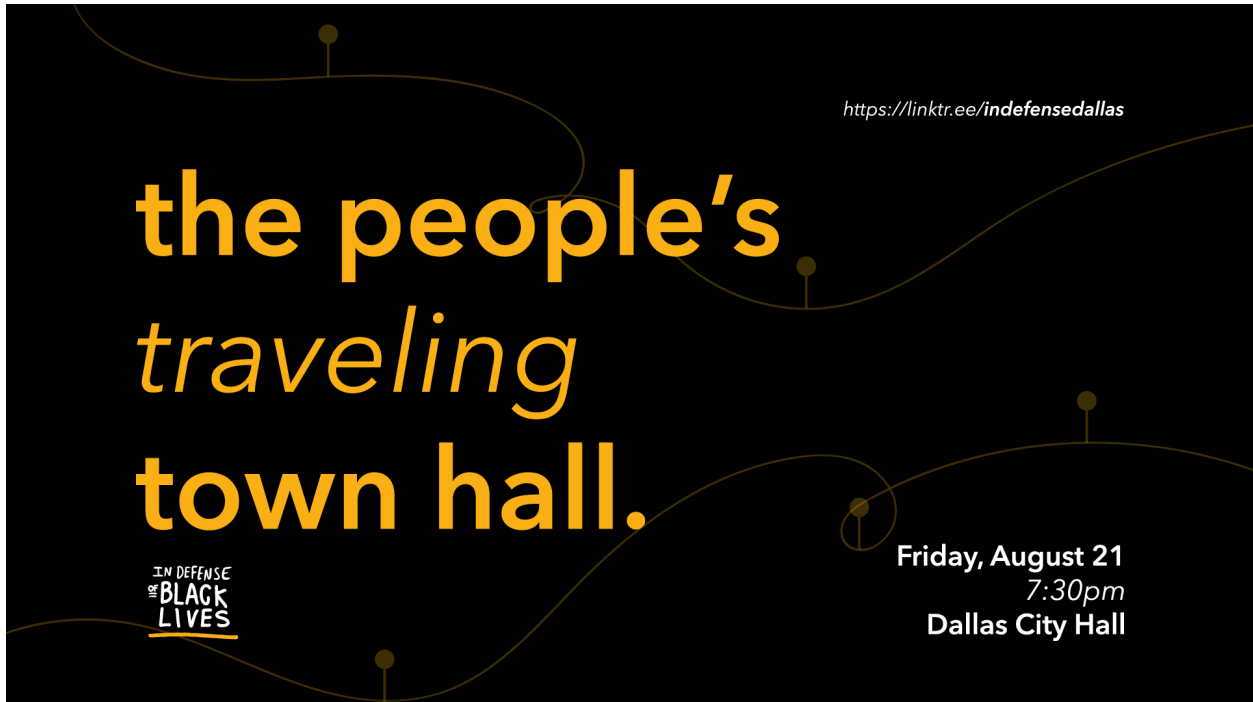


## THE PEOPLE'S TRAVELING TOWN HALLS



### THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE HEARD!

We're hearing that these budget town halls being hosted by Dallas City Council are full of shenanigans — people being muted, not being allowed to speak, not being an open forum for the people of Dallas to be heard — so we're bringing it to the council ourselves.

**THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 7:30 PM JOIN IN DEFENSE OF BLACK LIVES DALLAS ON THE STEPS IN FRONT OF CITY HALL FOR THE PEOPLE'S TOWN HALL.**

We know you want to see \$200 million taken from the Dallas Police Department in this budget — but what should the city spend it on? Rental assistance for folks struggling in the pandemic recession? Healthcare access? Public transportation? Parks and recreation? Stuff people actually want and need? Have your voice heard because right now they ain't listening.

And when you show up you'll get on the list to get updates for where we're going next because we're taking this show on the road...

Stay connected: <https://linktr.ee/indefensedallas>

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**DALLAS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY**



**LAUNCHING AUGUST 8, 2020 REGISTER HERE:**

Do you believe that \$200 million from Dallas Police Department's could be best utilized outside of over-policing communities of color?

If so, we are inviting you to Dallas' first-ever People's Assembly to discuss the upcoming city budget vote and alternatives to public safety beyond policing. This will be a virtual/online, city-wide assembly for residents of Dallas to come up with real solutions around community safety by reimagining our public safety budget to invest those dollars back into the community.

Join us to determine what the city can do to improve safety and how we can create just alternatives to actually address harm and violence in our city, rather than our current policing and prisons systems that perpetuate institutional and interpersonal violence and oppression.

There are THREE opportunities to attend ONE People's Assembly and starting THIS Saturday August, 8. Register here:

- [Saturday, Aug 8 at 1 PM](#)
- [Sunday, Aug 9 at 3 PM](#)
- [Monday, Aug 10 at 5:30 PM](#)

Text TEXAS to 30403 to stay informed about the work of the Texas Working Families Party and Dallas In Defense of Black Lives coalition.

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## What is a People's Assembly?

A People's Assembly is exactly how it sounds — an assembly or coming together of community members to share ideas about the city and let the city know what matters to us as residents. People's Assemblies (PAs) happen all over the world.

Some are very large and take on national issues. Some, like ours in Dallas, are focused on local issues. One of the first Peoples Assemblies took place in Lowndes County, Alabama in the 1960s and there have been a number of assemblies in Jackson, MS and throughout the south ever since. Mayor Lumumba made People's Assemblies a part of his policy platform when he ran for mayor because he believes in hearing from community. He said, "When I become mayor, you become mayor." Peoples Assemblies are the place where community members get to help guide our city government. What kind of city do you want to live in? What can we do together to make Dallas a great place to live and work?

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## **¿Te preocupa la policía, el crimen, la violencia y crear seguridad verdadera en la ciudad? ¿Piensas que \$200 millones del departamento de policía de Dallas pueden ser mejor utilizados fuera de la vigilancia policial desmedida en las comunidades de color?**

Si es así, te invitamos a la primera Asamblea Popular de Dallas para hablar sobre el próximo voto del presupuesto de la ciudad y las alternativas para la seguridad pública que va más allá de la vigilancia policial. Será una asamblea virtual/en línea para todes les residentes de la ciudad de Dallas para crear soluciones verdaderas alrededor de la seguridad comunitaria al reimaginar el presupuesto de seguridad pública e invertir esos dolares de regreso a la comunidad.

**Nos encataría que nos acompañaras para hablar sobre lo que la ciudad puede hacer para mejorar la seguridad, y cómo podemos crear alternativas a la policía, las prisiones que realmente abordan el daño y la violencia.**

**Tendremos TRES oportunidades para asistir UNA de las Asambleas Popular:**

- [El sábado 8 de agosto a la 1:00 PM](#)
- [El domingo, 9 de agosto a las 3:00 PM](#)
- [El lunes, 10 de agosto a las 5:30 PM](#)

## **¿Qué es una asamblea popular?**

Una Asamblea Popular es exactamente como lo que suena — una asamblea o encuentro de miembros de la comunidad para compartir ideas acerca de la ciudad y hacer que les funcionarios de la ciudad sepan lo que nos importa como residentes de la ciudad.

Las Asamblea Popular se organizan en todo el mundo, algunas son grandes o abordan temas nacionales. Algunas, como la de nosotres en Dallas, se enfocan en temas locales. Una de las primeras asambleas popular se llevó a cabo en los 1960s en el condado de Lowndes, Alabama y desde entonces habido varias asambleas en Jackson y a través del sur. El alcalde Lumumba hizo las Asambleas Populares parte de su plataforma política cuando se postulo para la alcaldía porque el cree en escuchar de la comunidad. Dijo, "cuando me convierta en alcalde, usted se convierte en alcalde". Las Asambleas Populares son lugares donde miembros comunitaries ayudan a orientar el gobierno municipal. ¿En qué tipo de ciudad quieres

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vivir? ¿Qué podemos hacer juntas para hacer que Dallas sea un lugar excelente lugar para vivir y trabajar?

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**BECOME A BUDGET AMBASSADOR**

**Memorandum**



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 26, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Preparation for FY 2020-21 Budget Town Halls**

As we begin planning for the FY 2020-21 Budget town hall meetings, we are mindful of the increasing number of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in our area. Therefore, we are providing up to three virtual town hall opportunities for the Mayor and each City Council district to enable public participation while keeping residents, staff, and City Council members safe.

Between Thursday, August 13, and Thursday, August 27, staff will support Webex meetings, and if desired, staff will also coordinate and identify funding for one tele-town hall meeting for the Mayor and each City Council district.

**CALL TO ACTION: BECOME A BUDGET AMBASSADOR**

Why: To Prepare for the Upcoming FY 2020-21 Budget Town Halls

When: July 2020 - August 2020

Where: Virtual

Sign up here: [bit.ly/ocofsignup](https://bit.ly/ocofsignup)

The City of Dallas' FY 2020-21 budget process begins August 13th. We need as many people who want to see divestment from racist policing practices in our city to be engaged and vocal at this critical moment. **One way to help achieve a critically-engaged mass is to organize on a hyperlocal scale: hold community meetings with friends and neighbors.**

To make it easy to organize and bring people onto the city's budget process, **In Defense Dallas member organization, [Our City, Our Future](#), has put together a toolkit to help.** [Sign up](#) to become a Budget Ambassador! By becoming an ambassador, you will receive the toolkit with ideas and a framework to help facilitate visioning sessions. These sessions (virtual, phone, or in-person (with social distancing protocol)) will gather ideas on spending public funds in ways that rethink the role of the police and center our health, safety, and well-being. Ambassadors will also have access to In Defense Dallas coalition members to answer your questions and walk you through the process.

**After the session(s), ambassadors will share back results with In Defense of Black Lives Dallas.** All of the brilliant ideas and solutions we gather will feed into a city-wide report, which will be presented to city council: **a people's budget**--reflecting the **will of the people**, not corporate interests that undergird systemic racism and oppression.

Join the movement! **Sign up here:** [bit.ly/ocofsignup](https://bit.ly/ocofsignup)

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## 6/17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION



### WE CANNOT EFFECTIVELY END POLICE BRUTALITY WITHOUT VISIONARY ACTION

Over time, police budgets have steadily grown as local towns and cities experience budgetary shortfalls for critical resources like public education, houselessness, and mental health. With outsized budgets, this positions police to fill gaps left by a lack of other services. This also brings police, who have a history of using deadly force against Black people, in closer proximity to our children, neighbors, and communities. Today, the Dallas Police Department's budget accounts for 38% percent of the city's total budget: \$500 million out of an \$800 million public safety budget goes to DPD. Given that we're in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, now is the time to scrutinize police budgets; rethink the role of the police; and center our health, safety, and well-being. We need bold, visionary action right now.

### CALL TO ACTION: DEMAND DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DISINVEST FROM DPD'S BLOATED BUDGET

What: [Dallas City Council Budget Workshop](#)

When: [Wednesday, June 17th, 9a](#)

Where: Virtual

[Register to speak](#) at the budget workshop here:

<https://personalfinance.dallascityhall.com/speakers.aspx> or call 214-670-3738.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: TUES. 6/16, 5p**

The next coming weeks are critical to our local effort. At this meeting, elected officials and paid staff will reveal just how committed they are to transformative justice.

### WE MUST KEEP WATCH!

Even if you cannot speak, log in to the meeting on Wednesday morning. City council must hear the message loud and clear: **We are a public that is engaged. We are a public that will remember words said and (in)action taken. We will not stop until we see justice.** Blow up those live feed stats!

Watch the meeting here: [www.bit.ly/cityofdallastv](http://www.bit.ly/cityofdallastv)

Resources:

1. M4BL's [Six Nineteen Demands](#)
2. M4BL's [#DefundPolice Talking Points](#)

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3. Interrupting Criminalization's [#DefundPolice Toolkit](#)
4. D Magazine's [What 'Defunding' the Dallas Police Department Could Look Like](#)
5. City Of Dallas' [Speaker Registration Guidelines, Requirements And Rules.](#)



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FB: <https://www.facebook.com/DefundDPD/posts/116591893422755>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/indefensedallas/status/1272684148520607744?s=21>

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**6/10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION**

**IN DEFENSE**  
**19** **BLACK LIVES**

**CALL TO ACTION:  
PUBLIC SPEAKERS FOR  
UPCOMING COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**DEMAND THAT DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DEFUND DPD  
INVEST IN HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, AND EDUCATION FOR  
THE HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED**

WHAT: **6/10 Dallas City Council Meeting**  
WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 9a  
WHERE: Virtual  
REGISTER HERE:  
<https://personalfinance.dallascityhall.com/speakers.aspx>  
or call 214-670-3738

**Registration closes at 5:00p on Tuesday, June 9.**

Public speakers will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the virtual meeting. City Secretary's hours of operation are from 8:15a to 5:15p. The special called council meeting will be aired online:  
[www.bit.ly/cityofdallastv](http://www.bit.ly/cityofdallastv)

List of demands, comment suggestions, and other actions:  
<https://tinyurl.com/DefundDPD-Now>

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URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED: Speak back to Dallas City Council. Tell them to DEFUND DPD. We need your voice and civic participation. Right now less than 10 people are signed up to speak.

Here's the link:

<https://dallascityhall.com/government/citysecretary/Pages/CCrules.aspx>

Here's the phone number: 214-670-3738

For ideas on what say that supports the In Defense of Black Lives Dallas coalition's platform, go to:

[tinyurl.com/DefundDPD-Now](https://tinyurl.com/DefundDPD-Now)

Pass to 5 friends!

Grab the above graphic from here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fjn\\_qA\\_pDCXm9WDfrg0RL7pRPNd0xpo/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fjn_qA_pDCXm9WDfrg0RL7pRPNd0xpo/view?usp=sharing)

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**ZOOM STORM**



**We Demand Community Control: The most impacted in our communities need to control the laws, institutions, and policies that are meant to serve us – from our schools to our local budgets, economies, and police department.**

*In solidarity with the M4BL*

**IN DEFENSE OF BLACK LIVES COALITION - [DALLAS](#) (IDBLD)**

**CALL TO ACTION: PUBLIC SPEAKER ZOOM STORM**

“We call on localities and elected officials across the country to divest resources away from policing in local budgets and reallocate those resources to the healthcare, housing and education our people deserve. More officers, guns, jails and prisons are not a solution to longstanding problems of racial disparities, injustice and police violence. We demand police free schools across the country and an end to the use of police officers in public universities. All public Institutions designed to serve the people, must cut ties with the police in the interest of public safety.”—[M4BL](#)

**DEMAND THAT DALLAS CITY COUNCIL DEFUND DPD. WE WANT OUR PUBLIC FUNDS TO SERVE COMMUNITY HEALTH, SAFETY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURES FOR THE HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED.**

What: [The Mayor's Special Council Meeting](#)

When: [Friday, June 5, 2p](#)

Where: Virtual

Register here: <https://personalfinance.dallascityhall.com/speakers.aspx>

or call [214-670-3738](tel:214-670-3738)



**Registration closes at 5:15p on Thursday, June 4.**

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Public speakers will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the virtual meeting. City Secretary's hours of operation are from 8:15a to 5:15p. The special called council meeting will be aired online: [www.bit.ly/cityofdallastv](http://www.bit.ly/cityofdallastv)

Need some ideas of what to say?

1. Check out this [list of demands](#) put forth by [Our City, Our Future](#), a coalition that includes representatives from IDBLD member organizations MAPB, North Texas Dream Team, BYP100 Dallas, + DSA–North Texas. Watch their [conversation](#) with Judge Clay Jenkins. Pick a demand to help craft your public comment.
2. Use the scripts from the [CALL CITY HALL](#) action. Retool for public comment.
3. If you haven't heard, [Los Angeles had an epic LAPD Commission meeting](#) that was open for public comment. **Over 500 people “showed up” on Zoom to speak truth to power for an intense 8 hours and 35 minutes. Dallas must bring that SAME ENERGY.** Check out the LA TIMES highlight reel [here](#), a roast reel [here](#), and the full feed [here](#).
4. Speak your heart.

Please review The City Of Dallas' [Speaker Registration Guidelines, Requirements And Rules](#).



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IN DEFENSE OF BLACK LIVES - [DALLAS](#)

DAY TWO ACTION: [INVEST-DIVEST BLITZ](#)

## We Demand a Divestment from the Police and Investment In Black Communities: We Demand Local Schools, Colleges, Universities and All Public Institutions Cut Ties with the Police

“We call on localities and elected officials across the country to divest resources away from policing in local budgets and reallocate those resources to the healthcare, housing and education our people deserve. More officers, guns, jails and prisons are not a solution to longstanding problems of racial disparities, injustice and police violence. We demand police free schools across the country and an end to the use of police officers in public universities. All public Institutions designed to serve the people, must cut ties with the police in the interest of public safety.”—[M4BL](#)

### Dallas, TX Points of Contact

1. [Call](#)
2. [Email](#)
3. [@ Elected Officials on Social Media](#)



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## CALL

*You can choose between a quick message or a longer more detailed message.*

### Short Script:

Hello, my name is [FIRST, LAST NAME]. I live in District [...] in [ZIP CODE].

I support the **In Defense Of Black Lives Coalition**, demanding that [NAME OF OFFICIAL] does [his/her] part to stop the sanctioned murder of Black people.

I stand with the coalition's platform. We demand **DPD disinvestment** and the **reallocation of public money to community health & safety measures**.

**We also demand that [NAME OF OFFICIAL] call for Chief Hall to immediately stop DPD's destructive escalation tactics and terrorizing of police brutality protests.**

I expect that [NAME OF OFFICIAL] **WORK TO RADICALLY TRANSFORM THIS CITY AND END THE WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE IN DALLAS. NOW.**

**DALLAS WILL REMEMBER YOUR ACTIONS DURING THIS CRITICAL MOMENT.**

### Long Script:

Hello, my name is [FIRST, LAST NAME]. I live in District [...] in [ZIP CODE].

I am calling in defense of Black people's right to live well and thrive.

I am appalled at DPD's use of force at this past weeks' police brutality protests. I demand that [NAME OF OFFICIAL] call for Chief Hall to immediately stop DPD's harmful escalation tactics and terrorizing of protestors.

I also demand that [NAME OF OFFICIAL] does [his/her] part as a public servant to stop the sanctioned murder of Black people by defunding the Dallas Police Department and reinvesting our public funds to serve Black people and our communities. More officers, guns, jails and prisons are not a solution to longstanding problems of racial disparities, injustice and police violence.

I stand with the **In Defense of Black Lives Coalition of Dallas** and their platform that demands **DPD disinvestment**; the **immediate depopulation of Dallas county jails, prisons, immigrant detention centers, and juvenile facilities**; and the reallocation of public money to **community health & safety measures**.

I expect that [NAME OF OFFICIAL], as my city representative, **WORK TO RADICALLY TRANSFORM THIS CITY AND END THE WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE IN DALLAS. NOW.**

Now is the time to invest in a safe, thriving future for our city that is free of violence. We all deserve safety; we all deserve justice. Stop supporting and funding DPD's attacks on Black lives. **DALLAS WILL REMEMBER YOUR ACTIONS DURING THIS CRITICAL MOMENT.**

Again, my name is [FIRST, LAST NAME], a resident of [ZIP CODE].

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## EMAIL

*You can send one mass email to all public officials or personalize and email one-by-one.*

### Subject Lines:

DEFUND DPD  
END THE WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE NOW  
DEPOPULATE ALL DALLAS COUNTY JAILS NOW  
INVEST IN BLACK FUTURES NOW  
WE WILL REMEMBER YOUR ACTIONS DURING THIS CRITICAL MOMENT  
I AM APPALLED

### Body:

Dear [NAME OF OFFICIAL],

I am a resident of District [...] in [ZIP CODE].

I am writing to you in defense of Black people's right to live well and thrive.

I am appalled at DPD's use of force at this past weeks' police brutality protests. I demand that you [NAME OF OFFICIAL] **call for Chief Hall to immediately stop DPD's harmful escalation tactics and terrorizing of protestors.**

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I expect for you, [NAME OF OFFICIAL], as my [CITY OR COUNTY] representative, **TO WORK TO RADICALLY TRANSFORM THIS CITY AND END THE WAR ON BLACK PEOPLE IN DALLAS. NOW.**

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Black Life Matters. Black Lives Matter.

[NAME], [ZIP CODE]

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**IN DEFENSE OF BLACK LIVES - DALLAS INFORMATION**



**SIGN ON NOW TO DEMAND THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY LEADERSHIP TO BE VISIONARY LEADERS FOR DALLAS AND DIVEST FROM THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT BY COMMITTING TO:**

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**Overpolicing, racial profiling, and police brutality make our communities more dangerous and our city less just. There is a better way.**

But we have thought too small for too long, and we will not find that better way through half-measures. From Santos Rodriguez to Botham Jean, with every killing by police the DPD, Sheriff, and the DA promise to stop the violence. There is always a new task force, a new committee, a new report -- yet the official violence by city and county law enforcement continues. Always more promises; never less violence. This system is designed for the control of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color -- all to protect the ruling class. Not to protect us, but to prop up privilege and power over us. The criminal justice system here is more criminal than just.

We recognize we cannot reform our way out of this. Therefore, we demand:

**Divest from Police**

We demand investments in the education, health, and safety of Black people instead of investments in the criminalizing, caging, and harming of Black people. We want divestment from exploitative forces including prisons, fossil fuels, police, and surveillance. As the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, it is necessary to cut from DPD's budget to support our communities. This requires a reduction in the size of the police force and removal of military-grade weapons and tactical gear.

**Invest in Community Health & Safety Measures**

We demand a city and county where those most impacted in our communities control the laws, institutions, and policies that are meant to serve us – from our schools to our local budgets, economies, police departments, and our land – while recognizing that the rights and histories of our Indigenous family must also be respected.

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### Free 'Em All!

We demand an immediate depopulation of Dallas county jails, prisons, immigrant detention centers, and juvenile facilities. We must get our people out of cages and ensure they have what they need to be healthy and free through this pandemic and beyond.

### End the War on Black People in Dallas

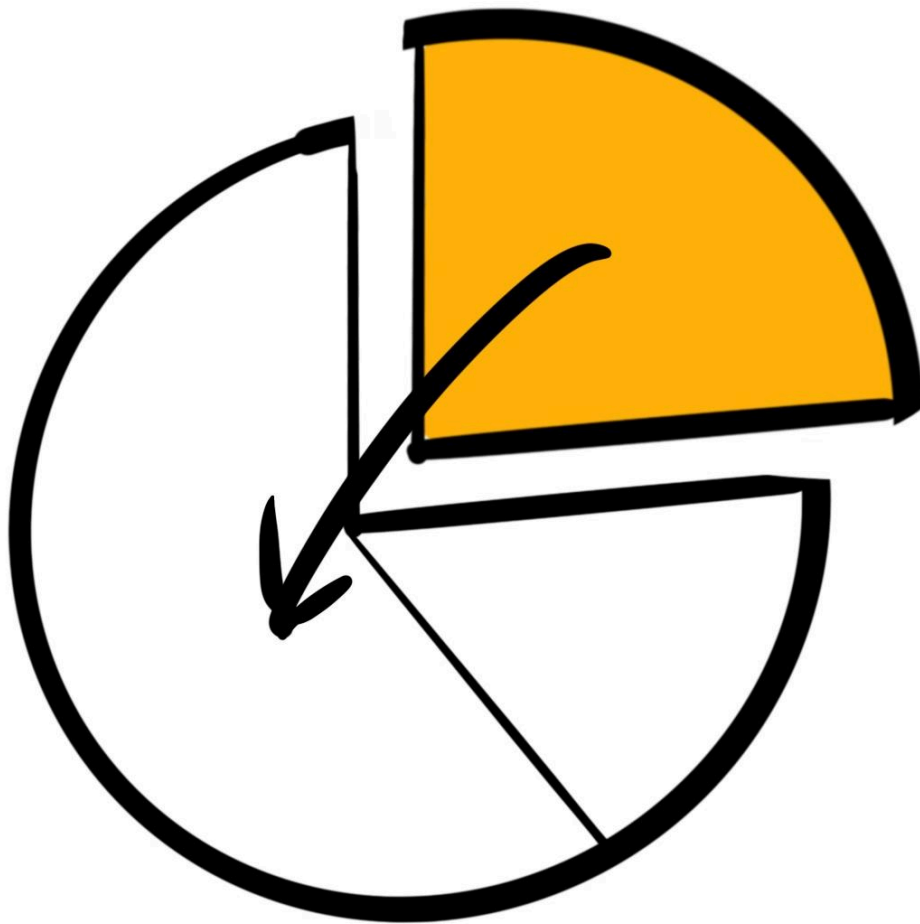
We demand an end to the war against Black people. We demand DPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. We demand an end to the criminalization, incarceration, and killing of our people.

Our people are hurting, mourning, and crying out for health and safety in the midst of this pandemic and an economic crisis. Now is the time to invest in a safe, thriving future for our city that is free of violence. We need safety; we need justice. We deserve safety; we deserve justice. This is the better way, and we can travel it together. But “more police” is not the answer. We cannot afford to keep funding DPD’s attacks on Black lives.

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