed explanation on how to #DefundNYPD.

KEY CALLS:

Call #1 - Your City Council Member

Find your Council Member's phone number at the end of this doc

Call #2 - Daniel Dromm, Chair Of The Council Finance Committee

This committee is responsible for reviewing and modifying the City budget!

212-788-7066 or 718-803-6373

Call #3 - Vanessa Gibson, Chair Of The Finance Committee's Subcommittee On Capital Budget And Finance

718-588-7500 or 212-788-6856

Call #4 - Donovan Richards, Chair Of The Committee On Public Safety

212-788-7216 or 718-471-7014

Call #5 - Speaker Corey Johnson, Speaker Of The Council

He is a Mayor hopeful

212-564-7757 or 212-788-7210

Call #6 - Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams

He is a Mayor hopeful

718-802-3700

Call #7 - Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

212-669-7200

CALL SCRIPT

Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a resident of [BOROUGH]. *The aide might ask you for your address at this time.* I'm calling today to urge [GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S NAME] to call on Mayor de Blasio to explicitly denounce police brutality, abusive policing and condemn the abhorrent actions of the NYPD.

I am also calling to ask that they deny Mayor de Blasio's 2021 budget proposal. Instead of cutting essential services while leaving the NYPD budget intact except for a measly .32% reduction, I strongly urge [GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S NAME] to cut from the NYPD budget and redirect those funds back to social service and arts with programs like Homeless Services, Workforce Investment, Coalition of Theaters of Color, Immigrant Arts Initiative, CASA, Su Casa, Dept. of Education or the Dept of Health.

Can I count on [GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S NAME] to deny Mayor de Blasio's budget proposal? Thank you.

KEY EMAILS:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

In order to avoid sending multiple emails, copy the email addresses below, **as well your City Council Member's** (found at the end of this document), all on BCC (leave the "To" section blank) in one email draft. Then copy our email script below and remember to sign your name! This allows you to send an email to everyone at once without causing a "reply all" situation.

dromm@council.nyc.gov

district16bronx@council.nyc.gov

drichards@council.nyc.gov

drichards@council.nyc.gov

speakerjohnson@council.nyc.gov

askeric@brooklynbp.nyc.gov

action@comptroller.nyc.gov

reception@advocate.nyc.gov

BREAKDOWN OF EACH KEY MEMBER TO EMAIL

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Email #4 - Donovan Richards, Chair Of The Committee On Public Safety

drichards@council.nyc.gov

Email #5 - Speaker Corey Johnson, Speaker Of The Council

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speakerjohnson@council.nyc.gov

Email #6 - Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams

He is a Mayor hopeful

askeric@brooklynbp.nyc.gov

Email #7 - Scott Stringer, NYC Comptroller

He is a Mayor hopeful

action@comptroller.nyc.gov

Email #8 - Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

reception@advocate.nyc.gov

EMAIL SCRIPT

SUBJECT TITLE: Ask Mayor De Blasio to cut NYPD in the 2021 Budget

Dear Public Officials,

I am writing to urge you to call on Mayor de Blasio to explicitly denounce police brutality, abusive policing and condemn the abhorrent actions of the NYPD. The Mayor's silence does not hold the police accountable and frankly, does not incite any confidence in his abilities.

I am also writing to urge you to deny Mayor de Blasio's FY2021 budget proposal, specifically in regards to the NYPD's budget. His budget includes drastic cuts to many essential services with only a .32% cut to the New York Police Department. He has since stated that he will make cuts to NYPD, but has not specified or defined to what extent.

A city budget is demonstrative of a city's values. The NYC executive budget as it currently stands does not adequately reflect values of safety, health, and recovery, especially in the wake of COVID-19 and rampant police brutality that has shook our city to its core.

Cut from the NYPD budget through changes like:

- NYPD hiring freeze, including School Safety Agents
- Cancellation of cadet classes - there is no need for cadet classes when schools are understaffed in terms of nurses, guidance counselors and social workers
- Cuts to NYPD's expansion into social services such as homeless outreach, youth initiative, mental health response, and social distancing enforcement
- Cuts related to abusive policing! End the practice of keeping abusive police officers on taxpayer-funded salaries
- Cuts to non-essential areas, such as public relations, media budget and, surveillance infrastructure

Redirect the funds made available through these cuts back to social services, health and arts, including such as the Summer Youth Employment Program, Coalition of Theaters of Color, Immigrant Arts Initiative, CASA, Su Casa, and the programs and infrastructure we need for our city to recover from COVID-19. Can we count on you to do the right thing by us and our city?

Thank you,

[YOUR NAME]

ADDITIONAL MESSAGES TO SEND:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

Mayor De Blasio and Melanie Hartzog do not have public email addresses. In order to reach them, we'll have to send them messages through their direct contact pages on the NYC government website. Please see below for links and instructions.

Message #1 - Mayor De Blasio

Direct contact page: <https://tinyurl.com/deblasioemail>

MESSAGE TOPIC: Budget

Dear Mayor De Blasio,

I'm an "everyday New Yorker" writing to express my outrage and disgust at your silence and inaction in condemning the NYPD's abhorrent actions.

Our city is suffering and needs community investment more than ever. It is unacceptable that your FY 2021 budget steals from our schools, our youth, the arts and homeless services to fund a racist police force that brutalizes our Black and Latinx citizens.

Make equitable cuts across city departments, institute a hiring freeze for the NYPD, and cut its bloated budget. I'm also asking that we stop paying salaries to abusive cops on leave of absence due to incidents of abuse and brutality.

Do not sacrifice our poor and communities of color.

Message #2 - Melanie Hartzog, Director Of Office And Management And Budget For The Mayor

Direct contact page: <http://tinyurl.com/melaniehartzog>

MESSAGE TYPE: Complaint

MESSAGE TOPIC: Budget

Dear Director Hartzog,

I am writing to urge you to call on Mayor de Blasio to explicitly denounce police brutality, abusive policing and condemn the abhorrent actions of the NYPD. The Mayor's silence does not hold the police accountable and frankly, does not incite any confidence in his abilities.

I am also writing to ask you to call an emergency council meeting and deny Mayor de Blasio's FY2021 budget proposal, specifically in regards to the NYPD's budget. In light of the police violence that has been taking place in our city, it is clear that the police must be held accountable.

I strongly urge you to consider these changes to the NYPD budget:

- NYPD hiring freeze, including School Safety Agents
- Cancellation of cadet classes - there is no need for cadet classes when schools are understaffed in terms of nurses, guidance counselors, and social workers
- Cuts to NYPD's expansion into social services such as homeless outreach, youth initiative, mental health response, and social distancing enforcement
- Cuts related to abusive policing. End the practice of keeping abusive police officers on taxpayer-funded salaries
- Cuts to non-essential areas, such as public relations, media budget, and surveillance infrastructure

Please redirect the funds made available through these cuts to social services and arts with programs like the Summer Youth Employment Program, Coalition of Theaters of Color, Immigrant Arts Initiative, CASA, Su Casa, and the programs and infrastructure we need for our city to recover from COVID-19.

Can we count on you to support New York City and to deny Mayor de Blasio's budget proposal?

Thank you,

[YOUR NAME]

FAQS AND LINKS

Q. What is this for?

- A. We believe one of the ways to end police brutality is by defunding the police. NYC has to pass a city budget by July 1st, and Mayor de Blasio's proposed 2021 budget will give the NYPD 6 BILLION dollars while slashing social services and essential city operations. Every dollar the NYPD gets is a more militarized police force and more money taken away from housing, homeless services, the Dept of Health, and essential programs that serve citizens. #NYCBudgetJustice means that we divert dollars away from cops and invest in community services, programs, and infrastructures.

Q. Do I have to call? Can I email instead?

- A. Phone anxiety is real, but please try calling first! Staff is supposed to keep track of the number of calls they get and calls are taken more seriously. If you get voicemail or cannot get through, send an email.

Q. I don't live in the boroughs. Can I participate?

- A. Thank you for your support! Unfortunately, this is an NYC issue, and constituents are given priority. If you don't currently live in the boroughs please consider donating to [community bail funds](#) or to [Communities United for Police Reform](#) instead. You can also reach out to your local community advocacy groups to talk about how to defund the police in your area.

Q. I called! Now what?

- A. That's great! You can share our #NYCBudgetJustice [post on social](#) and tag two friends to commit to calling/emailing. You can also create your own (we have a sample post below) to get more people to join.

The work does not stop there. We have a primary and an election coming up. 35 City Council members will be up for reelection - that's more than half of the entire council. Keep up the pressure on them! This is a calendar of [City Council public-facing events](#) that we can all attend (virtually).

Sample social post:

Mayor de Blasio's proposed FY2021 budget, which goes into effect on July 1st, will give the NYPD a 6 billion dollar budget, which will further empower them to terrorize Black and Latinx citizens.

Join me in calling our City Council members to demand they call an emergency meeting and deny de Blasio's budget proposal. Ask that they cut the NYPD budget and instead use those funds for crucial social services and programs that will aid Black, Latino and other communities of color, including our elders and youths who are especially vulnerable right now during COVID-19. #NYCBudgetJustice #DefundThePolice #BlackLivesMatter

Q. My city council member said they would not deny the budget. Now what?

A. If your rep's office said they would not deny the budget proposal, be polite but keep calling them. Share their names and stance on social media to let others know and urge your friends to call as well - the more voices that chime in, the more pressure they will feel to change their stance.

Remember, we elect these officials to represent *US*. On November 7, **35** of these 51 members will be up for reelection. If they do not vote for us, we will vote them out - so don't forget to update your voting address or register to vote! The [New York City Campaign Finance Board](#) has a list of who has filed for Candidate Certification or not.

Q. What else can I do?

A. Call your state senators and representatives and tell them to support the Safer New York Act. The Safer New York Act is a bundle of bills (including the **repeal** of NYS-50(a)*) that call for increased transparency and accountability in policing, such as making misconduct records public. You can learn more about these bills at [Change the NYPD](#) and get scripts for phone calls.

Donate to community bail funds across the country. Visit this [National Bail Fund Network](#) to see a breakdown across the country.

Donate and support other groups that are member-led, push for equity, justice, and a better New York:

DIRECTORY OF COUNCIL MEMBER EMAILS/PHONE NUMBERS

Directory link: <https://council.nyc.gov/districts/>

District	Council Member	Borough	Neighborhoods	District Office Phone Number	Legislative Office Phone Number	Email
1	Margaret S. Chin	Manhattan	Battery Park City, Civic Center, Chinatown, Financial District, Little Italy, the Lower East Side, NoHo, SoHo, South Street Seaport, South Village, TriBeCa & Washington Square	212-587-3159	212-788-7259	mguerra@council.nyc.gov
2	Carlina Rivera	Manhattan	East Village, Gramercy Park, Kips Bay, Lower East Side, Murray Hill, Rose Hill	212-677-1077	212-788-7366	District2@council.nyc.gov
3	Corey Johnson	Manhattan	Chelsea, Hell's Kitchen, Greenwich Village, West SoHo, Hudson Square, Times Square, Garment District, Flatiron, Upper West Side	212-564-7757	212-788-7210	SpeakerJohnson@council.nyc.gov
4	Keith Powers	Manhattan	Upper East Side, Carnegie Hill, Yorkville, Central Park South, Midtown East, Times Square,	212-818-0580	212-788-7393	KPowers@council.nyc.gov

			Koreatown, Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, Waterside Plaza, Tudor City, Turtle Bay, Murray Hill, Sutton Place			
5	Ben Kallos	Manhattan	Upper East Side's Yorkville, Lenox Hill, Carnegie Hill, Roosevelt Island, Midtown East, Sutton Place, El Barrio in East Harlem	212-860-1950	212-788-6865	BKallos@BenKallos.com
6	Helen Rosenthal	Manhattan	Central Park, Lincoln Square, Upper West Side, Clinton	212-873-0282	212-788-6975	Helen@HelenRosenthal.com
7	Mark Levine	Manhattan	Manhattan Valley, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights, Hamilton Heights	212-928-6814	212-788-7007	District7@council.nyc.gov
8	Diana Ayala	Manhattan/Bronx	El Barrio/East Harlem, Mott Haven, Highbridge, Concourse, Longwood, Port Morris	212-828-9800	212-788-6960	DAyala@council.nyc.gov
9	Bill Perkins	Manhattan	Central Harlem, Morningside Heights, Upper West Side, East Harlem	212-678-4505	212-788-7397	D09perkins@council.nyc.gov
10	Ydanis Rodriguez	Manhattan	Washington Heights, Inwood, Marble Hill	917-521-2616	212-788-7053	yrodriguez@council.nyc.gov
11	Andrew Cohen	Bronx	Bedford Park, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Norwood, Van Cortlandt Village, Wakefield, Woodlawn	718-549-7300	212-788-7080	District11@council.nyc.gov
12	Andy King	Bronx	Wakefield, Olinville, Edenwald, Eastchester, Williamsbridge, Baychester, Co-op City	718-684-5509	212-788-6873	Andy.King@council.nyc.gov
13	Mark Gjonaj	Bronx	Allerton, City Island, Country Club, Edgewater Park, Ferry Point, Locust Point, Morris Park, Pelham Bay, Pelham Gardens, Pelham	718-931-1721	212-788-7375	MGjonaj@council.nyc.gov

			Parkway, Schuylerville, Silver Beach, Spencer Estates, Throggs Neck, Van Nest, Waterbury LaSalle, Westchester Square, Zerega			
14	Fernando Cabrera	Bronx	Morris Heights, University Heights, Fordham, Kingsbridge	347-590-2874	212-788-7074	fcabrera@council.nyc.gov
15	Ritchie J. Torres	Bronx	Bedford Park, Fordham, Mount Hope, Bathgate, Belmont, East Tremont, West Farms, Van Nest, Allerton, Olinville	718-842-8100	212-788-6966	Rtorres@council.nyc.gov
16	Vanessa L. Gibson	Bronx	Claremont, Concourse, Concourse Village, Highbridge, Morris Heights, Mount Eden, Morrisania	718-588-7500	212-788-6856	District16Bronx@council.nyc.gov
17	Rafael Salamanca Jr.	Bronx	Concourse Village, Crotona Park East, East Tremont, Hunts Point, Longwood, Melrose, Morrisania, Port Morris, West Farms, North Brother Island, South Brother Island	718-402-6130	212-788-7384	salamanca@council.nyc.gov
18	Ruben Diaz, Sr.	Bronx	Soundview, Castle Hill, Parkchester, Clason Point, Harding Park	718-792-1140	212 788-6853	RDiaz@council.nyc.gov
19	Paul Vallone	Queens	Auburndale, Bay Terrace, Bayside, Beechhurst, College Point, Douglaston, Flushing, Little Neck, Malba, Whitestone	718-619-8611	212-788-7250	district19@council.nyc.gov
20	Peter Koo	Queens	Downtown Flushing, Murray Hill, Queensboro Hill	718-888-8747		pkoo@council.nyc.gov
21	Francisco Moya	Queens	East Elmhurst, Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Corona in Queens,	718-651-1917	212-788-6862	FMoya@council.nyc.gov

			Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Lefrak City, LaGuardia Airport			
22	Costa Constantinides	Queens	Astoria, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Woodside	718-274-4500	212-788-6963	
23	Barry Grodenchik	Queens	Bayside Hills, Bellerose, Douglaston, Floral Park, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hollis, Hollis Hills, Holliswood, Little Neck, New Hyde Park, Oakland Gardens, Queens Village	718-468-0137	212-788-7075	BGrodenchik@council.nyc.gov
24	Rory I. Lancman	Queens	Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Jamaica Estates, Briarwood, Parkway Village, Jamaica Hills, Jamaica	718-217-4969	212-788-6956	RLancman@council.nyc.gov
25	Daniel Dromm	Queens	Elmhurst, Jackson Heights	718-803-6373	212-788-7066	dromm@council.nyc.gov
26	Jimmy Van Bramer	Queens	Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, Astoria, Dutch Kills	718-383-9566	212-788-7370	JVanBramer@council.nyc.gov
27	I. Daneek Miller	Queens	Cambria Heights, Hollis, Jamaica, St. Albans, Queens Village, and Springfield Gardens	718-776-3700	212-788-7084	N/A
28	Adrienne E. Adams	Queens	Jamaica, Richmond Hill, Rochdale Village, South Ozone Park	718-206-2068	212-788-6850	Adams@council.nyc.gov
29	Karen Koslowitz	Queens	Rego Park, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill	718-544-8800	212-788-6981	Koslowitz@council.nyc.gov
30	Robert Holden	Queens	Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village, Ridgewood, Woodhaven, Woodside	718-366-3900	212-788-7381	District30@council.nyc.gov
31	Donovan J. Richards	Queens	Arverne, Brookville, Edgemere,	718-471-7014	212-788-7216	drichards@council.nyc.gov

			Far Rockaway, Laurelton, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens			
32	Eric A. Ulrich	Queens	Belle Harbor, Breezy Point, Broad Channel, Howard Beach, Lindenwood, Neponsit, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, Rockaway Park, Roxbury, South Ozone Park, West Hamilton Beach, Woodhaven	718-738-1083	212-788-7069	eulrich@council.nyc.gov
33	Stephen T. Levin	Brooklyn	Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Downtown Brooklyn, Dumbo, Fulton Ferry, Greenpoint, Vinegar Hill, Williamsburg	718-875-5200	212-788-7348	slevin@council.nyc.gov
34	Antonio Reynoso	Brooklyn, Queens	Williamsburg, Bushwick, Ridgewood	718-963-3141	212-788-7095	areynoso@council.nyc.gov
35	Laurie A. Cumbo	Brooklyn	Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, Bedford Stuyvesant	718-260-9191	212-788-7081	LCumbo@council.nyc.gov
36	Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.	Brooklyn	Bedford Stuyvesant, Northern Crown Heights	718-919-0740	212-788-7354	district36@council.nyc.gov
37	N/A	N/A	Cypress Hills, Bushwick, City Line, Ocean Hill, Brownsville, East New York	N/A	N/A	N/A
38	Carlos Menchaca	Brooklyn	Red Hook, Sunset Park, Greenwood Heights and portions of Windsor Terrace, Dyker Heights, and Boro Park	718-439-9012	212-788-7372	info38@council.nyc.gov
39	Brad Lander	Brooklyn	Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Columbia Waterfront, Gowanus,	718-499-1090	212-788-6969	lander@council.nyc.gov

			Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Borough Park, Kensington			
40	Mathieu Eugene	Brooklyn	Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush, Kensington, Midwood, Prospect Park, and Prospect Lefferts Gardens	718-287-8762	212-788-7352	meugene@council.nyc.gov
41	Alicka Ampry-Samuel	Brooklyn	Bedford-Stuyvesant, Ocean Hill-Brownsville, East Flatbush, Crown Heights	718-953-3097	212-788-7387	District41@council.nyc.gov
42	Inez Barron	Brooklyn	East New York, New Lots, Remsen Village, Spring Creek, Starrett City	718-649-9495	212-788-6957	N/A
43	Justin Brannan	Brooklyn	Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach	718-748-5200	212-788-7363	AskJB@council.nyc.gov
44	Kalman Yeger	Brooklyn	Bensonhurst, Borough Park, Midwood, Ocean Parkway	718-853-2704	212-788-7357	AskKalman@council.nyc.gov
45	Farah N. Louis	Brooklyn	Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Marine Park, Flatlands, Kensington	718-629-2900	212-788-6859	District45@council.nyc.gov
46	Alan N. Maisel	Brooklyn	Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Flatlands, Georgetown, Gerritsen Beach, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Sheepshead Bay	718-241-9330	212-788-7286	AMaisel@council.nyc.gov
47	Mark Treyger	Brooklyn	Bensonhurst, Coney Island, Gravesend, Sea Gate	718-373-9673	212-788-7045	MTreyger@council.nyc.gov
48	Chaim M. Deutsch	Brooklyn	Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach, Sheepshead Bay, Homecrest, Trump Village, Luna Park, Brightwater Towers,	718-368-9176	212-788-7360	cdeutsch@council.nyc.gov

			Midwood			
49	Deborah Rose	Staten Island	Arlington, Clifton, Clove Lakes, Concord, Elm Park, Graniteville, Livingston, Mariners Harbor, New Brighton, Port Richmond, Randall Manor, Rosebank, St. George, Snug Harbor, Silver Lake, Stapleton, Sunnyside, West Brighton and Tompkinsville	718-556-7370	212-788-6972	DROSE@Council.nyc.gov
50	Steven Matteo	Staten Island	Arrochar, Bloomfield, Bulls Head, Castleton Corners, Chelsea, Concord, Dongan Hills, Egbertville, Emerson Hill, Fort Wadsworth, Graniteville, Grant City, Grasmere, Heartland Village, Isle of Meadows, Lighthouse Hill, Manor Heights, Meiers Corners, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Springville, Oakwood, Ocean Breeze, Old Town, Prall's Island, Richmondtown, Rosebank, Shore Acres, South Beach, Todt Hill, Travis, Westerleigh, and Willowbrook	718-980-1017	212-788-7159	SMatteo@council.nyc.gov
51	Joseph C. Borelli	Staten Island	Annadale, Arden Heights, Bay Terrace, Charleston, Eltingville, Great Kills, Greenridge, Heartland Village, Huguenot, New Springville, Pleasant Plains, Prince's Bay, Richmond Valley, Rossville, Tottenville, Woodrow	718-984-5151	212-788-6989	borelli@council.nyc.gov