

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
ADDENDUM**

Monday, June 29, 2020

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Angela M. Birkett

From: City Clerk
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:07 PM
To: City Clerk; adriachilcote@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Public comment via webinar

Adria,

In answer to your question, whomever wants to testify, needs to be the one that registers by 12:00 noon on Monday. This is for security purposes.

Any other questions or concerns, please feel free to email us.

Carmen Flynn | Office Specialist

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From: Angela M. Birkett <ABirkett@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:13 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: FW: Public comment via webinar

Please see the email below regarding registration for public comment at Monday's meeting.

Thanks,

Angie Birkett
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Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone 402-441-6867
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abirkett@lincoln.ne.gov



From: Adria Chilcote [<mailto:adriachilcote@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:14 PM

To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject: Public comment via webinar

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

If I register to be on the list for public comment for Monday's meeting, can I cede my time to someone else on the day, during the meeting, who has not registered on time?

Thanks!

Adria Chilcote

Angela M. Birkett

From: midekalb@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: reducing recycle drop off sites to save \$

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council members:

I do believe the consolidation of drop off sites will significantly impact the recycling efforts in Lincoln and impact the new cardboard ban. Please take a second look at that and ask for details.

Mike DeKalb
midekalb@aol.com
402-466-6357

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nicholette Seigfreid <nicholetteseigfreid@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Planning Commision appointment

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

On June 25, Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird announced the appointment of Pablo Cervantes to the Planning Commission. Her press release includes a long list of his accomplishments. I acknowledge that Mr. Cervantes is involved in much good work. However, his most recent actions are cause for the Council to not approve this appointment.

As the owner of Casa Property Management, he has attempted and continues to evict tenants with no regard for their rights during a pandemic. Mr Cervantes has six evictions set for next week and has already pursued many evictions since the CARES Act took effect on March 27, 2020.

Name	Court Date	Time	Rm #	Hearing Type	Caption	Case ID
Casa Properties, LLC	07/01/2020	8:30AM	21	Restitution of Premises Hrg	Casa Property Management, LLC v. G	CI200006287
Casa Property Management, LLC	06/30/2020	8:30AM	21	Restitution of Premises Hrg	Casa Property Management, LLC v. R	CI200006167
Casa Property Management, LLC	07/01/2020	8:30AM	21	Restitution of Premises Hrg	Casa Property Management, LLC v. T	CI200006286
Casa Property Management, LLC	07/01/2020	8:30AM	21	Restitution of Premises Hrg	Casa Property Management, LLC v. G	CI200006287
Casa Property Management, LLC	07/08/2020	8:30AM	21	Remaining Causes	Casa Property Management, L v. Bus	CI200003614
Casa Property Management, LLC	07/08/2020	8:30AM	21	Remaining Causes	Casa Property Management, LLC v. L	CI200003617

The restrictions of the CARES Act, § 4024(a), took effect on March 27, 2020, extends until July 25, 2020, and broadly applies to any dwelling where the building is secured by a federally backed mortgage loan, secured by a federally backed-multifamily loan, or participates in certain “covered housing programs” such as Section 8, Freddy Mac/Fannie May loans, HUD loans, or the low-income housing tax credit program. Lessors of such “covered properties” are restricted from filing new eviction actions for non-payment of rent, and also are prohibited from “charg[ing] fees, penalties, or other charges to the tenant related to such non-payment of rent.” See CARES Act, § 4024(a). The CARES Act affects a great majority of residential single and multi-family rental housing in Nebraska. Many of Mr. Cervantes tenants receive housing subsidies, including Section 8 housing vouchers administered through the Lincoln Housing Authority, which administers these vouchers with funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I encourage you to reach out to the lawyers providing pro bono counsel to tenants through the [Nebraska Law Civil Clinic](#) to hear about their recent and current interactions with Casa Property Management.

Mr. Cervantes' past accolades cannot excuse his current actions. A few important things to consider, you will not hear from nonprofits committed to working on tenants' rights and housing equity because they are all funded by the Woods Charitable Foundation, where Mr. Cervantes serves as a Board Member. You will not hear from many other advocates committed to equity because Mr. Cervantes is employed by LPS and serves on the CLC Board.

Over the past month there have been calls of "white silence is violence" and unfortunately I have come to realize those calls were performative. At this moment, most advocates and organizations are falling silent because money is power, and because Mr. Cervantes is a nice person who is well connected. The work of equity and justice is uncomfortable and pushes all of us to do hard things - like question the current actions of a well connected and respected community advocate.

[Please do your own research about Mr. Cervantes current actions](#) and ask yourself - Is someone who is actively attempting to evict Lincoln's most vulnerable, in direct opposition to the rights afforded to them by the CARES Act, the right person for the Planning Commission?

Best,
Nicholette

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:23 AM
To: Jamie. 🚫
Subject: Specialization and Domestic Violence

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Greetings,

In a study of abused women, over 80% said they would not call the police again because they were scared that their abuser would only get a "slap on the wrist," and that they would come back and hurt them. Seeing that abused women do not feel safe calling the police to help them escape situations of domestic violence, should we cater to these women and create a new task force? The answer is yes.

We need specialized teams to respond to issues of domestic violence, that are not police. Police simply do not have, and cannot receive the extensive, rigorous training that specialized experts on deescalating domestically violent situations and helping victims escape their abuser require. This takes years of training and education, it's one of many issues that police are simply not fit to handle, like they are expected to today. And I don't just want to see woman officers respond to these calls, because they are still police officers who are not fit to deal with these situations, in terms of the training and education they have.

Defunding the police is about more than the safety of our Black neighbors, which is absolutely vital in itself. It is about making women more safe by ensuring their issues are cared for in a specialized way by trained professionals.

Are you willing to help victims of domestic violence?

Thanks,
Jamie

Angela M. Birkett

From: Deborah Levitov <dlevitov@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Public Comment June 29, 2020--Cocerns

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council Representatives,

I am writing with concerns related to treatment and arrests during the recent BLM protests in Lincoln. I urge you to dismiss all charges against protesters and I urge you to ban the use of "less lethal" weapons against city residents. These were young people who are our future and they were expressing their right to protest. The injuries incurred were terrible and should not have happened. I would encourage the City to accept responsibility for the injuries inflicted on the peaceful protesters. We need to find ways to defuse such situations without attack or the use of *less or more* lethal weapons.

Another concern was how journalists were treated by police, and how they were taken into custody. This should not happen.

I feel Lincoln failed it's residents during the recent BLM protests. Our city can and should do better.

Deborah Levitov
3520 South 35th Street
Lincoln, NE 69506

Angela M. Birkett

From: City Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting

Hi Angie, we have directed her to email the council packet for suggestions.

Carmen Flynn | Office Specialist

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From: Gretchen Larsen <gretchenkathleenlarsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:49 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: City Council Meeting

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Name: Gretchen Larsen
Address: 1300 N 41st St, Lincoln, NE 68503
Email: gretchenkathleenlarsen@gmail.com
Phone: 402-326-8431

Hello,

Thank you for having the next couple of meetings available to participate online. I want to kindly demand that this always be the case!

Please, consider **always** letting people attend council meetings online. Please consider **always** having a translator present!

Please, consider the above requests not heavy demands, but promises of beauty! Opportunities to employ an individual responsible for the true accessibility, the true equity of the circle!

I know we all wish to make Lincoln beautiful. Beauty must not be censored or constrained. It is essential to open, to be sensitive to the structures so that **everyone** can join the circle. If we are only concerned with limiting bodies, so that we can focus more on "getting things done" or some "agenda," I think we've got to loosen our hold on the agenda.

Please consider creating a position for an individual responsible for holding virtual space for participation, and for at least one language translator present at every meeting-- perhaps, if we can't have translations to arabic, kurdish, spanish, and vietnamese every week, perhaps we can at least commit to having a different translator present on a rotating basis.

These kinds of accessibility promises are so important to me, and to my community! We love you! Please build systems that are flexible and invite **all** into the circle!

--

love and Everything

Gretchen Larsen

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Doctoral Student, Teaching & Learning with Technology (TLTE)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sarah Erdlen <saraherdlen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget Input

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hi Council Members,

I wanted to take the time to remind you, again, regarding the city budget, that designating any sum of money for police reform is NOT the right move. Body cameras are not the right option. They do not prevent harm, they do not change individuals' behavior, they do not increase trust or transparency.

Here is a [handy one-sheeter](#) that explains not only why body cams fail to address the issues with police, but also offers a multitude of policy options that do, in fact, address the issues with police.

Please take the time to research this thoroughly. Additional funding towards the police department, whether for technology or any other kind of additional measure, is NOT what we need in Lincoln, and will not satisfy those of us who are looking for justice.

Your constituent,
Sarah Erdlen
3126 T St.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jill Aurand <jill.aurand@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am a homeowner in Lincoln, and I am writing to support the reallocation or redirection of funding away from the police department to other government agencies and services, often referred to as Defunding the police.

I also encourage you to consider programs such as CAHOOTS in Oregon.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/06/10/874339977/cahoots-how-social-workers-and-police-share-responsibilities-in-eugene-oregon>

Jill Aurand
Lincoln, NE

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Jamie. 🐼
Subject: Reallocating Police Funds

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Officials,

It is essential that you take budget money away from the police and reallocate that money into community services that in turn, will reduce crime, as everyone's needs will be cared for.

Defund the police. Reallocate the funds into community services. Our police are grossly overfunded.

Sincerely,
Jamie Reeves

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Jamie. 🐼
Subject: Caring for Oppressed Lincoln Residents through Budget Reallocation

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I am writing today to advocate for my neighbors and my community in saying: we must fund our community services at a greater rate to benefit and advance our oppressed communities. To find these funds for our oppressed and specifically Black communities, we must defund the police.

This money must be taken away from the police because policing as an institution is inherently violent towards Black people and other marginalized groups. I do believe we must develop a model of safety that do not involve police, because police do not promote public safety.

Please let me know what you are using your power to do specifically, to make sure our marginalized communities are advanced and cared for. Please let me know specifically, how you are reallocating funds within the city budget to benefit our Black residents.

Sincerely,
Jamie Reeves

Angela M. Birkett

From: Augustin Burchell <augustin.burchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: James M. Bowers; Richard W. Meginnis; Jane Raybould; Tammy J. Ward; Sandra J. Washington; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe
Subject: Looking forward is not giving up

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members,

Hello, I'm Gus Burchell, a born and raised Lincolnite, recently returned home after graduating from college and appreciating this city more than ever. I've also felt more invested in the well-being of this city, and to that end I thank you all for the accessibility and transparency of City Council operations — being able to stream Council meetings live on YouTube has been a godsend in these viral times.

I am writing to encourage you all to consider, and take seriously, the sentiment and action which commonly falls under the banner of “Defund the Police.” I know from conversations with my own family that these words can be difficult to digest, and on the surface seem foolish and reactionary. I want to, as best I can without presupposing too much of your time, assure you otherwise.

At the heart of this call is the idea of looking forward and considering how we might cultivate a world in which we don't need policing, at least at the scale and magnitude we use it now. I don't think this requires as much imagination as we might think. I grew up in east Lincoln, a few blocks from Lincoln East High School (let's go Spartans!), and the truth is that the environment in this area of Lincoln is very close to what those calling for defunding the police are asking for. The number of police officers for this large area is low, and police are rarely called for neighborhood disputes. There are not officers patrolling the streets. Instead, the citizens who live in this area are fortunate enough to be able to invest in their community without the interference of a constant putative force breathing down their neck.

This is not to say that no crimes are committed. I would be lying if I said I didn't know dozens of people who partake in casual recreational drug use, or occasionally shoplift a candybar or earrings from Target or Walgreens. The difference is that these people are generally wealthy and white, and the average store clerk or passerby of a funky-smelling-car doesn't have the impulse assumption that they are dangerous or criminal. This means that the cops don't get called on them, these assumptions aren't allowed to be fed by the occasional person who matches them, and very little judicial weight is thrown onto their shoulders. Because of this, the punishment they might receive is from their family and, importantly, doesn't follow them there whole life and make every other possible success more difficult. Heavy policing doesn't stop crime, it only punishes the part of society who we decide to treat as criminal, those who we've decided aren't worth giving the same benefit of the doubt we'd give our own kids or friends.

Calls for defunding the police aren't trying to pull us into lawlessness, but into the suburbs. It's not about turning a blind eye to crime, but acknowledging that's what we already do if it is done by a “good kid” in a whiter, more affluent neighborhood. It's about putting more resources into libraries, social programs, and the future of communities which need it most, rather than into a police force which is already well funded. It's about acknowledging that the crimes we punish are often acts of necessity, and that we should be focusing our

attention on addressing the socioeconomic environments that form this necessity, rather than punishing the natural push-backs against these conditions by those that have to feel them every single day.

This is not an encouragement of lawless decline into anarchy, but rather an acknowledgment of the truths which we've been taught since we were young yet have let stagnate into empty platitudes. *An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure* - yet at every turn we cut our preventative measures so that we can better fund, or marginally reform, our punitive "cure". *An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind* - yet we demand eye after eye, for far less than the taking of an eye. *Equality before the law* - yet we put the law before all else, as if it were the bedrock of security and happiness, and not a complex system which often actively entrenches and fuels, rather than fights, the inequality present in our society.

I know defunding the police won't be easy for an elected official — no one wants to be seen as "weak on crime." I only hope that this can help encourage you to look past the phrase and actually at the action. This is about helping the people and communities you represent, creating a safer city in which all people can feel as safe and respected as I did growing up, and looking forward instead of behind. If you take these cries for change seriously enough, I truly believe that even on a pragmatic, self-serving level you can make meaningful, forward-looking change without losing the faith of your electorate. Just remember, policing doesn't stop crime —not being put into a situation where you feel like you have no other choice *does*.

All the best,
Gus Burchell

PS If I didn't make this clear, **please for the love of god don't limit library opening days while at the same time increasing the number of police officers**. This will not only create fewer, enriching spaces for the people who need them and will benefit from them most, but be so incredibly tone-deaf in the current environment. I truly want to be able to trust my city council members, but if the current budget passes on August 24th I will know that I, and so so many others, have not been listened to on even the most superficial level, and I will be voting accordingly in the future.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kathy Wobig <kawobig@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for the LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I strongly support our Lincoln Police Department and do NOT want the department to be defunded by the city. These brave police officers need the support of our community as well as the financial support from our government.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our city.

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Kathy Wobig

Angela M. Birkett

From: Perry Gauthier <perry@capitolstudies.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: cwadhams59; Faith Gauthier (faithrn01@gmail.com)
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council:

We and everyone we know strongly support the police and their funding.

For the KING of kings,

Perry Gauthier

Founder & President—Capitol Studies

Mobile 402.770.6270

"I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be ashamed."

—Psalm 119:46

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jessica Jonson <jljonson67@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD Support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lincoln City Council,

I appreciate the broad spread concerns over the relationship between police and citizens particularly black citizens. And there are some police departments that are in need of significant reform. However, in my experience LPD is not one of those. An examination of process and procedures to ensure that all Lincoln citizens receive fair and appropriate response from LPD is responsible but assuming the worst about the LPD with individuals who put their lives on the line for our community is not warranted or fair and shows very little respect for a difficult job that is done well in our city. I understand the council needs to listen to all concerns voiced but I would ask that your decisions be based on solid evidence and what is best for our community as a whole. Defunding police is not needed nor called for and I hope the Council and in particular my representative, Jane Raybould, will defend the important work of our LPD.

Jessica Jonson
Southwest (District 3) Citizen

Angela M. Birkett

From: kathleen obrien <seniobrien3211@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: pro police force

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I would like to praise our police force here in Lincoln. A city without policemen is a city in big trouble. Defunding the police is an extremely stupid idea!! Thanks to all police officers across the country sincerely Kathleen OBrien.

Angela M. Birkett

From: (null) (null) <jdsillman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please keep men in blue

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello city council members

Even though I'm out of county, but just from Cass County, I really believe it's important to have The patrol in Lincoln Nebraska as with everything

Going on, it's a good feeling to have them in the city. I feel much safer knowing they are in the town for our lives and they are good human beings that my family and I are In complete faith that they are in place to help us in need.

Please don't defund the police.

We need a strong force

Thank you

Mrs Jeff (Dorene) Sillman

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Marcilee Albert <MAlbert@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Marcilee A Albert
Subject: Support of LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the Lincoln Police Department and believe they are of vital importance in maintaining order during the increasingly chaotic times we are experiencing. I do not support the de-funding of the department and feel strongly it would be wrong to do so.

Thank you for your service.

Marcilee A. Albert
6300 Starr St.
Lincoln, NE. 68505
MAlbert@neb.rr.com

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Marcilee Albert <MAlbert@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Malbert@neb.rr.com
Subject: Lincoln Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the Lincoln Police Department. They provide order and safety in these increasingly chaotic times. I feel the officers have shown great restraint and level-headedness, especially during the past weeks. I do not support the defunding of the police department.

Thank you for your service.

Marcilee A. Albert
6300 Starr St.
Lincoln, NE. 68505
MAlbert@neb.rr.com

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: john rajewski <jprajewski@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello Council Members of the City of Lincoln!! I just wanted to give our Lincoln Police the best of my regards and wish them well in all their efforts!!

Thank you dear Police Officers for your enormous efforts and dedication to keeping our City safe, and doing your best to protect our citizens and uphold the law. Thank you for the commitments you have made to be more community involved and it was great seeing that our good law enforcement deescalated the black lives matter protests. All lives matter even those of the unborn!!

We owe a debt of gratitude to not only our Lincoln Police, but Lincoln Fire and Rescue, and the Sheriff Officers. These are the people that we rely heavily on in any and all emergencies and disasters. You can believe their intentions are good, and they want to do their best as they are trained to do to help in any circumstances. These people we hold to high standards and we should all respect their authority and do what they ask or say!

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who put themselves in harms way every day. I hope and pray we have the sense enough to keep our police department and even reward them occasionally for all they do for us. Do we want a civil society or do we want lawlessness. Without the police and laws to follow it would be chaos. So we SALUTE you dear Police Officers, First Responders Sheriff's Deputies, for your bravery, and courage, and commitment to serving the people of the City of Lincoln. Thank you and May God Bless and Keep You, patty

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Angela M. Birkett

From: FRAN POTTER <franpotter101@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please continue to fund our Police Department.
Do not defund.
Donald E Potter
Frances Potter
Zip code 68505

Angela M. Birkett

From: Debra Firman <msdebathon1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I fully support our wonderful police officers! Only bad things will happen without them and we need to support their efforts to keep us safe!

Angela M. Birkett

From: Beverly White <beverwhite@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Keep LPD funded

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: mary schmidt <maryschmidt28@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please keep our police funded.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jimmer and Susan Noel <jsnoel@windstream.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: SUPPORT FOR POLICE AND DEPUTIES

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Council Members,

I am overwhelmingly in support of our Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department. Any attempt to reallocate budget funds away from law enforcement, is a monumental miscalculation, and would be placing public safety in jeopardy.

In fact, I would be in support of more funds from the city and county budget to be given to law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement visibility instills trust and in conjunction with professionalism is a deterrent that is needed and welcomed by this tax payer.

Let us do the prudent thing and increase the budget for law enforcement.

Highly trained, well equipped and professional law enforcement is the backbone of a strong, vibrant and safe community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jimmer and Susan Noel

Angela M. Birkett

From: Irinaker@neb.rr.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Keep LPD funded

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: lucinda pollack <lpollack3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Writing to strongly support the police department of Lincoln Nebraska. I feel strongly that we are able to overcome and grow to satisfy the community's needs for safety and security. I will do what is needed to support our emergency responders, medical professionals and law enforcement.

Lucinda Bergman
Lincoln, NE resident

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kelly Woolman <kellygopack@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please keep the Lincoln Police Department Funded

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lincoln City Council,

Please, please, please keep the Lincoln Police Department Funded. They are a very integral part of our safety and sanity here. I truly can't believe that this is in question at all. Please continue to protect the public. I am a home owner and I'm super happy to pay for all of our First Responders. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kelly Woolman

Angela M. Birkett

From: Doyle Hulme <dlkv@hulme56.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: We support the LPD and the funds needed to upgrade any necessary areas. A Safe and secure community is essential!!!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Doyle & Kay HULME
6505 Saltgrass Rd.

Sent from my iPhone Doyle Hulme.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Neil Bickley <neil.bickley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please support are police force

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please support are police force

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ellen Russell <ellenruss48@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our police!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please do NOT consider defunding the LPD! Our police need the support of those citizens who rely on them for their protection! Defunding will only create less protection and disorder!
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lisa Huettner <lisahuettner@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support lpd

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing this email in support of LPD. I am a nurse in the community. The Lincoln police department has protected me in my job at Bryan West and in the community and I support them and back them.

Lisa Huettner

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Philip Erdman <philipbuster@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Thank you

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Members of the City Council,

Thank you for your service to the people of Lincoln. These are trying times that have tested us individually and collectively.

I would also like to offer my thanks to the first responders and law enforcement in our community. We are fortunate to have brave men and women from all walks of life and backgrounds willing to serve as public servants in our community.

This is the first time in my 11 years as a Lincoln resident I have felt compelled to write to you. Honestly, I can't believe I would have to ask this but just in case there is an effort to defund or cut the support it to our law enforcement, I would strongly ask that you reject that effort.

Your collective decision will demonstrate whether we as a community will pass the tests we are up against today and emerge as a stronger community for tomorrow. A community that believes in law and order and equality before the law.

Phil Erdman

Angela M. Birkett

From: A Street Market <astreetmarket@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Qualified immunity

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

If you vote for Qualified Immunity you will not have a Police Department. Would you want to be in their shoes?! I strongly encourage you to protect the rights of our police officers and let them do their job. You have no idea what it is like to be a police officer. Before you decide anything you should ride along and live a few hours in their shoes. You have no idea how a situation can turn from bad to worse and the split second decisions they have to make to save their own lives. Then to do that with no rights or backing from the government. Be brave and stand up and fight for our police officers.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gina Steele <ginamsteele@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council of Lincoln-
The police are vital To our city. Please keep them fully funded.
Gina Steele

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lisa Clark <lisaj.clark50@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please keep our city safe. Do not defund LPD. It's just insanity to punish many for action of a few.

Thank you,

Lisa Clark

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Lisa J Clark

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dave Friesen <Dave-Friesen@cdolinc.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of the Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I write to you in support of the Lincoln Police. I have lived in Lincoln for 20 years and have a high regard for the professionalism and integrity of your police and the department.

I have observed the Lincoln Police on several occasions defusing tense situations while remaining courteous, calm, and very professional to all involved. I am glad that we have such individuals in our police department keeping our streets and neighborhoods safe. I think the City of Lincoln is well served by these men and women that do the jobs that they do especially in dangerous and difficult situations.

Now, more than ever, with so much unfair and negative bias toward police officers in general, we owe them our support, trust, respect, and gratitude. It is my hope that you share my views. They make Lincoln a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Dave Friesen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jack Odgaard <simon3jack@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Law and order is necessary for civilized society

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Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr. said in a recent interview, "The heart of a lawless nation leads to degradation. Martin Luther King Jr. supported the Constitution of the United States. Martin Luther King Jr. recited the Pledge of Allegiance. And so, we want to be one nation under God. We will not be able to do that if we allow ourselves to become a lawless nation." (National Catholic Register, June 21-July 4, 2020)

The vast majority of police officers in Lincoln and Nebraska are conscientious, good "cops" who will uphold the law to protect human life. Most of them are willing to risk their own lives for the protection of others. It would be nice if society didn't need police to enforce our laws, which are created for the public good, protection and welfare. But the recent violence and riots prove that many are not willing to live within the law. So, civilized society needs a police force just to ensure its very existence.

I have been a peaceful witness, demonstrator and protestor for many years. But I have seen anger and hatred and what they can do to people. Unchanneled anger leads to hatred which can lead to violence. And violence breeds violence. Society and civilization cannot exist in such a state.

Were the Lincoln City Council to defund or shut down our police force, it would be tantamount to inviting lawlessness. It's not the good, concerned and caring citizens who are shocked, saddened and angered by the incidents of police wrongdoing in Minneapolis and elsewhere who would be breaking the law. It would be others who would use the opportunity to loot, plunder, riot, and destroy. And how many lives of citizens will be threatened, and livelihoods of people be dashed by such carnage?

The people elect government officials with the expectation that they will be responsible in their jobs. I hope and trust all the members of the Lincoln City Council will be responsible and not do anything to threaten or lessen law and order for our city and the protection of its people.

John Odgaard

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gillett, Bryce <bryce.gillett@trimarkusa.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FUND the Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good evening, while the outcry of "Defund the Police" is on the forefront in many cities and all over the news, I wanted to reach out and ask that our Lincoln City Council strongly oppose any idea of the sort. I don't know how much this is being promoted in Nebraska, but friends of mine are concerned and we want to make sure our voices are heard.

I am hopeful and believe that most of us in Nebraska, and in particular those of us in Lincoln, understand the need for the Police. And that we also understand the need to respect and support the Police. And also that we understand that just because there are bad people in all walks of life, in all facets of life, business, government, etc., that we don't completely disregard entire organizations because of it.

I have taken it upon myself over the past few weeks since everything blew up over Memorial Weekend, to approach every officer I see and thank them for what they are doing, and for what they have to put up with. I know it may not make much of a difference, but I'm also still hopeful that it might.

Please FUND the Police!
Thanks!



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Angela M. Birkett

From: Kerri Kreifels <kerrbear2636@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am a law abiding citizen of Lincoln, NE and I am a registered voter. Our police department needs to be supported and funded to continue to keep crime and violence at a minimum. I am afraid for my children who are 7 year old twins to grow up in a city with an improper or no police force. If that would occur, I would sell my home and move to a town where my children can be safe. Society is terrifying right now throughout the USA and I dont want our lovely city to go down in flames.

Keep our police force funded for the safety of all the citizens of Lincoln.

Kerri Kreifels

Angela M. Birkett

From: David Schnase <d_schnase@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good evening

I am a resident of Lincoln Nebraska for 17 years now I came from Philippines and never had any problems with any police officers. I am a taxpayer and a good citizen I would like to support the police man so We can maintain the law and order of our city. This is a big mistake to defund The law enforcement. When the protesters are having problem with rioters they called the police so what if we don't have enough policemen who will Protect us? Please support the police department .

Thank you

Glenda

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Heidi Pattee <heidi.pattee@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Don't Defund Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Officials,

I'm writing on behalf of my family to tell you that it is imperative that LPD NOT be defunded. However, we also believe that it is always necessary to maintain and train racial sensitivity within all police departments. Don't defund the very force that ensures peace and order in Lincoln. Simply correct what is corrupt. Think about the consequences of a city without protection, and then consider accepting the responsibility for that lack of protection when the crime rate increases. Which it will.

Sincerely,

Heidi Pattee, M.A.
Isabel Pattee
Gary Pattee, M.D.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mindy Gonzalez <mnyluv710@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Supporting Lincoln police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support our boys in blue!! I do not believe they should be defunded.
We need our police to keep people safe. I work in the hospital and love it when our boys in blue come up and get to know us...
Melinda Gonzalez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ron Zimmer <rlz1942@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Could anyone who would defund the police Explain what citizens can do to protect the lives of innocent people? That is a really not smart idea.

Ron Zimmer

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Carlos Gonzalez <fresno5974@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fund The Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am 100% in support of our Lincoln Police Department. NEVER DEFUND THEM!!!

Carlos Gonzalez
Cell: 402-540-2851
Email: fresno5974@gmail.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rita Price <ritaneddenriep@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Do Not defund the Police. The Lincoln Police department goes above and beyond everyday and night to keep our citizens safe. They got unrecognized everyday, and are truly unsung heros. They are the reason Lincoln is a safe place, and a city people want to live in. We need to be an example to the rest of the nation that we can stand as one with our Police department to make a positive change. Please do not put further divide between the Police and the people. Stand up for the Police, the people that you as the Mayor and city council personnel should have their back. Show the men and women in blue that at least their city government has their back. Be strong and brave like you ask your police force to do and support them. Don't do what you think " looks good" for your resume, and then expect LPD to clean up the mess.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gloria German <gloriabarnes2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: The police academy

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

I have heard that some residents may have been requesting for the defunding of the police department! I sure hope that's is not the case! As a nurse working in the Emergency department I depend on the police department to help us with our more vulnerable patients...ie those that have been assaulted, abused and/or raped! I also depend on them when there is a rowdy patient that is being violent towards me or our coworkers!

As a mother I have depended on them finding my run away son in the past. I have depended on them when my son was violent towards me! I have depended on them when A friend was raped! Please don't defund the police department!! They are an important part of this community!

Thank you

Gloria German

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shelley Schroeder <shelleyschroeder@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:30 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: DO NOT DEFUND POLICE

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing in support of our Lincoln police department, I am opposed to the defunding that is being brought forth. Our police department does so much for our city. We need resource officers in our school systems, and we need officers to protect our city. Please accept my email in support of our men in blue!

Sincerely,
Shelley Schroeder
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jane Farrell <janefrrll@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:31 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We support LPD and are not in favor of defunding the police.

Jane Farrell
John Farrell

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Michelle Dale <mldale79@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

I support the Lincoln Police Department and all the efforts they have made and continue to make in keeping our city safe. Not only do they selflessly protect the citizens of Lincoln, they have also created programs that have officers out in the community reaching out and building relationships.

Defunding the department would be a huge detriment to our city. When compared to other cities the size of Lincoln, it is quite noticeable how much smaller our police department is. The city is already operating with far fewer officers than it should be. By removing funding the department cannot grow and keep up with the growth and changes in Lincoln. There will be more calls for service than there will be officers to answer them.

By removing funding the programs and relationships that officers have worked hard to create and build will go away. The presence of LPD officers out and about in our community is crucial for building positive, strong relationships.

I appreciate all that our police officers and the Lincoln Police Department have done and continue to do for our community. It is my hope that our city and city officials recognize and appreciate the sacrifices they make to keep this a safe city for us. Defunding the LPD is NOT the answer.

Sincerely,
Michelle Dale

Angela M. Birkett

From: Terri Bayne <thread1956@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please protect our police. Our city does not want them defunded. We need to stay strong and protect our citizens. We need to feel safe at all times. All lives matter. I have black people in my family - they need to feel safe. I have law enforcement officers in my family- they also need to feel safe. That we stand behind them and support them. I have lived here all my life and today I don't always go out alone as I don't feel safe. This is Lincoln Nebraska we should all feel safe. Please do not defund our police.

Sincerely,

Terri Bayne
7915 Garland
402-432-8478

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ryan Wright <wrightrjw71@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Defunding the police is a ridiculous idea! I actually can't believe this is even being considered! Let's show the citizens of Lincoln that our city council has some common sense! 😊

Angela M. Birkett

From: carol maasdam <59caroljean@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Don't defund the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

> City council members, I have been a life long Lincoln, Ne resident. I love our city and all it's people. Never once did I ever think that some group would call for the defunding of police. If you feel so strongly about this idea I urge you to take a different approach and increase their funding to include additional training.
> Are their bad apples in the force..... probably. But defunding is not the answer.
> Snitching on each other is not popular either, but it might prove beneficial and save a lot of heart ache, demonstrations and destruction. encourage officers that witness questionable behavior to report it anomalously.
> I like many others would hate to call 911 only to be told it will be hours before anyone could be there.
> Lincolnite forever, Carol Maasdam 10001 Shore Front Drive
>
Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: cgrof68 <cgrof68@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support our Lincoln police department 100%. Please don't defund the police. Without law and order there is anarchy.

Charlotte Grof RN, retired

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jennifer Kallhoff <kallhoffjennifer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern:

I want to make it abundantly clear that the men and women of the Lincoln Police Department are wonderful, caring, and engaging. They spend more time on community outreach than any other police department I have encountered. Do NOT defund our police department! It will not have the results that the good citizens of this town need and want. Defunding the Police department puts the power in the hands of criminals and leaves law abiding citizens to fend for themselves. Please do not put us in a position where it becomes necessary to defend our homes and lives at all costs.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Ekeler <mekeler17@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please keep LPD funded

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please know I appreciate our Police Department and would like to see their funding continued. I love OUR city and a large part of that is the presence of our police officers in schools, participating in and providing meet and greet opportunities in the community and the general appearances throughout the community. In my opinion they strive to create an approachable environment for the citizens of Lincoln.

Thank you for your time and for your support of OUR Police Department.

Sincerely,
Mary Ekeler

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Morton Business <mortonbusiness@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Keep our police funded

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Lincoln, Nebraska is a huge representation of our state. If it fails in its duty to serve and protect every citizen of the city, that failure will soon travel across the state in likewise huge proportions.

Keep Lincoln police funded.

Allyn Morton

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Niki Eisenmann <nrsnik21@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello Council members,

We have been citizens of Lincoln for 17 years. This is a ridiculous notion to defund police. Our police work very hard to keep our city a safe place to live. Without law and order we will essentially live in a third world country. I am appalled that the council would even consider placing citizens lives and safety at risk from pressure from these anarchist groups. Ask those in favor of defunding police how long they have lived here. I ask you do the right thing for the welfare of our city on behalf of those who put you in this position.

Thank you,

The Eisenmann family Niki, Scott, Calla and Izzy

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Judy Wadhams <jwadhams83@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding the Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear members of the City Council,

I am writing to let you know that we SHOULD NOT defund the police. I think that our police force in Lincoln does a good job of keeping our community safe. Every contact I have encountered with the police has been very positive and very professional.

Please continue to support our Police Department. It is not an easy job that these individuals do. They risk their lives each day.

Please DO NOT defend our Police Officers.

Sincerely,
Judy Wadhams

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bill Sack <bowman6440@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I strongly recommend that LPD be funded just as it has been but would encourage more funding and more staff on the force Thank You Bill Sack Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: David Clare <dclare@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: DEFEND the police.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello, I am sending this email in total support of law enforcement in our city of Lincoln. I stand behind and fully support our men and women in blue. I think it is absolutely ridiculous to ever consider the notion of defunding the police. Look how well it is working in Seattle, Minneapolis, New York, Washington DC, and others. Who in their right mind would currently want to go to those places? I am proud of our city and I appreciate so much what our police officers do to protect us and our way of life.

Sincerely,
David Clare

Angela M. Birkett

From: Elizabeth Mabie <emabie23@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concern over the demands to defund the Lincoln Police Department. My family and I stand in full support of the good things that LPD is doing to make our city a safer place to live and work. We have personally had numerous positive interactions with LPD officers and do NOT support decreasing their funding. Our city needs and relies on well trained officers to maintain a peaceful Lincoln community, and I'd hate to see what kind of place Lincoln would be without their support.

Regards,
Elizabeth Mabie

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jennifer Ferris <jenferris72@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hi! I am writing to support LPD. They are very important to the safety of our city. I appreciate them working hard to protect our city. I also work at BryanHealth - I feel more safe when they are in our hospitals. Chief Bliemeister has worked hard with the Malone Center. His dedication does not go unnoticed.

Thank you - Jen Ferris
402-440-0410

Angela M. Birkett

From: Marge Buescher <marge.buescher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fund LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

The police department in Lincoln, NE MUST be completely funded!!! It is essential for our city and its citizens!!

Marge

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joan benes <kenjoanbenes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our police!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I wanted to say that I completely support our Lincoln Police force and DO NOT agree to any defunding. Our Lincoln police does a wonderful job of keeping our community safe and solving crimes. I was so impressed how hard they worked to find the criminals who murdered our friend David Mueller and how safe I feel knowing our police force is strong in our community. 100% support our police! Please vote for the police.

Joan Benes, RN, BSN, CCM
Mobile: 402-540-1233
Fax: 866-737-2771
Email: joan.benes@alarisgroup.com



www.alarisencore.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gene Morrissey <genem77ret@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support out Police force

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I completely support the full funding of the police department. It appears to me that some of the radicals are trying to ruin our nation from the inside. When you don't have law and order all is lost.

Gene Morrissey
8030 Brookfield Drive
Lincoln, NE. 68506
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tana <tclare@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our law enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Lincoln City Council,
I am writing in support of the law enforcement in Lincoln.
I truly hope that you will fully fund our police officers.
I love our city and keeping it safe must be top priority.
Tana Clare

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ken Benes <kenjoanbenes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Lincoln Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I would like express my support for the men & women in blue that protect us in the city of Lincoln Nebraska. They are out there working hard to keep us safe and keeping crime down to one of the lowest in the country. Thank you for all that you do!

Thanks, Ken.
402-560-7071

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shannon Roop <j_j_sr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Defunding the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I can't believe we even have to have this conversation. The world has gone insane! NO! Do NOT defund the police!!! I don't think they get paid enough to deal with all of the crap they have to daily, disrespect, harassment are just the tip of the iceberg. I also think that the few bad ones need to be put in check, counseled and let go if they can't change their behavior. Most are good and I get the wariness of approaching people of color. I too have had run ins with some. I do not want to see funding for them going elsewhere as they chose to do a job that many ridicule and are too weak to do. I respect them and know a few on the force. I'm also related to a retired one. I know it would be very detrimental to the city of Lincoln if this were to happen. I grew up here and I don't plan on leaving. DON'T let us turn into Seattle, Cali or NYC. Those are shitholes and you couldn't pay me enough to visit any of them. Show our police force that they deserve our respect and I will continue to do all I can to help improve this city. PLEASE, do not defund them. We need them.

Respectfully,
Shannon Roop

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: James Ekeler <jjlelincoln@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Funding Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We must not let a small tending idea become the norm. Keep police funded
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Patty Meyer <svwillis13@twc.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Letter of Thank you 25-June-2020

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Council Members of the City of Lincoln:

We just wanted to give our Lincoln Police, and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office the best of our regards and wish them well in all their efforts!!

Thank you dear Police Officers for your enormous efforts and dedication to keeping our City safe, and doing your best to protect our citizens and uphold the law. Thank you for the commitments you have made to be more community involved and it was great seeing that our good law enforcement deescalated the black lives matter protests. All lives matter!!

We owe a debt of gratitude to not only our Lincoln Police, but Lincoln Fire and Rescue, the Sheriff Officers, and the National Guard.. These are the people that we rely heavily on in any and all emergencies and disasters. You can believe their intentions are good, and they want to do their best as they are trained to do to help in any circumstances. These people we hold to high standards and we should all respect their authority and do what they ask or say to keep us safe!

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who put themselves in harms way every day. I hope and pray we have the sense enough to keep our police department and even reward them occasionally for all they do for us. Do we want a civil society or do we want lawlessness. Without the police and laws to follow it would be chaos. So we SALUTE you dear Police Officers, First Responders Sheriff's Deputies, and National Guard for your bravery, courage, and commitment to serving the people of the City of Lincoln.

Thank you and May God Bless and Keep You safe!

PattyMeyer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Todd Tessendorf <drtessendorf@bryanheart.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

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I am sending this email in support of the police department. To defund them would be a giant mistake. The security of our city is at stake. Less police officers leads to more crime. I can't remember the last time the Lincoln police department has had a racial issue or problem. Please vote to keep our city safe.

Todd Tessendorf MD
Cardiologist at Bryan Heart

Sent from my iPhone

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Gary Hollman <glhollman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

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Lincoln city council

I am highly in favor of keeping the police department as we know it, and not to defund but put some funds to help train them better when countered with threatening situations.

We are blessed with great Police and Fire departments.

Gary Hollman
Live in SE Lincoln
Have a great day

Angela M. Birkett

From: diane hollman <dmhollman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:13 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police funding

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The police force in Lincoln does a great job! There is always a few bad apples in every profession. I do believe better education and training is necessary. The Police force also needs to be accountable for their actions, and the union not be allowed to let them pass on through! With that all said, please do not decrease funding to the police !!

Continue the great work!

Diane HOLLman

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lee Volkmer <leemvolk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: PLEASE KEEP LPD FUNDED

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Lisa Tessendorf <lktessendorf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for Lincoln Police Officers

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to the Lincoln City Council to express my support for the Lincoln Police Department and ask that you do **NOT** defund them. I do not see how defunding the Lincoln Police Department will assist in improving the relations with various communities and/or racial profiling, etc. The Chief of police has already started to implement relationships between the police department and different communities before all of the recent protests and riots. He is committed to improving protocols, training, and procedures, etc. **WITH** the help of those from different ethnicities. The ratio of police per number of people in Lincoln is already too low. Taking away funding will lower that even more, causing more stress on officers, increase in crime, fewer opportunities for education/training, decreasing money for improving the protocols for racial profiling, potential for less presence of officers in school, etc. Moreover, the morale amongst the Lincoln Police department is very low. Yes, there are probably a few officers that have had issues, but we also need to remember there are a lot of very good officers who work a lot of hours, put up with a lot of stress, and are paid very little. They put their lives on the lines for us. Defunding the police department will make it even more difficult to find strong, qualified candidates when there is a need to hire. Please do not get me wrong, I do believe changes need to be made and that Black lives matter, but defunding the Lincoln Police Department is not the change to be made.

Thank you for your support for the Lincoln Police Department.

Lisa Tessendorf

Angela M. Birkett

From: Julie Marple <jmarple2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Men in blue

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I completely support our police force. They have a hard hard job. If people would follow the law. We wouldn't have these problems. As simple as that is

Thank you.

Julie Marple

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rene Lucchino <rene_lucchino@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FUND LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please keep LPD fully funded! We see what happens when they are, just imagine when they are NOT! We all need the LPD! They do a Great job for our city. We all owe them Gratitude!

Thank You,

R. Lucchino

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: leannvjohnson@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Funding police

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I firmly believe we need to fund our law enforcement institutions! Please do not unfund them!

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Scott Eisenmann <seisenmann1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Law Enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members,

Ridding the police department will destroy the community. I have lived in Lincoln for 17 years and have worked in Corrections the entire time. I have personally seen the positive effect police has had on the community and keeping our city safe. I personally know numerous law enforcement officers in this city. They are good people that dedicate their lives to keep people like you and I in a prosperous living space. Please educate yourselves on policing in this community. I know you will make the right decision regarding the safety of the citizens of Lincoln.

Sincerely, Scott Eisenmann

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Joseph R <jrmar88@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I Support LPD

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To the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing this letter to voice my loyal support and respect to all law enforcement officers that serve and protect the great City of Lincoln under the direction of Chief Bliemeister. For years Lincoln has been an outstanding example of a safe community and has, undoubtedly, one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state. The way forward for Lincoln should certainly not be to defund the police, but to continue giving our resources to the department that does what no one else is willing to. As these men and women daily risk their lives, recently without much thanks, it should be your job to double down and support the great work that the Lincoln Police Department has done and will continue to do. This is the best way to prevent crime and continuing to do it better than Omaha and dozens of other large cities across the country. We are not Seattle, Minneapolis, Chicago, or New York, we are Lincoln, NE and have been doing it better than all of these places for years. DO NOT defund the police. DO continue to support them and their efforts to be transparent and to build greater community ties. Maintaining the LPD at its fullest is important to me for the safety of our community. I hope it is to you as well.

Sincerely,

Joseph Rolfson

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Jill Rolfson <jrolfson15@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Do NOT defund the Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Lincoln City Counsel,

I support the Lincoln Police Department. I do not support defunding the police department. Lincoln is an incredibly safe community to raise my kids and I want the support of the police department to continue to maintain our safe place to live.

Sincerely,
Jill Rolfson

Angela M. Birkett

From: Anita <anitalkey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: No defunding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please ! We need our law officers. Please get the best training possible for them.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy Youngman <youngmannk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: defunding the police department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to say that I strongly DISAGREE with the idea to defund the Lincoln Police Department. We have a department and city we can be proud of. Our crime rate is very low for a city this size and any of the officers I have had contact with have been courteous in their dealings with the public. We do NOT have a department that needs over hauling as some of the larger cities do. As in any/every profession, there may be those that need more training, but it certainly is NOT a department wide problem with the need for a complete overhaul. Please don't go down this path!!

On a somewhat related subject, as a retired school teacher, I need to say that the resource officers are one of the best things that LPS and the Police Department do! The students love "their" officers, develop a rapport with them, and really do confide in them when they see something that is wrong in their schools. I guarantee you, there could have been some very serious incidents in our schools without the officers right there, gaining the trust of the students. The idea that this leads to profiling is ridiculous---ask those who work with this system, not those who feel they have to find fault with everything!! As an example, an officer at Lincoln North Star developed cancer a few years ago and eventually died. A service was held at the school with nearly standing room only because of the love and respect the students had felt for her. And this is one of the most diverse schools in the state!! Students need to see the officers as people there to help, and this is certainly the most productive way of doing that.

Thank you for your attention on this!! Do not let problems in other cities lead to false solutions that we do not need here!!

Nancy Youngman

Angela M. Birkett

From: rbenes96@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Back the Blue

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

City Council Members,

I'm emailing you today because I think it is extremely important to keep the police funded. Without a stable police system and funded police officers there would be utter chaos. I myself know some police officers personally and know they are some of the most hard working individuals I know. They would do anything to keep this city safe and an example of what the "good life" truly looks like. We need them to have as many resources at their disposal to keep them and the people of this city safe. Lincoln is a growing city and a pretty safe city. Let's do our best to keep it that way.

Support the Police of Lincoln!

Robyn

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Steve Sullivan <sms33w99@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police are needed !

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello, I really can't believe Lincoln is considering defunding the police? Please tell me this is a joke, as Nebraska doesn't need worthless leaders like in Seattle Wa. They are to blame for keeping the unrest happening. Unreal when those in charge provide food, water and electricity for anti USA movements. Will be interesting to see how people vote going forward. We are a nation of laws and without people to enforce said laws there will be anarchy.

Please keep the police and the city of Lincoln safe !

A concerned citizen,

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Gregg Trautman <trautmanrealestate@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:16 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please keep the funding for LPD. In fact I think it should be increased. Too many people will be using their guns to protect themselves and their families. I will not live or visit a city that doesn't have an effective police department. They need to be able to do their jobs and have a city council, mayor and governor that have their backs.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cindy Trautman <cindytrautman51@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I count on our nation's cities being a safe place to live and visit knowing we all have police departments and officers that protect us. So do others that choose to visit Lincoln.

Cutting the budget of any police department is not in the best interests of any community. Lincoln Nebraska is no different. It is imperative to keep all citizens and visitors safe. Do not cut the LPD budget. Lincoln is already short on police officers. Safety must be a priority so not only should the police department budget NOT be decreased or defunded, it actually should be increased.

Cindy Trautman

Angela M. Birkett

From: Holly Schlautman <holly.schlautman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Supporting our police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I wanted to reach out and say how grateful I am to have our Lincoln Police force. They keep our neighborhoods, businesses, and events safe. They protect our schools and homes. I love living in Lincoln because I feel so safe here with the lower crime rate and the excellent police department. I support our Lincoln Police department!

Holly Schlautman

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jerry Turman <jtventilator@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: DO NOT Defund the police.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

As a long time resident and one who has worked in the front lines of healthcare for 30 years, I implore you all to think about the consequences of reducing the effectiveness of our police force. PLEASE resist the whims of a very small minority who think they are all powerful now but in reality are just a destructive FAD. This is Nebraska....The Good Life...don't let a few ruin it for the rest of us!!!

JERRY TURMAN

Angela M. Birkett

From: Seth Ramirez <SethMramirez@LIVE.COM>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:29 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Do NOT Defund the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My name is Seth Ramirez & I am against defunding the police.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Amanda Hopkins <hopkins.89.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:51 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Supporting Law Enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council,

I am a proud supporter of our law enforcement here in Lincoln as well as around the country. It is incredibly important to me to have law enforcement supported by our communities because they are who keep us safe. LPD are the men and women that go out daily putting their lives on the line for ours whether they know us or not. Our children will be growing up in this city and who wants a city that has no law and order? We need to consider what we are teaching our children, and the world we are leaving them to live in. Without LPD I fear what will happen to this city. Our beautiful city of Lincoln will succumb to the devastating threat a lawless community brings. Who would keep us all accountable, who would answer our calls for help, and who would show us there is a light in the dark. Please I beg of you all to really sit back and ask yourselves what you think a world would come to if there were no police officers. If our men and women of LPD were no longer there to answer the call for help. Another situation to consider is the amount of people who would then be out of a job. People that have families to support. People that are the "bread winner" of the family. LPD needs to be funded and funded to the full extent. Maybe the question is "are we giving them the support and resources they need to succeed and be the best they can be?" Please consider my plea to keep funding for the Lincoln Police Department.

A Concerned Citizen of Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kathy Cartwright <kacartwright.kc@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We are not in support of defunding the police department. I was told the city council were considering this! I am totally disgusted if this is true.

You even entertain the idea of this ludicrous idea and our city will be taken over by thugs, rapist, killers! No one would be safe including you. Property will be destroyed, citizens beaten on the street. Chaz and Chop waiting to happen. We the citizens of Lincoln do not support this!

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Keri Wayne <shaktisfire@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:21 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Funding for Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Keri Wayne-Browne and I live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I am writing to express my support for the Lincoln Police Department and to encourage the Lincoln City Council to refrain from cutting funding for the Department. I know that police officers have an extremely difficult job that takes a toll on their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. In light of current events, I recognize and appreciate the city's desire to acknowledge the pain and suffering caused by centuries of systematic racism. I want nothing more than for my black husband, children and grandchildren to walk freely through their lives without the fear of racist oppression and violence. However, I do not believe that a knee-jerk response to the demands of some to "defund the police" is the wisest strategy to course correct. We need our Police Department! We need the good and dedicated officers that literally put their lives on the line for us day in and day out. We need training and more dialogue. We need a revamping of the laws that we ask them to enforce and a dismantling of the entire "justice" system but, defunding our police department is not the solution that will deliver us to our desired outcomes.

This is a delicate matter. One that requires thoughtfulness and action. Please be careful with the action that you take.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Keri Wayne-Browne
Concerned Citizen

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Joan Carstensen <carstensenjoan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Just a quick note to let the council know that I fully support LPD and think they are doing a great job protecting our city. I am not in favor of defunding the police department.
Joan Carstensen

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: larrywayne10l <larrywayne10l@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to express my support for The Lincoln Police Department. I am constantly impressed by the difficulty and complexity of police work. It's unfortunate the actions of a few bad officers have tarnished the public's perception of this honorable profession. We've seen many more examples of heroism from police officers. From 9/11 to quietly and effectively handling family disputes, our communities are safer because of the dedicated officers among us. I respectfully submit that we can show our commitment to protecting all citizens by supporting our police along with their efforts to seek continual improvement.

Thank you for your consideration,

Larry Wayne

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Angela M. Birkett

From: dick-samie Anderson <dick_samie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I want you to know that we appreciate our Lincoln officers who put their life in the way of harm everyday. The movement to DEFUND the department is ridiculous. We need to address some programs that are needed, but not at the risk of protection that the police provide. There are bad pennies in every walk of life so let's get rid or require more education for those who need it..

Thank you for your service to our community♥️☐

Samie Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Maria Barnes <mariabbarnes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fund Ipd

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please keep Ipd funded

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Raelene Petersen <raelenepetersen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am for funding the police. Retrain.....don't de-fund.

Raelene Petersen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cindy Kapke <ckapke25@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good morning,
I am a resident of Lincoln, NE and I completely support our excellent Lincoln Police Department!
Thank you,
Cindy Kapke

Angela M. Birkett

From: casey thelen <caseythelen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Keep the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I believe we need the police and would be doing our great city and huge disservice by defunding them. I know our world needs change but this is not it, the police protect our people our schools and Our neighborhoods and I believe in this city they do a great job of it! Please keep the police fully funded! Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Amanda Kapke <ashaner27@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I 100% support the police and their decisions! Please don't defund the police!!

AK

Angela M. Birkett

From: Denise Borton <dborton1641@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: We need our police force!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am emailing to strongly discourage the defunding of our police force.

I have worked very closely with Lincoln police officers in different settings for the past 28 years and I am here to tell you that our police force is top notch! During all of these years, I've only encountered a handful of officers who displayed racial profiling and treated individuals differently based on the color of their skin. I am not naive though; I know racial profiling occurs in Lincoln but I have witnessed that much more among private citizens, store owners, restaurant employees and healthcare workers than our police force.

If you study any societal research, you will find a theme: large groups of people need structure in order to function (laws) and someone to hold them accountable who has the power to do so (police, judges, etc.). If there were no police, mayhem would develop quickly because private citizens do not have the power (or training for that matter) to hold large groups accountable.

While all of us (including police officers) need to continually push ourselves to learn and understand others, I think our police force is ahead of the curve. The community involvement of our police force is one of the reasons we have less crime in a city of our size. They take the time to talk and listen, educate and understand citizens. I have lived in other states where this is not the case so I am very grateful for our police officers.

I know this is a hot issue—defunding the police, however, is not the answer. Police officers are in a position though to role model how to treat others no matter of one's race, color, age, citizenship, gender, sexual preference, marital status, disability, veteran status, or religion.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Denise Borton, Proud Lincoln Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Luke Fischer <luke.fischer26@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lincoln City Council,

I am writing today to express my hope that the city council will make thoughtful, evidence based decisions regarding policing policies and funding for our city. Recent events have made it clear that there is a need for increased scrutiny of and accountability for the way our police force operates, however, it would be rash and short-sighted to make sudden & major changes to the way our local police force is funded based on events that have occurred outside our community. There is considerable evidence that LPD officers (and leadership) are committed to truly serving all Lincoln residents in a way that is fair and reasonable. As calls are being made to "defund" the police, it is my hope that the Lincoln City Council will instead commit itself to ensuring that our police force has the funds necessary to provide the personnel, resources, and especially training needed to serve the diverse needs of all members of our community and keep Lincoln residents safe. It is certainly my expectation that Council members will study these issues carefully and make evidence based decisions that improve our community, even if such a course of action is not politically expedient. To be clear, it seems to me that a long term plan to increase funding of alternative community resources to help those in our community most in need and to reduce dependence our police force for these services would be prudent. However, to make such a transition suddenly and without careful planning would create even bigger problems in the short and probably even long term. I believe that Black lives matter and that racism in any form has no place in our society, but let's make sure we are acting with wisdom and prudence to identify the right problems and come up with effective solutions. Thank you.

-Luke Fischer
Lincoln resident since 2006
NE District 1

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cokie <cokiewayne@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern.... We need our police.... Without LPD... our city will not survive.... Law and order...
To serve and protect....I can't even begin to imagine what our city would look like without law enforcement...
And I hope to never find that out

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lee Armstrong <leearmstrong09@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding the police

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This proposed idea is absolutely ridiculous. I strongly oppose this it is complete madness

Angela M. Birkett

From: Courtney Kovarik <courtney268@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police department funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I would like to express my support for our Lincoln Police Department and I DO NOT want to see our officers get defunded.

I strongly support keeping our officers funded.

Thank you,
Courtney Kovarik
3011 W Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68522

Angela M. Birkett

From: Chris Livingston <clivingston@bisoninc.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Chris Livingston
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in regards to the possible defunding of the Lincoln Police Department. This type of overreaction and generalization to what happened in Minneapolis and continues to happen in countless places all over the world (and most likely Lincoln) is counterproductive to improving relations between our police department and our minority communities. Don't get me wrong, most if not all, police departments need to take a long, hard look within and find ways to improve their hiring process, disciplinary procedures and overall evaluations of their officers but taking away their funding is not going to help. In addition, removing resource officers from our schools doesn't make any sense, either. Having resource officers in the schools not only provides security but they also allow our kids to become more comfortable around law enforcement.

I certainly can't speak to how the LPD is viewed in all areas of Lincoln but I can say that I have the utmost respect and gratitude for what they do on a daily basis. Could LPD do a better job as a whole throughout our community? Absolutely, we could all be better to one another. As a registered Independent, this is the type of issue that would have a very large impact on how votes are cast in the next city council election and I urge you to keep that in mind as you proceed down the possible path towards defunding.

Thank you for your time.

Chris Livingston
Bison Inc. – National Sales Manager
603 L St. – Lincoln, NE 68508
www.bisoninc.com
Office: 800.247.7668/Direct: 402.817.1293

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shawn Kreifels <Kreifels213@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Lincoln Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I have never contacted city government on any issues until today. I am writing to today to let you know that I fully support the Lincoln Police Department.

I do NOT support defunding the police or reducing the funding they receive. At this time of social unrest in our society now more than ever we need our police force. You should consider funding an increase in our police force.

I believe that the vast majority of our community is in favor of our police department. Most also believe that rumors of defunding are completely false so you may not be hearing from many in support because the thought of defunding the police is unthinkable. Right now people are scared to say the police as they could be made a target by the protestors because our political leaders and press not had the courage to support those that protect us 24/7/365.

I am a business owner and long time Lincoln Resident. Please continue to support the LPD.

Thank you
Shawn Kreifels

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jack Focht <jfocht50@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD Support

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I'm not really sure what DEFUND really means? What I do think is that we need a police department that has the tools (and training) to protect our city. LPD, Sheriff and NSP do a great job. More training never hurts, but don't tie their hands.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sara Alishouse <sara.alishouse@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Back our men and women in BLUE!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello council members,

I am writing this to show my full support for our police department. The thought of defunding our police is absolutely astounding to me. Our police are the hero's of our community and work everyday to keep our city safe. Taking resources away from them will leave our most vulnerable populations in even worse situations, not better. I cannot imagine a city without these brave men and women and frankly I would not live in one. My family is my number one priority and I would move before putting them in possible danger. I urge you not to give in to the outrageous demands of the few and stand firm in the knowledge that we have an amazing police force who care about our community. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Sara alishouse

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shane McNeese <shane.mcneese@duncanaviation.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS or ANY OTHER NECESSARY ENTITY.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I do not agree with defunding any police in the city of Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Shane McNeese
1611 Blanca Dr
Lincoln, NE 68521

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joyce Ahlberg <djahlberg67@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Do not defund the Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We request that the Lincoln City Council does not defund our police department. The police department has been credited nationally for over 20+ years. A nationally recognized law enforcement agency. I am well acquainted with the Lincoln Police Department as my husband served on the department for 36 years.

Joyce Ahlberg
Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Angie Coleman <ANColeman@live.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Police Dept Funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Angie Coleman. I am a resident of Lincoln Nebraska and live in the Airpark area of Lincoln. I am emailing you in regards to our Lincoln Police Department.

Our LPD is great and looking for nothing more than to serve our community. I DO NOT support the defunding of our police. We need our Police Department. We need them to uphold LAW and ORDER.

I fear for a world my children, 14 and 15, might have to live in if we do not have a solid and supported Police Dept.

Please, Please, Please do NOT defund our police.

Best,

Angie Coleman
402-499-5043

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joyce Ahlberg <djahlberg67@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Do not defund the Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We request that the Lincoln City Council does not defund our police department.

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: ddubbs123 <ddubbs123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Do not defund the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Do not defund the people that are protecting us!!!!do not defund the police!!!!

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shelby Kovarik <shelbykovarik@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding police department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

I support LPD and I am NOT in favor of defunding or budget cuts to the police department.

Kind regards,

Shelby Kovarik
Resident of Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Austin Seybold <seyboldam@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Protect those who protect!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Do not defund the police! They are heros who protect our community!

Angela M. Birkett

From: boyletj54 <boyletj54@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police defunding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please don't defund the Lincoln Police, we have family and good friends in Lincoln without weapons.
Only the crooks have weapons.

Tim J Boyle
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet
Elwood Nebraska

Angela M. Birkett

From: Karen Duncan <karen.duncan@woodsbro.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our LPD
Attachments: scan.pdf

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please see attached letter from my husband and I both in support of LPD! Thank you

Karen Duncan

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From: Karen Duncan <karen.duncan@woodsbro.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Karen Duncan <karen.duncan@woodsbro.com>
Subject: Scanned Documents
See attached document.

Mr. Christiansen,

June 23, 2020

I am writing in support of our local LPD! The talk of defunding our local law enforcement is frightening. Our community needs and trusts our Police Officers to respond and protect/help those in need. I have no doubt the voices of support way out number those wanting to defund. We need to speak up loud and clear and fight for our men and women in blue.

Karen Duncan

Karen Duncan

GREG DUNCAN
GD

Angela M. Birkett

From: sjbrodd@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fund LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please fund LPD.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mandy Scheidt <mandyscheidt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am against defunding the police. I stand with the police department. We need police protection now more than ever today!

Thank you
Mandy Scheidt

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Angela M. Birkett

From: jane wemhoff <jmwemhoff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing in support of our Lincoln police officers. Pleas do not defund them. Thank you.

Elmer&Jane Wemhoff

3600 North 11 St

Lincoln

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Betty Olson <bettyolson52@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please show respect and honor for all our police officers. They need our support and if anything more pay for them who go out and protect us each and every day. A big NO to defund them. God please protect them.
Sincerely Betty Olson.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bill Nelson <wnelson489@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police department support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support our police department 100%. There are some changes that need to be made to address racial injustice as pointed out with the recent protests. Our police department's leaders along with other city leaders have committed to work toward making changes needed.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: ronKorinek@windstream.net
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My husband and I are sending this message in support of the Lincoln Police Department. We feel they do an excellent job here in Lincoln and should have the support of our entire city. The thought of defunding the police is unthinkable as they do so very much for all of us. The many services and support given by the Police to the city and the citizens cannot be replaced by any other group. We totally support the Black Lives Matter and the peaceful protests, but it seems that there are other groups or agenda behind those who destroy, burn and loot. Thank you.

Ronald and Lois Korinek
5527 Wilderness View St.
Lincoln, NE 68512-1159

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy G <goeglein_1@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

LPD must be kept funded otherwise there will be anarchy.
Lincoln has excellent officers and we want to congratulate them NOT defund them.
Nancy Goeglein
741 Lancashire Court
Lincoln, NE 68510

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sara Whisenhunt <saramontey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Funding

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that several e-mails are being sent to request that the police in Lincoln be defunded. I am writing to express my concern for this matter. I support our police force and do NOT wish to see it defunded. Although I do believe that there needs to be some sort of reform to better equip our officers to handle different situations, I do not believe that defunding is the answer.

Thank you,
Sara Whisenhunt

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Alan Embury <emburyinc@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Dept.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please do not defund our Police Dept.

We should be thanking these brave men and women that put the badge on and go out everyday to protect the citizens of Lincoln.

An example of life without police is Seattle. Do the citizens of Lincoln deserve that life style? As a taxpayer and 76 year veteran of life in Lincoln, I feel I can answer that question. NO!!!

Thank you,

Alan and Deb Embury

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Coleen Davis <coleen.yd47@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Council packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To the Lincoln City Council members:

I cannot believe I even have to contact you to say that I, a longtime Lincoln resident, want you to keep funding our police force.

Of course we need a fully-funded, vibrant police force to protect and serve our diverse community.

Watching any news channel will fully inform us of the increase of violence and crime in cities around our country as they experiment with decreasing or defunding their police forces.

Let's not make the same mistake.

Please maintain the common sense of our city by ignoring any request to change the funding for our police force.

Sincerely,
Coleen Y Davis
1245 Garfield
Lincoln Ne 68502
402-610-1919

Angela M. Birkett

From: Stacy Fotinos <stacy.fotinos@nifa.org>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please consider this email as my formal letter of support for the Lincoln Police Department. I do not wish to see any type of defunding of the Lincoln Police Department. I rely on them to keep me, my family, my neighbors, and my neighborhood safe.

Consider your choices wisely. The citizens of Lincoln are relying on you, the decision makers, to do what is best for our community.

Stacy Fotinos

*Homeownership Operations Manager
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
1230 "O" Street, 200 Commerce Court
Lincoln NE 68508
Ph: 402-434-3917
Office Hours: M-F 8:00AM-5:00PM
Stacy.Fotinos@nifa.org
www.nifa.org*

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Shane Bateman <batemanshane94@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I support our police.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My name is Shane, I live here in Lincoln and I support our police. I was told LPD could be possibly losing funding, please do not do this. We like the safety that our police gives us, the police are one of the very few things that government is actually responsible for funding. Please do the right thing.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Ann Enns <maryannenns@windstream.net>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please do not defund our police department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We are writing to say how very concerned we are for the maintenance of law and order in our community by a supported and respected police force that is enabled to care for those in need and those in danger, and to keep those who would do us harm from criminal activity. **We want you to know of our very strong support of our Lincoln City Police and do not want to see the dire results that would come from defunding them.**

Thank you for listening and for valuing common sense,

Sincerely,
Don and Mary Ann Enns
2831 N. 78th Street
Lincoln, NE 68507

Angela M. Birkett

From: Arlene <aascharf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Protect our city

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I have been a citizen of Lincoln, Ne for over 20 years. I have never seen such negativity for our Police Department. These men and women put their lives on the line for ALL of the citizens of Lincoln on a daily basis. I believe the Council should stand with LPD as they are following the law and doing their job to protect and serve ALL the people of Lincoln. As a citizen I do not believe any budget cuts of our Police Department would be any benefit for the people of Lincoln. During the demonstration in the past few weeks, people were ticketed for breaking the law by breaking curfew or other actions of violence and property damage. I believe those who broke the law of their own choice should accept the penalties of their actions. The citizens of Lincoln who abide by our laws expect those who break the law to accept the consequences. Please be there for ALL the citizens of your and my home town to support our Lincoln Police Department.

Arlene Scharf

Angela M. Birkett

From: boblwayne@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police support.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My name is Bob Wayne and I live in Lincoln Nebraska. I have lived here since 1997 and I really support the Lincoln Police Department. They have always done a great job in my eyes and go over and above the call of duty. I really hope they keep all their funding as they are very necessary public servants!!

Bob Wayne

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lori Koepke <blam923@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing you today to express my concern over the "defund the police" movement. I have lived in Lincoln my entire life and have never had an issue or bad encounter with any law enforcement officer in Lincoln, Lancaster County or the State. LPD is a good group!!

They are kind, caring individuals who care deeply about their community, their teammates and their friends and families. They would drop everything to help...no matter the size of the ask. I know this first-hand because I have been married to one for almost 24 years.

This past month or so, has been the most stressful time of his career and the most terrifying for his family. During our talks we both agree we could have never imagined such a world as we are living in now. So much hate..so much violence geared towards one occupation. No one group...based on a job they are willing to put their lives on the line for...should ever be judged by the actions of a few!

I'm hoping for me and my kids' sake, and the life of my husband, that you do the right thing and support our officers!!! They are good people being directed by the kindest, smartest, most caring man I've known to be Chief. Jeff is a family friend and I've know him for 20 years. Our daughters grew up together and played sports together. There is nothing he wouldn't do to help someone...even strangers!! He has made so many positive changes in the department and morale had increased tremendously compared to the previous Chief (until the riots, which had nothing to do with Jeff). He is what this city needs!!

Please don't make their jobs any harder than they've already been made this past month!

Remember this...Before you judge someone...walk a mile in their shoes!

Thank you for your time!
Lori Koepke

Angela M. Birkett

From: Andrea Price <acp9576@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express my full support to the Lincoln Police Department and appreciation for the difficult jobs these men and women fill. Defunding the police department is not an option as they provide so many great services to our community, in addition to doing their jobs to keep order and ensure safety for all.

We have experienced extremely difficult and disturbing times during the last month and as a long time resident, professional, and parent – it was horrifying. The tolerance of the few and the lack of support and constant criticism upon those trying to maintain order was so disappointing. I do not believe the media helped the situation, but some encouragement from leaders for them to present all the facts would be helpful, not just the negative information fueling the fire nonproductively. Accountability goes both ways!

The thought of defunding the police departments just isn't a viable option if we hope to maintain our lower than average crime rate stats and the potential for a high quality of life in Lincoln, Nebraska. All of the law enforcement agencies, first responders and criminal justice system employees have extremely difficult jobs to do and the abuse they often are expected to tolerate goes unnoticed by most. The lack of support for them will soon result in many choosing to quit, retire early or seek opportunities in other sectors, a position without the constant scrutiny and lack of support during extremely difficult and high stress situations. These traumatic situations do affect them and their families as well. Monday morning quarterbacking is easy! Who will be left to fill these critical positions? I believe there is a lot to be learned and growth is necessary, from all sides. Those criticizing the jobs that LPD does should be required/invited to do ride alongs more often, getting a realistic picture of the day in the life of those who have chosen to protect and serve our city, day after day.

Thank you,
Andrea Cramer-Price

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Doug and Joyce <djahlberg@windstream.net>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding the Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I was recently informed that a certain group has requested that the Council and the Mayor's office defund the Police Department. I certainly hope that the Council NOT CONSIDER this request. The history of LPD has showed that there is no better Police Department in the Nation and the our current Department as continued this legacy. Lincoln is a great and safe community to live in and the Police Department is the main reason why!

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kerry and Joanne Relihan <kjn4boys@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: police support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am totally supportive of our police department. They do a great job. I am NOT in favor of any defunding of their dept.

Thank you,

Joanne Relihan

Angela M. Birkett

From: oolson <oolson@laaemail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I wish to send a message that defunding the Lincoln police is wrong. They are a vital support system for law and order and we as a community should stand behind them and support them.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Amber McIntyre <amber.mcintyre@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: "Defunding of the Police" is not the answer

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that there are a group of individuals advocating for the "defunding" of the Lincoln Police Department. I am writing to inform you of my strong opposition to such requests. As the family member of a LPD Police Officer, I can attest to the hard work they perform— much of which lives quietly under the radar, because Lincolniters would be uncomfortable hearing about the situations these men and women encounter on a daily basis.

Police officers are the first to respond to mental health issues, helping to deescalate a person from harming him/herself or others; they are the first to respond to suicide calls – having the extremely hard task of reporting the news to next of kin and the unbearable task of witnessing the ways people take their own lives; they are the first to report to potentially dangerous situations – putting their lives on the line to protect others. They are on the scene to remove children from unspeakable abuse and violence, only to see those children repeatedly placed back into the arms of their abusive parents and caregivers. And yes, they also have to report to bickering neighbors' homes to settle petty disputes, arrest folks for writing bad checks, and chase down teenagers who take off with stolen bikes. Not every day can be an episode of Law and Order.

And yet despite the menial tasks that may make up the majority of an officer's shift, these individuals walk into every situation selflessly and cautiously. They make sacrifices that the normal citizen wouldn't dream of ever having to make. They make these sacrifices not once in a while, but each day they don their uniform and step into their patrol car. They respond to any call in a moment's notice, and they need taxpayer dollars and the emotional support of their fellow citizens to do this.

While I fully agree that Lincoln must find ways to provide additional funding and support to public safety and social programs that will further enrich our community, a boilerplate request to "defund the police" to better finance these programs is not the answer. To make such statements without understanding the services our officers provide Lincoln is not only ignorant, it is dangerous. As it currently stands, our officers are already operating without equipment they need; officers are expected to purchase secondary weapons at their own expense and provide supplemental money to "upgrade" to equipment (vests) with a higher safety-rating.

You would not find one LPD officer who would disagree that more support and funding is needed to combat mental illness. As the first point of contact for many individuals with behavioral disorders, our police officers would embrace having more counselors, case workers, and trained crisis volunteers at their disposal. As it stands, our officers don't have adequate training to provide crisis counseling and must learn many skills "on the job." Yet, they serve as counselors to our mentally ill and do all they can to save them from themselves.

Similarly, you wouldn't find any officer who would disagree that more support needs lent to our youth to steer them towards activities that engage them in healthy and socially responsible ways. Our children and teens need positive role models, and to be clear, the LPD has done an exemplary job attempting to engage with minors of all backgrounds – all who have varying levels of trust with authority and law enforcement. "Pop with a Cop," "Catch a Cop," "5k Foot Pursuit," trunk or treating events, "Santa Cop," and other programs sponsored by LPD are testaments their commitment to engage with the community and our area youth. Exposing children to positive police officer encounters is something I'm proud to see in our community. As the mother of two young, minority children - I want my boys to know a police officer is not someone to fear, but someone to seek out for help. Likewise, I want to know the officers in our community will

look at my boys without prejudice. As a participant in these social activities, I have witnessed this first hand. It can work; it does work.

Continuing to fund our police department and finding ways to provide more financial support to social programs can be done *simultaneously*; these things do not need to be mutually exclusive. To ensure any kind of success, our police department and our community programs need financial support and the backing of our leaders to promote positive change, reduction in crime and equality for **all** citizens of Lincoln.

I am appreciative of the Mayor's desire to provide all LPD officers with body-cam equipment to ensure accountability and hope the promise to purchase these supplies has not been lost. Our Mayor ran on a campaign that was pro-LPD and I hope that sentiment continues by finding a better solution than cutting funding to our local law enforcement. I applaud our Mayor's desire to learn from recent events, to want to better our community and ensure that the LPD is comprised of officers who respect the lives of black individuals, trans individuals, and other marginalized persons who live in our city. This should be the standard in any police department. There is no doubt that cultural and systemic change is needed, but defunding our police is not the way. Thank you Mayor, and City Council Members for the time you spent to read this letter.

Yours Very Truly,

Amber McIntyre Aguirre

Angela M. Birkett

From: bktharp1@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council,

Please do NOT defund the police. They need our help and positive feedback more than ever. They are doing a good job more than they are recognized for. I'm so glad they are out there if I need help!

Thanks,
Bonnie Tharp

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cody Bristol <bristol.cody.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear council,

I oppose defunding the police department because they need training, they need the gear, and above all else they need you to back them up. Not every officer is bad. You would be making a terrible decision to defund them. Remember they are there to protect you too.

Sincerely,
Concerned citizen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Marj Rohlfs <hmrohlf2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: RE: The Necessary Service of our Police Force

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We want to express our thanks to members of our police force who face crises & emergency situations regularly in our behalf.

By all means, we should stand behind them with our resources, grateful hearts, & prayers. And we need to provide good training

& supervision for personal growth of our officers. Improvement is always important for all of us, whatever our calling.

We do not want anarchy! We believe BLACK LIVES MATTER ~ WHITE LIVES MATTER ~ ALL LIVES MATTER and POLICE LIVES MATTER!

Please fund our police force well!

Herman & Marjorie Rohlfs

6315 "O" Street, Lincoln

Angela M. Birkett

From: Karen Domina <karendomina@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 6:41 PM
To: Council Packet

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We want to offer our support to the outstanding police force and department of Lincoln. We have held them in high regard for many years. Your job is even more difficult now but we wish you all the best.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sandy Payne <sandyspayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please, Please, Please support and thank our local police department who risk their lives everyday to keep us all safe!!
Concerned Citizen, Sandy Payne

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mark Payne <mark.payne78@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of our LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please SUPPORT our local police department!!!
Mark Payne

Angela M. Birkett

From: Don Payne <donald.payne48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support of our LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please support our local police department who continue to protect us!!!
Don Payne

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joyce Ahlberg <djahlberg67@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding the Lincoln Police Department.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am not sure if you received my first e mails so I will try again. I understand that there is a group requesting the the City defund the Police Department. I would hope that the Council not even consider this request. LPD is one of best in our Country.. Our police department was the first department in our State to become accredited and has successfully completed every additional reviews. Our City is an outstanding and safe community in which to live thanks to the Lincoln Police Department. I am very confident in the Council to do the right thing and reject any attempt to defund the Police Department.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Phyllis Nelson <pshnelson7@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defund police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the Lincoln Police Department.
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Sullivan <sullyjohn1940@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 6:27 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: For our Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We have a great LPD, don't listen to the anarchist. Jon and Dianne Sullivan Lincoln Nebraska

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Lau <robert.brooks.lau@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Opposition to Defunding Lincoln Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

It is city governments first duty to protect it citizens. The Police force needs to have funding increased to provide proper training and increase the force to meet Lincoln's growing needs. Defunding the Lincoln Police force is a stupid idea and will only increase crime.

Thank you

Robert B. Lau

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: George Reichenbach <greich@inebraska.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please keep the LPD funded! They are doing a good but thankless job.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary R. Poppe <jpoppe001@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Department!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council,

Our police are doing a wonderful job. All the population in an uproar with the virus, society, and living issues; who knows what our uniformed protectors will come up against. I have faith they are doing best for the whole city and us. Our government, city officials, and decision-making makers are trying their best in this time of crisis. My faith is with them, too. Prays are with you all!

Sincerely,
Mary Poppe

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mariana Ward <mbw808@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Supporting Law Enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this in regards to the proposal to defund the police agencies.

I fully SUPPORT our law enforcement, and absolutely oppose the idea of defunding the agencies.

The importance of maintaining a fully trained, fully staffed and properly equipped law enforcement, whether it be Lincoln Police Department, the Nebraska State Patrol, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, or any other law enforcement entity, cannot be stressed enough! A well trained law enforcement is our society's only way of maintaining lawful order and preventing a total anarchy.

As a law abiding citizen, I trust that our government and law makers will do everything in their power to stop the idea of defunding, and further degrading of our police officers, and that they would rather provide more funding and ensure that ALL officers receive the necessary training and that agencies are fully staffed.

I appreciate you hearing our voices, and acknowledging the importance of our officers, and the great benefit of having them in our society.

Respectfully,

Mariana Ward

Angela M. Birkett

From: Manny Bartek <manny.bartek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Supporting law enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Recent events have caused some to ponder if we need to de-fund the Lincoln Police Department .

I am a retired law enforcement officer with 38 years of service . I have served both the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office . I can assure you that both agencies have a ridged training system and policy manuals that will not tolerate abuse of power or mistreatment of the public that we serve . When discipline is warranted both agencies respond quickly and appropriately .

Any community that feels a law enforcement agency is not needed is reacting out of fear and anger and I can understand that .

Rest assured your law enforcement agency works hard to serve and protect and is always willing to work with our citizens

Respectfully ,

Emanuel " Manny " Bartek
Retired Law Enforcement

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: DEFEND Our Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Councilmembers-

It's hard to imagine how any rational person could even consider defunding the police:

<https://twitter.com/talialikeitis/status/1276682981587988481?s=19>

Robert Borer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Erica Stranik <ericastranik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the LPD and not cutting funding for the police and their programs.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Delivee Wright <deliveew37@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 7:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for Lincoln Law Enforcement Groups

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Lincoln police department and the County Sheriff's department. I am opposed to "defunding" of these public servants. In my fifty-five years living in Lincoln, I have consistently been pleased with their effectiveness in law enforcement. The only occasion in which we had a theft, they found the thief the same day because they were well informed about what was happening in the community. They are consistently courteous and show concern for public safety. I appreciate their presence in schools where they generate confidence

I am dismayed that an emotional response to a terrible incident in Minneapolis and events in other States can result in an over-reaction to the system in this city.

I support efforts to reassess current practices, and to provide continued education to insure that all Individuals receive appropriate treatments, regardless of race, gender, religion, or any other variations among our citizens. I am not in favor of handicapping people who have demonstrated exceptional public service in the past. It is time to support the sacrifices they make daily on our behalf. I believe Lincoln is fortunate to have the quality of officers in law enforcement that we now have.

Please consider a moderate response to the emotionalism that has resulted from both the Pandemic and the national uprisings, and consider Lincoln's specific needs.

Thank you for your service to Lincoln and the quality of life we enjoy.

Sincerely,

Delivee L. Wright

Angela M. Birkett

From: Hillary Bonin <hillbonin@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing in abundant support of the Lincoln Police Department. Defunding our police force only lessens the training they receive to become an even more fair and supportive force. The lack of support by our mayor in these times has been disappointing. Please consider the citizens, officers, and their families when deciding about funding. I think when looking at the big picture, it is obvious that less funding has a negative impact on all parties.

Thank you.

Hillary Bonin

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Craig Johnson <treetops1957@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the police but I do believe they should be held accountable when they violate citizen rights. I do not support eliminating the police or defunding the police.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Brian Cockerill <cockerillba@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support law enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We support Law Enforcement of Lincoln and Lancaster county

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Doug Harral <dougandpen@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defunding the police department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am sending a email to ask that you do not defund the police department. These brave men and women deserve our support. They are the ones who we call when the most difficult situations arise. I don't believe this is the time to rush into making rash decisions due to what is going on in our country. I believe there are many good policemen and women who deserve our respect. Let's not defund them.

Thank you

Pennie Harral

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joyce Yontz <jyontz@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing this in support of all police officers. DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE.
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Paul Moeller <moellerpt@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support law-enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

God help us if anyone takes serious the defund police requests. The last thing we need is less funding for our officers . All police officers need all the help they can get.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mark Harral <woodworkermark@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Funding of police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am asking you to keep our law enforcement well funded and unmolested.

Sent from my iPhone
Mark's I Phone

Angela M. Birkett

From: dchampoux@neb.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 7:14 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Police Dept

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Lincoln Ne. Mayor and City Council Members:

I want to voice my opinion regarding our Lincoln Police Dept. I am grateful that we have the remarkable men and women of LPD to watch over us and keep us safe. They are a stellar group of professionals with excellent morals and great midwestern common sense. We are so blessed to have them serving us. Please treat them with the respect that they so deserve.

We citizens of Lincoln do not want our city to turn into a crime area like some others have. DO NOT defund our police dept.

Lincoln citizen and taxpayer,

Patricia Champoux
6121 Cheney Ridge Circle
402 853-2986

Angela M. Birkett

From: dchampoux@neb.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Police Dept.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To: Lincoln Mayor and City Council Members:

We need our LPD to be supported by our population and our city officials. Their presence is the basic need we have for our safety in this ever growing city. They are here to keep us safe and to enforce the already existing laws.

DO NOT defund our own Lincoln Police Dept. They must be respected and supported.

Dale Champoux, citizen and taxpayer of Lincoln
6121 Cheney Ridge Circle
402 613-0732

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jack McKimmy <jmck1mus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for our police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I feel that defunding our police is absolutely the wrong thing to do. Their presence and work is essential to public safety. I don't think many people realize how difficult police work is.

I'm always amazed at their restraint when put in difficult situations. Besides all their knowledge and skills, they must exercise sound judgement under many complicated situations.

The Lincoln police have my full support.

Jack McKimmy
5210 Sherman Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

Angela M. Birkett

From: Chris Bliemeister <bliemeister75@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Pro-police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the Lincoln Police Department as you work through the budget process and as future policy decisions surrounding law enforcement come to your attention.

As a small business owner, I have multiple clients who work for LPD. I know them, their significant others and their families. They made the decision to play a role in keeping our community safe. I have a great respect for those that continue to serve in this capacity.

Recent national events brought actions to Lincoln that destroyed businesses and injured officers. Some in our community have created a perception that LPD's efforts to address this violence and destruction is evidence to support a call to remove funding from their budget and to demand large changes in policy and practice. I disagree. I know they are doing their best in the face of almost impossible circumstances.

I am urging you to show your support for LPD as you make amendments to the Mayor's submitted budget. Of equal importance is your support through communication with constituents and publicly in the media.

Respectfully

Chris Bliemeister

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gary Danek <gdanek@windstream.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:30 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lpd

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We want to be sure you take no action that would do harm to lpd we have the best police Department in the country be careful what you do Gary and Carol Danek

Angela M. Birkett

From: DvorakHome@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Don't defund our police department!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

PLEASE don't defund our police department. I can imagine what would happen if you did. Our city would be overrun with criminals, people who have no respect for the rights of others, and would turn into an absolute nightmare!

Our police officers work hard for the pay that they receive. I can't imagine what would happen if we had an emergency where we needed an officer, and there would be none. Would YOU want to be caught up in a mess like that. Just imagine what would happen!!!

I am praying that you will rethink that proposal before you jump into this. It is a STUPID consideration and one that was asked for by those who don't respect the law or others.

PLEASE DON'T DEFUND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT!!!!

Marie and Ed Dvorak
4111 Larkwood Road
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-570-2562

Angela M. Birkett

From: lencj@windstream.net
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please use your common sense, and support the Lincoln Police Chief.

They have done exceptional work for this city, and have the experience to give you the best of advice & counsel.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lisa Charleston <lisa_charleston@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:53 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City council hearing on Lincoln Police Dept

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council -

Please back the blue in our great city of Lincoln!!! I ask you to make my Email public record.

- Our police officers do a great job even though they are understaffed when compared to similarly populated cities [LPD has 11.6 officers/10,000 people; National average is 18.7/10,000; National median is 16.9/10,000 (www.governing.org)]
- The mayor and city council applied for a Federal grant that will pay a lion's share of hiring 5 new officers for several years. They have been awarded this grant, but now, (giving way to the mob) our mayor does not want to accept the grant money to hire the new officers.
- The police have worked hard building good relationships within our community.
- It is a false narrative to assume that the killing of George Floyd is symbolic of misbehavior within the Lincoln Police Department.

Thank you
Lisa Charleston
5565 S. 80th St
Lincoln Ne 68516
District 25

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Taylor Wyatt <fatherofwells@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 6:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I wanted to write you all and be a voice of support for the Lincoln Police Department. As a Lincoln citizen, I will support no candidate or politician who does not support our safety.

Thank you,

Taylor Wyatt
402-440-0224

"If life was perfect, it wouldn't be" ~Yogi Berra

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Coach Al <coachsimpson10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:17 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

This city is fortunate to have an amazing police force and calls to defund the police are totally ridiculous. We cannot protect our citizens without a strong and dedicated police force.

Please put a stop to the discussions of defunding our police.

Allen Simpson

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Dick Veik <dickveik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I am a citizen of Lincoln. I support our Police!

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Pat Hust <pathust1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Our police force is doing an incredible job. We are safe and secure. They are responsive and respectful. Please retain funding for our outstanding police force!

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Suzanne Watton <hjasa@windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:56 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: save our police deartment

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I really do not want you to defund our police department. We have a great city and I want it to stay that way. We are just giving into these people . They will want more and more if we keep doing it. Our police Department is very capable and good for our community . Please do not defund our department. Thank you

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Angela M. Birkett

From: swaynes1@windstream.net
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Our Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please support and add to our police force.

Lincoln's officers/10,000 are already below the national average so defunding the police force is not a good idea. If you want to help the people who need safety and security the most, accept the federal grant and add officers.

Do not accept the false narrative that there is systemic racism in the police force based on a very few isolated incidents.

Sincerely,

S. Wayne Smith
6345 S 35th Ct
Lincoln, NE 68516
402 419-0888

- Our police officers do a great job even though they are understaffed when compared to similarly populated cities [LPD has 11.6 officers/10,000 people; National average is 18.7/10,000; National median is 16.9/10,000 (www.governing.org)]
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Cheryl Morton <thecatisout1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: police support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I'm writing to voice my support of the Lincoln Police Department. We enjoy an immensely effective and compassionate group of public service providers in this city. And in many cities across the U.S. It is unfathomable that many cities are considering defunding these essential service providers..... the whole concept has been fueled by special interest groups who are planning to disrupt and destroy America. This is radical and dangerous!!! Without a police force, any society is vulnerable to crime and chaos without retribution. As Americans, we entrust our law enforcement to protect us from always present evils in society. Because of a select few who have chosen to make this political, we are to bow to their demands??? I think not!!! We respect and admire those who protect us, and will not support any radical notions of defunding them!!

May God Bless this nation, under God!!

Cheryl Morton
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Steven W Holman <steve@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

If you all cave to the mob pressure on defunding police, there is no end to it. Mob rule is the only possible outcome, which means all of your jobs will be meaningless.

Steve Holman

Angela M. Birkett

From: bob Voelker <robert_voelker@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police officers

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

The police do a wonderful job keeping our streets safe, continue to support them financially and emotionally

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Angela M. Birkett

From: marily7829@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: O my we have such a great police dept. They have been so great for us on several occasions. I can't believe our Mayor would not accept these funds. Is she one of the mob. Please Please don't defund the police . They are GREAT!.

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Eileen Douglass <eidlanm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Attention City Council-Funding and Support of Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

City Council Members:

We want to take this opportunity as citizens of Lincoln to express our support of the Lincoln Police Department. We have been watching other cities across our nation push to reduce budgets for police or shift those funds into social services. We are opposed to any reduction in budget for the Lincoln Police Department and are hoping that the Lincoln City Council will always stand in support of and provide sufficient funding for the Lincoln Police Department.

Rod and Eileen Douglass
8330 S 65th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Carol Wirth <canneww@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Greetings,

Lincoln police are one of the best in country and have been such a positive to the vast majority of citizens.

But I hope everyone of you have sat down and talked with police officers and asked them to share their experiences on the job.

I hope you each have gone on many ride a longs with the police. But I'm sure you did not go into the hard situations they do- in order to protect you.

Have each of you gone through any of the training the police have gone through?

I understand they have to :
be hit by rubber bullets,
experience tear gas
and be tased.

They are taught how to physically defend themselves when attacked.

They are in life and death situations.

They need more support and more funding!
They need the City Council to be supporting them.

Without the authority and support given to the police- crime will increase and no one will be safe.

And that's been proven by the increase killings and crime in Minneapolis, MN. with their city council there voting to defund the police.

Respectively,
Carol

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Susan Whitmire Brown <dgb68516@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police force

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please for our safety sake increase budget for better police protection. If we pay better we could hire better candidates
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lee Peterson <firecaplee@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please don't yield to the short sighted folks that want to defund LPD. I can't imagine a place without laws and the enforcement of those laws.

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Colleen Othmer <colleenbme@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Do Not Defund Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members...

I'm emailing my thoughts to celebrate, support & fund the Police of our city!

Our nation was founded upon the truth: "We the People"!

Please look to our U. S. Constitution for guidance! We need police to secure common defense & general welfare, law & order! As a taxpaying citizen, I encourage you to insure domestic Tranquility!

I pray God gives you All the courage & common sense to provide our city with proper police security! Thank you.

Respectfully,

Colleen Othmer

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