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Community Forum on Policing, Part 2: Discussion with CUSD and FUHSD Students and Alumni

Written Communications

From: Amy Lin <readysetgo10@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:53 PM

Subject: Cupertino - Divest from police & invest in the community!

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To Mayor Scharf and Cupertino City Council Members,

My name is Amy, and I am a resident of Cupertino. As I'm sure you're all aware, systemic racism and the generational hurt that comes with it has come to a boiling point in the United States. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Elijah McClain, and Ahmaud Arbery has brought these issues to the forefront of the nation's attention, and we are demanding change. As a longtime resident that has grown up in Cupertino and whose parents and family still live here, I've always known that this small city has always had a reputation of safety, wealth, and homogeneity. Along with that comes the harmful ignorance of the effects of systematic racism and the governments/policies that are complicit in inflicting harm on our Black and indigenous citizens. You and I don't like to hear it, but Cupertino is guilty in supporting the infrastructures that brutalize BIPOC populations here and beyond our city boundaries. Unless everyone is safe here, nobody is.

Currently, Cupertino spends 14 million on law enforcement each year, and in 2014, the Mercury News reported that 9 million of that goes directly to contracting with Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff. In doing so, Cupertino is supporting a system of discrimination, brutality, and downright cruelty. Historically, our country's policing system is racist. This has trickled into the present day in subtle and not-so-subtle ways.

County sheriffs and the criminal "justice" system disproportionately police and incarcerate Black people in Santa Clara. In 2017, the Santa Clara County District Attorney reported that while Black residents make up only 2% of the county, a statistic that already points to deep patterns of segregation, Black residents make up 12% of felony defendants and "a disproportionately high number of Black and Hispanic defendants were sentenced to prison as compared to their representation in the community."

Cupertino spends 9 million dollars contracting with Santa Clara County Sheriff despite the over policing of Black communities, despite the crisis in affordable housing in the South Bay, despite the fact that Cupertino has no homeless shelters. The very people that work in the city cannot afford to live here. This causes problems on our city infrastructure (e.g. traffic) as well as the sustainability of our city. The average Cupertino resident pays \$348 a year for Law Enforcement, \$139 for Parks and Recreation, \$12 for affordable housing, and \$2 for support for unhoused people. As a city, I ask that Cupertino answer the call from the Movement for Black Lives and other Black organizations to defund the police and invest instead in community based organizations that truly promote public safety, health, harm reduction, and de-escalation. I ask that:

- 1. Cupertino pledges to defund the police in the upcoming 2024-2025 contract with the Santa Clara Office of the Sheriff.
- 2. Cupertino immediately defunds the 48,000 annual subsidy of School Resource Officers in FUHSD and CUSD schools.
- 3. Cupertino redirects those funds towards affordable housing, support for unhoused people, and youth mental health.

I was heartened to see Cupertino pass a resolution on June 5, 2020 affirming that Black Lives Matter. In order to, as the resolution states, "oppose any attempts to undermine the safety, security, and rights of members of our community," it is essential that Cupertino moves to defund the police and reroute that funding to truly support Black people and communities of color.

Best,

Amy Lin amyhclin14@gmail.com (408) 904-9513

From: lidan jiang <lidanj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:28 PM

To: City Council

Subject: please do not defund police budget in school area

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Hi City Council_members,

please do not defund police budget, especially in school area. We need police to protect the young kids and teachers.

Thanks, Lidan Jiang 6110 Edenhall dr, San Jose, 95129

From: zhaohui meng <zhaohuimeng2014@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:58 AM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk.org

Subject: Supporting Police

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Hello,

I want to express Supporting Police who always protect our community and schools.

Sincerely,

A citizen and a parent from Cupertino community

From: Yimin Zhang <yimin6697@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:56 AM
To: Cupertino City Manager's Office

Subject: Support Police

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No defund, support police!

Sent from my iPad

From: Yimin Zhang <yimin6697@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:55 AM

To: City Council **Subject:** Support Police

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No defund, support police!

Sent from my iPad

From: Cindy Wang <cindywang@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:35 AM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: Support Police officers

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Dear Sir and Madam,

I would like to show my support to our community Police officers. Most of them are very friendly and helpful to this community and schools.

best regards

Cindy

From: Johnny Jian Wang <wang6697@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:23 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: Support Our Police

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Hi,

We support Our Police.

Thanks, Johnny Wang

From: Alan Penn <alanp_usa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:00 PM

To: City Council

Subject: We need police to safe guide our schools & city

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- > Dear council members,
- > Please Increase our police work force to make
- > our city safe, or at the least maintain the police
- > work force as current. Thanks.
- > Alan penn
- > Cupertino long term resident

From: Alan Penn <alanp_usa@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:57 PM

To: City Council; memberscitycouncil@cupertino.org

Cc: citymanager@cupertino.org

Subject: We need police to safe guide our schools & city

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Dear council members,

Please Increase our police work force to make our city safe, or at the least to maintain the police work force as current. Thanks.

Alan penn

Cupertino long term resident

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From: Vera Cai <vera_cai@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:52 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Support for our local police department

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Hello,

My name is Vera and our family would like to express our support for our local community police and the police department.

Cupertino is a very quiet and peaceful city and we are very thankful to live here and have our excellent neighborhood as well as our friendly local police. We understand there are many discussions recently around policing issues and my personal experience with the police officers in our community has shaped my appreciation of their efforts. I have had several encounters with the community's police due to traffic violations near schools and the officers always kindly remind me to drive safely. I also know the police officers in our area visit schools every so often teaching students safety principles such as bike safety and bully prevention, which I believe are very helpful in uniting and solidifying our community.

We believe that the safe environment in our community is built on the foundation of trust between our citizens and our local police officers; hence, we don't feel any change is needed as of now other than continuous good training and communication on both the police's and citizens' parts.

Thanks for your time and again, we want to express our support for the local community police, who devote a great amount of effort towards keeping us safe.

Best regards,

Vera

From: Zhen He <zhenhe_ace@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:47 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Support our policy force. NO defunding please!

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Zhen He, a US citizen and Cupertino resident.

I consider sufficient police funding is essential for social stability, community safety, maintain law and justice. It's very unfair to negatively judge the entire policy force only based on a few isolated bad cop cases. I feel the vast majority of the police force has been doing a great job! My past personal experiences with policemen / policewomen are very positive. They follow the law with good behaviors to solve issues. Kindly and very reasonable.

They are asset of our society harmony. Let's do our best to support them. NO defunding of policing PLEASE!

Sincerely yours,

Zhen

From: Ping Zhang <ping.zhang2@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:32 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fudsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: Keep police in Cupertino and Fremont school district

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Hi manager, city council, school board members:

As a parent, I strongly support police in Cupertino and Fremont schools. Say NO to defund police.

From: Iris Liu <iris.goodview@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:11 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Police do a great job, we need them!

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Hi Cupertino county,

Police are necessary for our community. They protect our children, our family. We can't live a safe life without them, especially in CA. We have no idea if they reduce their work for school, for our community! Police do a great job for us, they are very important to all of us!

A mother of two children

From: Charles Tao <chikoritapokemon@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:37 PM

To: City Council

Subject: I support (Police).

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I support <a>R (Police).

Sent from my iPhone

From: fenmei yao <rosemaryy2001@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:32 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Against defunding police

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Dear City councils,

We, as Cupertino citizens, strongly support law and order in our community. We are against defunding the police. Thank you,

Fenmei Yao Jiwu Sun

Cupertino citizens

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:10 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:00 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: wensheng zhang <zwszjy6972@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:52 PM

To: City Council **Subject:** Support police

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Support police.

Oppose defunding police.

From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:50 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:45 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:35 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: Yanping Zhao <yanp.zhao@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:35 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Cc: Yanping Zhao

Subject: Opposing to Defund the Police

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Dear School Board and City Council,

I am a parent of both CUSD and FUHSD. I am writing to express my firm opposition to defunding the police on CUSD and FUHSD campuses and in the city of Cupertino. CUSD and FUHSD have been safe campuses for our students. Before we talk about defunding police, we should investigate what the main safety issues are in both campuses and what the main causes of these issues are. Then we look for policies and methods to address these issues. Before we have a thorough understanding of the problems and viable solutions, jumping to the conclusion that defunding police could make the campus safer is premature.

Thanks.

-- Yanping Zhao CUSD and FUHSD parent

From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:30 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:15 PM

To: City Council

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: dongming yao <dongmingy@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:13 PM

To: City Council **Subject:** Support police

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We need reform police. We don't support defund police.

See the shooting at Chicago, Atlanta last weekend. We need police to protect our community

Dongming yao

From: Li Xu <li_xu_98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:44 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Cc: li_xu_98@yahoo.com

Subject: Please do NOT defund the police

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Dear Cupertino City Council Members, City Manager, FUHSD and CUSD Board Members,

I am contacting you regarding my deep concern about "defund the police". I have been living in Cupertino since 2003. We chose to live here because of the safe, nice communities and good schools. Defunding the police would make our neighborhoods and schools less safe.

The recent death of George Floyd is horrific and wrong. Clearly, we need to build better law enforcement system. However, it is wrong and ridiculous idea to defund the police for our Cupertino City and School Communities. I urge you do NOT defund the police.

Thanks!

Respectfully yours,

Li Xu 19844 Baywood Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014

From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:29 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: Huanchun Ye <huanchunye@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:24 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Support our police!

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I am a Cupertino voter. I want to express my support for our police department.

Thank you!

Huanchun Ye

From: IOvEbTs 1 <luvbts.tm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:42 PM

To: City Council

Subject: WE NEED LOCAL POLICES

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From: Linfeng Guo <linfeng.guo@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:13 PM

To: school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org; City Council; Cupertino City Manager's Office

Subject: Support of Cupertino's police

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To Whom It may concern,

I am a resident of Cupertino, and I really appreciate and support our police department's work. I believe their efforts are quite critical in ensuring the residents' safety everyday. I disagree any proposal of defunding the police.

Respectfully,

Linfeng

From: Qian Zhao <zhaonancy@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:11 PM **To:** Cupertino City Manager's Office

Cc: City Council **Subject:** We support police

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Dear manager:

We support for our local police!!

Qian

Sent from my iPhone

From: Yan Yu <yanyu2005@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Cupertino City Manager's Office

Cc: school_board@fuhsd.org; City Council; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: re dufund police

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Hello, hope this message finds you safe and well.

i heard that there are requests to defund police in Cupertino and became very concerned. I am in full support of social justice for all and stop police brutality movement in trend right now.

Having said that, i do not think defund the police will help to achieve those objectives at all.

Currently police is essential in maintaining neighborhood safety.

Instead, before any decision to defund the police, maybe we can review the police conduct sand see if there is any misconduct in Cupertino police, and keep the review process and results transparent to the public, then we will go from there. it does not make sense to call for "defund the cupertino police" without any facts/basis or data in cupertino. it does not make sense to Decide on cupertino police based on what is happening in Minneapolis or other places. my 2 cents,

take care and keep safe, thanks, yan

Sent from my iPhone

From: susan chen <susanchen8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:34 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: Please Keep the police as current we have

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Hi, Mr. and Mrs,

The police play the very impotent role at our community, to keep the public safety. During the pandemic, we are especially realized and depended on our police department.

The duty of police at our modern life are so essential and can not miss any part:

- Protects life and property through the enforcement of laws & regulations; Proactively patrols assigned areas
- Responds to calls for police service
- Conducts preliminary & follow-up criminal and traffic investigations
- Conducts interviews
- Prepares written reports and field notes of investigations and patrol activities
- Arrest and processes criminals
- Testifies in court
- Emergency duties required during adverse weather conditions
- Ability to exercise judgment in determining when to use force and to what degree
- Operate a law enforcement vehicle under emergency conditions day or night
- Comprehending legal documents including citations, affidavits, warrants and other documents.
- Commanding emergency personnel at accident emergencies and disasters
- Takes an active role in Community Oriented Policing on campus
- Self initiate traffic and/or criminal investigations.

Please keep and even reinforce our police, please do not defund and weaken them. they protect our daily life. we highly respect them. otherwise, when we have dangers or problems, who can come to help us? Like any of other people, they may have mistake, please let public to help them to correct mistakes. let's work together to make our police to maintain social order and protect personal safety more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Chen,

Cupertino citizen

From: Christine Cheng <huayingnew@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:03 PM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council

Subject: Please don't defund the police.

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Dear City Officials,

During this time, we are very concerned with the safety of our city even with the protection of the current police force. It's absolutely not the time to defund the police, because it will put our lives and safety at high risk. The criminals will take advantage of less police force and the relaxed community policies if you let it happen. There are quite a lot of hate crimes and vandalism among other crimes lately. We really need our police to prevent the crimes from getting worse. Please do the right thing and never defund our police.

Thank you for ensuring safety for everyone in Cupertino!

Regards,

Christine & Issac

From: Saoirse Li <saoirse_li@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:07 AM

To: Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Council; school_board@fuhsd.org; board@cusdk8.org

Subject: I oppose defund policemen! 🖺 🖺

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Dear Sir or Madam, I strongly disagree with striping the police of their power. They don't use their power to hurt us, but to protect us from danger. If there were no police, no one would be able to arrest a criminal but the government and the government might be busy and not see this case until days or perhaps weeks after someone was hurt or somethings been stolen. The police always come and check on us elementary schools students when we have a lock-down rehearsal. They give me a sense of security and I know they will be there when a criminal really comes to the school and a lock-down really happens. When there is a car accident, the police will come and sort the problem out. I believe they are just and help our community fit with one another. Without the police, there will be chaos. I think the police is very brave and should keep the power of being fair.

Sincerely Saoirse

Sent from my iPad