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Hello,

As a resident of San Jose, I've been concerned about the expenditures on policing and how that money can be better spent.

I'm sure there is no perfect solution, but I do know the current state of our police - brutal force, racist cops, civil rights lawsuits left and right that the city has to pay for - isn't the way. We need to stop militarizing our police force, stop criminalizing homelessness, drug addiction, and mental health issues, and start providing real 360 CARE for our citizens and community.

Perhaps it would help to think of it not as "defunding" which is a rather unspecific rallying cry by activists, but it doesn't get at the heart of perhaps the real issues:

1. Disarm the police. take away their guns, tanks, and high tech military toys
2. Hold officers accountable for use of force. They should be held to an even higher standard than the general population. That means no qualified immunity and it means putting cops in jail when they harm members of the community.
3. Cut their budget. A lot. And put that money towards affordable housing, rehabilitation clinics and mental health services, subsidized child care, education and after-school enrichment programs, community centers.

That is what will ultimately reduce crime and the harm. And that's not the end of the story, there are many more steps to take after we do the above things, but it's a start and it is a better solution than we currently have.

I would ask all members of the council to consider these articles and then reassess their stance on the issues:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/abc7news.com/amp/san-jose-police-sjpd-brutality-officer-charged/6679595/>

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local/amp/NAACP-says-its-suing-San-Jose-for-police-16018849.php>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.mercurynews.com/2020/08/15/couple-tased-beaten-after-hotel-birthday-party-sue-san-jose-police/amp/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.mercurynews.com/2020/10/04/exclusive-new-san-jose-police-records-show-officers-rarely-disciplined-for-serious-use-of-force/amp/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.ktvu.com/news/i-was-shocked-sjpd-chief-says-after-racist-social-media-posts-from-officers-surface.amp>

<https://sanjosespotlight.com/how-san-jose-police-union-contracts-shield-officers-accused-of-misconduct/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.vox.com/platform/amp/the-highlight/21430892/defund-the-police-funding-abolish-george-floyd-breonna-taylor-daniel-prude>

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/defund-the-police-1007254/>

Thank you for your service, really appreciate your time.

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