CALLS TO ACTION

#DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

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Purpose of this document:

Use this guide to take action to demand Buffalo Common Council members to #DefundThePolice.

Contents of this document-

- Script to engage your friends in this work
- Script to call your councilman

Additional Tools-

- **Comments: City Council Budget Meeting 6/4/2020 - these can be posted to your socials, even after the budget hearing**
- 2020 Uprising Social Media Posts - **our demands** to continually share with all your social media networks
- Buffalo's approved 2020-2021 fiscal budget **(SHAMEFUL!)**

Script for your friends:

Instructions:

Use this script to call your friends TODAY to invite them to call their Common Council members meeting and share our demands to #DefundthePolice.

Script:

Hi _____. It's _____. How are you?

I have decided to throw down with Black Love Resists in the Rust and demand the City of Buffalo decrease funding to the Buffalo Police Department and increase funding for community needs like schools, programs, mental health services, and affordable housing.

Will you join me?

Yes -

1) Call your council member today and tell them to cut the police budget. *(Councilmembers listed below)*
2) What's your email? I will send you a toolkit *(this is this toolkit)*
3) Call **5** friends today and invite them to join us in calling and emailing their councilmember, and post to their social media accounts our demands. The toolkit I send you will have everything you need to engage your friends.

We have the power to make change in this city! I'm glad we can do it together.

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Call your Council Member

Instructions:
Identify your council member/district and use the following script to continue to call on them to reduce the police budget.

Identify your council district: https://www.elections.erie.gov/DistMap1

Select your councilman:

⇩ **How each council member voted during the budget hearing 6/4/2020**			
NO	Masten District	Ulysees Wingo	716-851-5145
YES	Ellicott District	Darius Pridgen	716-851-4980
YES	Fillmore District	Mitch Nowakowski	716-851-4138
NO	University District	Rasheed Wyatt	716-851-5165
YES	Niagara District	David Rivera	716-851-5125
YES	South District	Christopher Scanlon	716-851-5169
YES	Delaware District	Joel Feroleto	716-851-5155
NO	Lovejoy District	Bryan Bollaman	716-851-5151
YES	North District	Joseph Golombek	716-851-5116
	All Districts	Council Staff Phone #	716-851-5105
		Council Staff Email	cobcouncilstaff@city-buffalo.com

Script:
Hi, Councilman _____. My name is _____ and I'm calling about the '20-'21 city budget.

(If your council member voted NO for the budget, ***THANK THEM!****)*
(If your council member voted YES for the budget, express your disappointment)

I'm very concerned about the approval of the Buffalo City Budget. The Buffalo Police Department is *still* slated to receive one third of our city's budget - $143 Million! We are in a

budget deficit this year and we need funding for (choose one of the following: schools, affordable housing, mental health services, block clubs). We need you to push to reduce the police budget and give that money to services that will reduce the need for policing in our neighborhoods!