

Erika Herrera

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Erika Herrera
Subject: Police Protection

****EXTERNAL SENDER - READ CAREFULLY****

Please make this letter public record.

June 16, 2020

Fillmore City Council

250 Central Avenue

Fillmore CA 93015

RE: Police Protection

Council Members:

I have worked in the City of Fillmore for 20 years as a preschool/child care provider. In my line of work we constantly promote community helpers. Our young children need to respect and be aware that the law enforcement community is our friend. In the event of an emergency whether it be medical, criminal or on the occasion that a child is lost, we must instill that a law enforcement officer is there as a public servant, someone to trust, to approach and someone who is there to help.

At the center we encourage the community's deputies to stop by the school, wave from their car as they drive by and to use our parking lot as a place to talk from their vehicle.

I rest in the security that all I must do is dial 3 digits to summon help should I require emergency assistance. Our center has been on lock down in the past and I appreciate a phone call from our local department to notify us when there may be an issue in our neighborhood where our children would be safer indoors until the incident has passed.

Please do not follow the current fad to defund those who go to work each day to serve and protect. We live in the times of active shooters, gang violence, domestic violence, drugs and other factors which at anytime require immediate assistance. The children and I NEED to know that help is on the way when we need it.

Sincerely

Joanna Van Why



Erika Herrera

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 9:28 AM
To: David Rowlands; Erika Herrera
Subject: Public comment/on record

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Please make this public comment and on record. It would be a huge injustice to the city of Fillmore to defund the policing in our sweet town. This is one of the places I feel the safest. I go to neighboring towns and I'm checking my locks and my guard is up. I was pleased for the most part the protesting and rioting did NOT come to our town. I truly believe all lives matter not because I don't think black lives do but I think blue lives do too... and I mean our officers who go out everyday and protect us and serve us! What would our world turn to with out these officers? It's a pretty scary thought. They don't get enough funding as it is. Can you imagine calling 911 and getting told sorry... not important enough to respond but you thought it was important enough to call 911. That's the society we would be living in. And in a sad way we actually are... in the middle of this pandemic my minor daughter was victimized by a grown man and because of all this other stuff going on a case has yet to established can you imagine if you defund the police??? Total mayhem! Our city would go to hell quickly! It would be a shame for our small town. Think hard city of fillmore and don't give into this crap!

Thank you,
Brandy Hollis

Erika Herrera

[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:55 AM
To: David Rowlands; Erika Herrera
Subject: Fwd: Police

For public comments

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[REDACTED]
Subject: Police

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I'm under the understanding that there is talk about defunding our police. I sincerely hope this is not the case. I support our law enforcement they are a vital part of our community. I realize because of recent problems throughout our nation things need to be addressed and some changes made but I do not agree with defunding. These people put their lives on the line daily and need our support. Thank you Linda Root

Sent from my iPad

Erika Herrera

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Erika Herrera
Subject: Defund the Police

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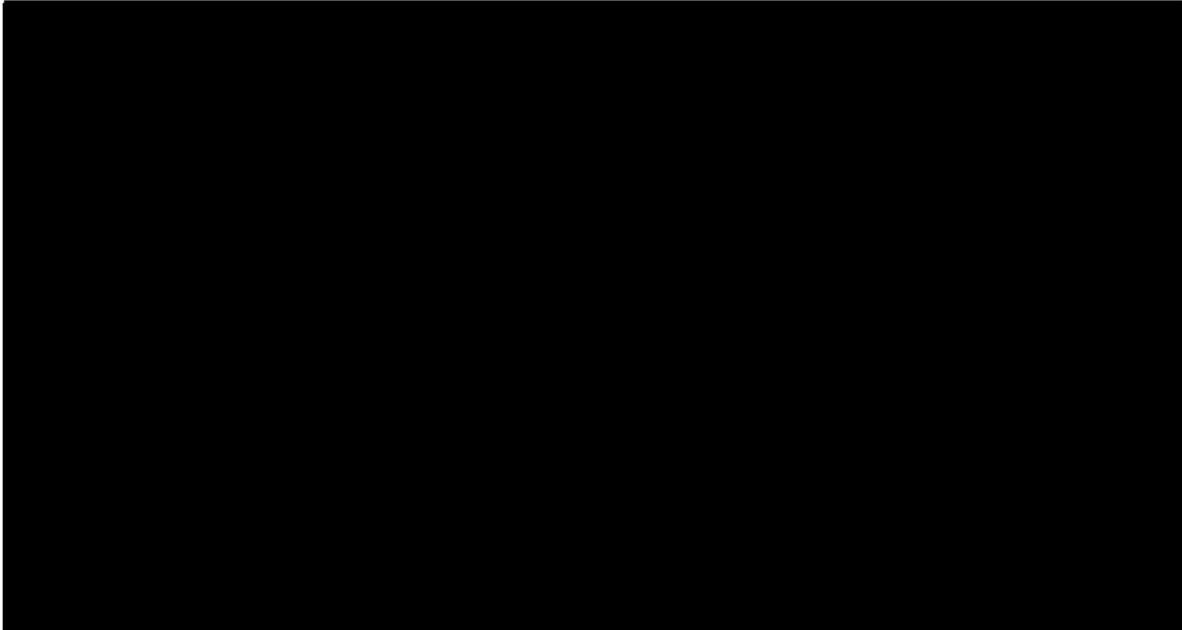
Message submitted from the <Fillmore, CA> website.

Site Visitor Name: Victor Hugo Prado
Site Visitor Email: vprado16@gmail.com

Hello,

My name is Victor Prado. I am a resident of Piru and I have lived in the Fillmore-Piru area for all of my life. I am sending this email to implore you to consider the defunding of the police in Fillmore. This issue of racial bias and police brutality has become prominent in the wake of George Floyd's death, but it is an issue that has been a reality since this country's inception. There is a lot of sentiment in Fillmore that "we don't have these problems here", so there is no need to make changes to the system, but in reality, there are many citizens of Fillmore and Piru who have been victims of police brutality and harassment on the basis of their skin color. When we call for the defunding of the police, we aren't asking that the police be abolished overnight; what we want the reallocation of funds from police and towards community-based models of safety, support, and prevention. Whether it is someone being pulled over for a busted taillight, responding to a domestic abuse call, responding to an armed robbery, or even just a simple welfare check, it is always a law enforcement officer that comes, even when the law need not be enforced in all of those scenarios. We don't expect these changes to come overnight, but what we do expect is to see our local elected officials acknowledge our demands and address them. These emails will be sent to you regularly, not so you don't forget, but so you know that we haven't given up this fight. Thank you for your time.

Victor Prado



Date: June 15, 2020 at 9:32:31 PM PDT

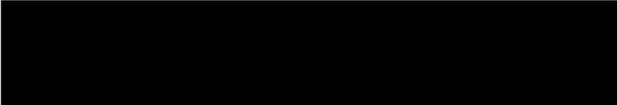
To: David Rowlands <drowlands@fillmoreca.gov>

Subject: Defunding of the Police Dept.



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Message submitted from the <Fillmore, CA> website.



Dear Mr. Rowlands

I have concerns about the City and the defunding of our Police Dept. This should not be a consideration for our City. This would be very bad for the City. We as a City do not need to be involved with this political agenda that is spreading across the country. I hope this is dealt with and will go away. There is a large group of citizens in this city that appose defunding the Police Dept. I request that I go on the record apposing any defunding of the Police Dept.

Thank you

Kyle Hollis

Begin forwarded message:

Date: June 15, 2020 at 11:33:03 PM PDT
To: David Rowlands <drowlands@fillmoreca.gov>
Subject: Fillmore 2020-2021 Funding

****EXTERNAL SENDER - READ CAREFULLY****
Sincerely Fillmore,

I am writing this letter to address the City Budget Proposal for 2020-2021. I can say from my experience as an alumni of the Fillmore Unified School District, that the district lacked many after school programs, lacked educational resources and extra curricular activities. Having gone to college. I realized that many other districts and communities provided children with programs that advanced they're educational spark, programs that allowed children to grow interest in science, mathematics, art, music, marine biology and even robotics. After comparing my experience with that of my peers, I realized how far behind and outdated our district is, and as it has been brought to my attention that Fillmore civilians, such as myself, are pleading for change and asking that the 3.8 MILLION proposed Police budget, be redistributed into programs that go back into our city and more importantly go back to the children.

The fact that the Police Force will take nearly 47% of Fillmore's total funding is insane especially when I realize that my young niece and nephews, who are currently attending the Fillmore Unified School District, are handed torn up text books and are offered little to NO after school programs. I am shocked! I knew there was a problem with the district but I had no idea those issues could be solved if the city didn't invest a HUGE majority of its funding into resources that do nothing to advance the educational system.

I humbly ask that we simply rethink what values are important to our community and analyze our values. Are we a community that devalues our youth and places the Police force over them? Or, are we a community that puts our children first and values their future enough to invest additional funding into programs that benefit THEM. The youth is our future and by the lack of educational resources the Fillmore Unified School District provides, it is evident that the youth does not matter to us. We could be the best and most ADVANCED school district in the whole county, maybe even the whole state, but we choose to value surveillance over our children. Let's rethink our funding!

I request that this letter be included into the city record at the next meeting.

Kind Regards,
Daniela Espericueta

