DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2020
555 S. 10TH STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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My name is Ryan, I am 14 years old, and I live in Miami, Florida. I hope that everyone at the Lincoln City Hall is doing well and staying safe!

For the past few years, I have possessed immense interests in geography, law, government, and geopolitics! I love learning about how different levels of government coincide, how countries interact with each other, and unique aspects of certain local and national governments! Quite simply, I love learning about the world!

To further increase my geographical and geopolitical knowledge, I have embarked on many projects to learn first-hand about some of the planet's countless interesting places! I have done projects focused on National Parks, embassies, state capitols, and the list goes on!

In hopes of learning more about the United States's biggest cities across the nation, I have decided to set a goal to send a card to the city halls of the three biggest cities in each state.

I was hoping that you could possibly share with me an interesting fact about Lincoln, Nebraska!

Additionally, I love using my ambitious projects as an opportunity to grow my collection of geopolitical memorabilia! I would truly appreciate it a lot if you could send me back a souvenir from Lincoln or something from the City Hall - a magnet, postcard, cultural item... anything you can send me!!

Thank you so much for reading my card and for your help! Best wishes!

Ryan Cotzen
1721 NE 198 Terrace
Miami, FL 33179

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City Council,

Placing a jail with people that have not proven to follow the rules of society, is not an acceptable solution. Also the house is not taken care of and is not acceptable care for a improving community. Third, it is irresponsible to place down the street from a School. Fourth, Placing it in a high crime rate area is feeding the problem.

I do not know what your concern are big a vote of 9-0. They are not with are community. Please move them out of the city where they belong.

John A Ros
830 E street
(402) 430-4040

Angela M. Birkett

From: Justin R. Kohmetscher
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Please require masks

-----Original Message-----
From: Ella Louise <ella.schwab@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:40 AM
To: NewsHelp <news@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Please require masks

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

Hello,
As a Lincoln resident and essential worker, I urge the city council to please enact a requirement for masks in indoor public places.
I work every day at a big box store and see hundreds of people, coming in with their entire families, not wearing masks.
The store I work at requires masks for everyone working, but does not for those shopping.
I know that at a corporate level, they are hesitant to require masks due to different threat levels across the country.
We in Lincoln are facing a crisis, and those of us keeping things running need to be protected just as we protect those we serve.
I recognize this is a difficult decision that has become political, but know you would be on the right side of history in keeping Lincoln safe.
Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for our city.
Ella Schwab

Angela M. Birkett

From: Daniel Miller <danielpaul.miller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Opposition to SP20005

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

I would like to voice my opposition to SP20005, a request to allow an Alternative to Imprisonment Facility (AIF) on the property at 420 S. 28th Street, Lincoln, NE. The type of facility proposed has little to no oversight, regulation or accountability outlined within the city code. It serves as something of a blank check for an operator to work on their own.

As it currently stands the permit stays with the property, without regard to the operator or the success of the facility. There are few required regulations or expectations that must be met by the operator, there is no ongoing review process, and there is no provision for the revocation of the permit should the facility be failing to address issues or meet standards.

We care for youth within the foster care system and I am familiar with the scrutiny and oversight within social programs. Unfortunately, these same protections for the community (and the residents of the facility) are lacking with these types of permits as things currently stand.

These types of facilities are not completely novel; there are similar programs throughout the US. There is a wealth of experience and information from other municipalities to draw from in drafting successful regulations. The City of Lincoln need not feel our way through the process while dismissing the work that other cities have done in this area. Let us now take the opportunity as a city to slow the process, glean knowledge from elsewhere, and have a solid, reliable code that serves the needs of all those in our community.

I live directly adjacent to this property, raising my 3 young children. My family, and others, need this to be successful. We ask that the City Council help us do the work of making sure these types of programs in our communities and city are successful.

Thank you for your time, consideration and service in the city,

Daniel Miller

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July 16, 2020

Delivered via email to councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov

RE: Special Permit 19025 and Request for Deviation for Hannan Place Condominium, Unit #2

To the Lincoln City Council:

This matter, essentially a request to grant access Mr. and Mrs. Hannan's property at approximately 66th and Pine Lake Road, was last before you in August of 2019. At that time it was placed on indefinite pending to allow time further pursue access easements from all neighbors. We have discussed and negotiated this issue with all three adjacent property owners, and have received three unequivocal denials (enclosed). Therefore, we have asked that this matter be brought back in front of the Council for a final vote on Monday, July 20, 2020.

This matter arose in 2003 when the Hannans were required to move to Kansas to follow Mr. Hannan's job. At that point, they owned an approximately 3 acre lot at 6600 S 66th Street and knew they would eventually move back to Lincoln to be near their grown children. Accordingly, they decided to sell only half the lot and retain east half so upon their return they could build their retirement home and live near family. Only after they signed the contract to sell the western half of the lot did they initiate the subdivision process and realize that despite the fact that this property boarders Pine Lake Road, there was no access.

For 17 years the Hannans have been working to correct this issue. Today, each adjacent property owner has unequivocally refused to work with the Hannans to provide any form of access under any circumstance. Therefore, this Special Permit and Deviation Request is the Hannan's last option to obtain access to their property. Either this is granted, and Lincoln benefits from additional infill housing, or it is denied and the property will remain fallow and unbuildable.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ann K. Post

Ann K. Post
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PINE LAKE HEIGHTS CONGREGATION

of Jehovah's Witnesses

P.O. Box 6801

Lincoln, Nebraska 68516 05/01/20

Dear Ms. Post,

As you know, the Pine Lake Heights Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Inc is the owner of the property located at 6800 Pine Lake Road (the Kingdom Hall). The Congregation has given careful consideration to your request on behalf of your clients, the Hannans, for an easement for driveway access, or possibly to convert the existing Kingdom Hall driveway into a public street as a means of access to Pine Lake Road for the Hannan's property.

After such consideration, and always trying to be a good neighbor, the congregation is unable to accommodate your request for access across Kingdom Hall property.

Sincerely,

Gene Steppat, President

Jack Morris, Secretary-Treasurer

Adam Stewart, Director

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March 27, 2020

APost@baylorevnen.com

Ann K. Post, Esq.
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Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Request for Access Easement Through 6740 Anns Court, Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Post:

As I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation the other day, I represent Mr. and Mrs. JP Richardson, the owners of 6740 Anns Court. Pursuant to your March 9, 2020 letter to the Richardsons and my conversation with you, the property owned by your clients, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hannan, adjoins the south boundary of the Richardson property and has frontage on Pine Lake Road. I have since visited with Mr. Richardson and explained the circumstances concerning the inability of the Hannans to obtain access to their property from Pine Lake Road and the Hannan's generous offer to pay the Richardsons $10,000 for a permanent access easement for a driveway from the Hannan property across the Richardson property to Anns Court. Although the Richardsons are very sympathetic to the Hannan's predicament, they are not interested in having an access road cross a prime recreational area of their property that they use for family activities with their young children. Quite frankly, they would not be interested at any price.

The Richardsons wish they could be of assistance to the Hannans in this matter, however, they respectfully decline the offer set forth in your letter. We wish you and the Hannans the best in your efforts to obtain access to their property from Pine Lake Road.

Very truly yours

Lee H. Hamann

LHH/km
cc: Mr. and Mrs. JP Richardson (via email)

Ann K. Post

From: Dale Burback <bb140@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Ann K. Post
Subject: RE: Vic Hannan

Hi Ann,
We received your letter regarding Vic Hannan's offer to us for access through our property to their lot.
Unfortunately, we are declining this, and will not entertain any other offers.
Best Regards,
Dale & Betty Burback

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Evelyn Vesely <veselyevelyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Defund the LPD

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

I am strongly against the new proposed city budget. Our tax payer dollars need to be put towards helping and funding our communities to better our city. Spending our money on police getting body cams and spending our money funding the LPD is foolish. You need to defund the police department and relocate the funds to the community to benefit the communities around Lincoln. The only way to better our city is to invest in our communities.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sonja Rebarber <sonjarebarber@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Against the proposed budget

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

Hi, my name is Sonja. I'm a 17-year-old student in Lincoln and I've lived here my whole life. I oppose the new proposed budget which would equip the LPD with body cams. Studies have repeatedly shown that body cams do not have a statistically significant effect on the behavior of police officers. The $800,000 that it would take to enact this should be spent on services that can more directly and effectively benefit our community.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Erika Franta Bretscher <ereneefb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:14 PM
Subject: Regarding LPD funding

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

Dear Mayor Gaylor Bairdand Members of City Council,

My name is Erika Bretscher and I am a resident of Indian Village in Lincoln, NE. I write this letter to urge you to begin defunding and demilitarizing the Lincoln Police Department. LPD's budget has increased by 14% since the 2017-2018 budget. For the 2019-2020 year, the portion of the general fund spent on LPD was just under 25%. LPD's increased funding is a direct harm to other necessary and more needed services in our city. Other services including parks and recreation, transportation and utilities, and urban development take much less out of the general cost for the city: 9.8%, 1.3%, and 0.5% respectively (Source: 2018-2020 Council Adopted Biennial Operating Budget). LPD is a direct cost to other services this city desperately needs.

As Lincoln residents, we therefore demand that you take immediate action to ensure the following:

* Reduce LPD's allocation from the General Fund.
* Reallocate those funds into housing, jobs, youth programs, restorative justice, mental health workers, and community development programs to keep the community safe.
* Disallow unauthorized overtime by LPD.
* Discontinue use of General Fund dollars to pay for settlements due to police murder, misconduct, and negligence.

Lincoln cannot wait any longer for a budget that meets the needs of its residents. The only way to achieve this is to take immediate steps to defund LPD.

Thank you,

Erika Bretscher
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Harrison <bunko616@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Law Enforcement Grant

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

I am writing this memo to encourage the City of Lincoln to accept the Federal Law Enforcement Grant to add additional police officers and training to the Lincoln Police Department. I know that certain groups are lobbying hard to turn down this grant and further want to defund police due to the situation in Minnesota. I have issues with some police policies and procedures as well but I feel that most of the policies I do not agree with are a result of decisions being passed down to the officers by politicians and administration. In every organization there are bad apples that display behavior that must be dealt with by the administration in order to protect taxpayers and people who receive services from that organization. I have lived in Lincoln since 1972 and felt that most of the officers I have come in contact with are very committed to the job and to protecting the City of Lincoln and its residents from harm by criminal elements. Recently I have observed articles from Chicago Illinois, Minnesota, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn NY, that report that their crime rates and shootings have increased since the calls to defund police have affected the departments service responses to these situations. I think that every citizen in Lincoln should be comfortable that when a crime is being committed against them, or their family or property that a 911 call will bring a satisfactory, expedient, response by the Lincoln Police Department. The people that are now condemning the local police would be the first to expect that expedient service if a crime of violence would be facing them or a loved one. Please keep our town safe by continuing to adequately fund the police and back their actions as long as they are within parameters set forth by the Mayor, and the City Council.

Bob Harrison
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Mangels <mangelsmary@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Police Department

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

Dear Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Lincoln.
I am a former Lincoln Police Officer, retired Air Force member, nurse, mother, sister, and daughter.

I am asking you to accept the grant our city has been awarded to hire more police officers.

This is a no brainer. I can speak from first hand knowledge that Lincoln has one of the finest police departments in the state if not the United States. I can also speak from personal experience that we have been below average in the number of officers per capita. You and I both know that eventually this will catch up to us and we will be on the losing end. If we do not keep the number of police officers per capita we will have increased property and violent crime. Bottom line is we need to keep our numbers of police officers up.

To reject this grant would be an absolutely appalling disgrace to not only the men and women who wear the uniform but to the citizens of this great city. This profession is under attack and we need to Back the Blue. We need to continue to make Lincoln the safe city it is today and we cannot do this by cutting funding to the police department.

I urge you and the City Council to accept this grant.
Thank you
Mary Mangels

https://www.wsj.com/articles/defund-police-watch-crime-return-11591658454

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jill Muff <Jill.Muff@vsdlincoln.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Support Lincoln Police

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

Good Afternoon Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and City Council,

I am writing because I had read in the Journal Star that there had not yet been a decision made to accept a $625,000 grant that the City of Lincoln Police Department was awarded. That there was hesitation, and speculation as to the notion that this may not be accepted by the Mayor concerns me greatly as a citizen of Lincoln. We need more officers in a city of our size. Lately, I haven't seen the level of support by the Mayor toward our law enforcement, yet it has been clearly demonstrated in other cities, like Omaha. It is disheartening, because Chief Bliemeister and Sheriff Wagner are doing an outstanding job in light of what their departments have been experiencing.

Our officers have proven to be exemplary in the face of much public scrutiny by a disproportionately small part of the community. However, there is a silent majority of citizens who back our fine men and women in law enforcement, but at times are intimidated by the 'defund the police' movements that are riding the wave of sensational media coverage attempting to normalize their stance. The police supporters are showing their gratitude in small peaceful ways, ways that are not covered by the media. We have all seen on the news the unrest building in cities where their police departments are threatened and beginning to dismantle. The unraveling that is happening will take many years to rebuild, and even more money.

Just look at our own neighborhoods around the City-County building that still sit in their vandalized, damaged state. The anti-police graffiti, including 'Kill all Cops' that I saw all over that area wasn't shown on the news clips I watched, but the message was clear. It has become risky to even show support for police in many cases for fear of vandalism, retribution, and threats to family members. That is truly a sad state of affairs. Please do not let Lincoln devolve into that kind of community. Demonstrate your support of our officers by accepting this grant. To not accept it, passively allows the anti-police rhetoric to continue and appear that is endorsed by you. We are proud of and support the Lincoln Police Department, and it should be clear that you support them too.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jill Muff

Angela M. Birkett

From: Chris Brester <ChrisB@bresterconstruction.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

Dear Mayor,

I respectfully request that you do what is in the "best" interest of the citizens of Lincoln and accept the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant! To turn it down would be bad business and a mistake for the citizens of Lincoln.

Lincoln is growing and we are currently understaffed in the Police department. We need the police department to have adequate staff to serve a city this size. This grant provides those dollars and prevents a "future" tax increase to accomplish the same result. We already suffer from high property taxes and we should look to use all resources available to mitigate them.

Lincoln's Police Department is well run and many would say one of the best in the country. That said in every organization, no matter what industry, there is always room for improvement and continued growth. I believe those in leadership positions in the police force have the capacity to make changes as necessary to alleviate concerns about abuses that may occur within the department and they should seek change as needed. Punishing the men and women who took an oath to serve and protect this city because of the perceived reality that all police are bad or because of the actions of a few would be foolish. Let us ask for change and empower those who lead these fine men and women to pursue that change.

On another note I believe you have a duty and an opportunity to stand with the police department, to demand change if necessary and to be a catalyst for a better tomorrow for Lincoln. Many leaders across the country have been given an opportunity to seek change and to lead the charge to demand better of all citizens in the cities in which they lead. Sadly many have not lead when given the opportunity. Instead they have chosen to cower in the face of adversity, criticize, call out and punish entire groups of men and women because a few have chosen to abuse their authority. In the mean time we have seen vandalism, looting, riots and other senseless crime go unpunished and we have crippled and debilitated those in uniform.

I respectfully ask that you go against the current status quo and support this department and the men and women who work tirelessly every day to protect our city!! They are good people, they deserve our support and this grant will help to secure funds needed to make our city and LPD better!!

Respectfully,

CHRIS BRESTER
PRESIDENT

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Fwd: Federal grant

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

Just wanted to make sure this was received prior to today's meeting. Thank you for your time.

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>
> **Date:** July 14, 2020 at 11:01:19 AM CDT
> **To:** councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov
> **Subject: Federal grant**
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> I just wanted to share my opinion with you that as a citizen of Lincoln I support the acceptance of the federal grant we were awarded for funding for LPD. My city applied for this, it was awarded, the council approved accepting it and we need to stay on that path. LPD is seriously understaffed if you look at the numbers nationally, which I'm sure you have. This grant will help with that issue. Fortunately, Lincoln doesn't have a lot of the problems with policing that other cities are experiencing. As a council I would ask that you do everything in your power to help keep Lincoln that way. Our city needs to support our local LEO's. Especially in these turbulent times.
> Thank you for your time,
> Met Gallagher

Angela M. Birkett

From: DIANE PAYNE <d_payne58@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fw: Concerned

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

To the City Council of Lincoln, Nebraska
Please read my email message to the Mayor.
I am very concerned about the direction of our city. I trust you will recognize the necessity to agree to accept the Federal Grant of $635,000 to increase the Lincoln Police Department's additional staffing needs. Thank you.
Respectfully submitted,
----- Original Message -----
From: DIANE PAYNE
To: Mayor
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 9:52 AM
Subject: Concerned

Dear Mayor,
It is with great concern that I write this email. It is for your eyes and for the eyes of the Lincoln City Council only. My husband and I have lived in Lincoln, NE for almost sixty years. It is a great city and has a police department that has done a great job of upholding the law and protecting its citizens.
What I don't understand is why you have not accepted the Federal Grant of $625,000 to help add additional officers to the force. For you to not accept this money says that you do not care about our safety and that you do not respect or support the police officers of this city. Lincoln is a growing city and as it grows, the violence is increasing. A good example of that took place about six weeks ago. The entire Lincoln police force was forced to uphold the law and protect its citizens from outside protestors and other questionable individuals. The officers were short handed; they were tired but had to work extra hours, and put their lives on the line. Why would you not want to accept this money when it's obvious that our police department needs extra men on the force?!
Lincoln is not a city or a community that fits the corrupt and ill-managed cities like New York, Minneapolis, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, etc. Those cities are failures and have no real respect for anyone or anything. Please don't turn Lincoln into one of those lawless, bankrupt cities by turning your back on its citizens or its police force.
Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Birkett

From: Chris Wadhams <cwadhams59@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: federal grant for police

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i think you should accept the grant. Police need more funding for training and recruiting better candidates. Not less. Defunding the police is like pouring gasoline on a fire.thinking it will make it better .

Chris Wadhams.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joyce Keel <tmjoy922@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept grant

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

Please accept the grant for more police officers. We all know that they are our best defense. They have a horrible job and need more reinforcement. I wouldn't want to do their job at double their pay. Please help them by giving them more help.

Joyce Keel

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rich Robinson <4400416@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: Federal Cop Grant

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

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>>> City Council Members
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>>> First time writing to you. Only because it is a very important subject. We understand the City has been granted a Federal Cop Grant for approximately $635,000 to fund additional policemen and women. We also understand that the City (You ??) are considering not accepting ?? Why would you not !! We need police support in these difficult times. Please accept grant and move forward.
>>>
>>> Rich Robinson
>>> 9912 Blue Water Circle
>>> Lincoln, NE 68527
>>>

Angela M. Birkett

From: marj zimmerman <marj.zimmerman@tpg-group.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept the grant

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Reeb, Jessica L <jreeb@nebraskamed.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Federal grant for police officers

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

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am writing to as you to ACCEPT the federal grant money for hiring police officers. I understand in the current climate that this may be a controversial issue. However, even if police departments across the county change in terms of how they respond to different types of calls... we still need a police force in a large capacity to do the things that social workers cannot. I fully appreciate the work these officers do. I urge you to accept this money to help our city budget and our police department. In the long run this will also help every citizen of the city.

I fully accept that I cannot investigate violent crimes, or pull over citizens for DUIs or speeding. I personally had an experience several years ago where at around 1AM a man was knocking on my door yelling to get in. My husband was at work at the time and I was home alone with my young child. I called LPD and they came right away to find an intoxicated gentleman trying to get into the wrong house. I was terrified. LPD was there when I needed them and I suspect they are there when many other citizens need them as well.

I believe you all love the city of Lincoln as much as I do. Let's not close any doors as we navigate how to move forward in this tough climate.

Thanks for your time.

Jessica Reeb, APRN, FNP-BC
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Susan Robinson <robinson7472@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: grant

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

I see that Lincoln has been given a grant to add to the Police force. I expect (and demand) that this grant be accepted so our Police Department can be funded to add more police officers. Do what is best for the city and graciously accept this grant. The people of Lincoln pay taxes to have a safe environment and we expect nothing less..

Susan & Rich Robinson
Lincoln, NE 68527 In God We Trust

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lisa Charleston <lisa_charleston@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: ACCEPT the Federal COP Grant (5 Cops who focus on gun violence/Paid for 3 years/ $635K grant)

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

Dear City Council,

I have 3 friends that are police officers in Lincoln and my sister is a police officer, actually a Lieutenant, in Missouri. I know how much they love their community and I know that for them their job is not just a job it's a calling to serve. I know how hard they work and I also hear of their struggles with crime going up and the lack of support from our own Mayor, which is very disheartening. There have been at least 5 homicides this year, one too many for Lincoln. Every officer puts on their uniform each day and puts their life on the line. They need all the support we can give them for their safety and for the safety our community. Why would you deny that?

Our police department needs the support of the City Council and the Mayor. I ask that you accept the Federal Justice Dept. grant that YOU applied for and have been awarded in the amount of $635,000. This money will fund 5 police officers for the next 3 years. This is a benefit to the LPD which is understaffed and I know officers are leaving the department. The grant money would allow five new officers to be specifically trained to deal with gun violence, which is needed in our community as 4 of the 5 homicides have been from gun violence. The officers would allow other officers to focus on other arears of concern in our community.

I ask you to take a moment and think about what you would want if your job everyday was to put on a uniform and risk your life. Would you want the support of your city, of your mayor? Yes, you would, because you would want to go home to your loved ones at the end of each day.

To keep law and order in Lincoln and to keep Lincoln a safe place to live the police department needs your support. Please keep your word, as you applied for the grant, by accepting the Federal Grant money.

Thank you

Lisa

Lisa Charleston

5565 S. 80th St.

Lincoln NE 68516

Lisa_charleston@yahoo.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Alvin Sand <asand@allophone.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cops Hiring Program

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Hello,
I am writing with regard to the US justice departments award of $625,000 for the cops hiring program for the Lincoln police Department. Please accept this grant to show our police that we appreciate and support them! It's very important that you accept this grant and use it for the purpose of hiring new police officers. Thank you, Al Sand

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: cjckacp2@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

Please take the Federal Cop Grant being offered to our fine city! Our officers need to know we citizens are on their side. I'm thankful every day that we can count on them and they deserve the best for putting their lives on the line every day.
Cameron Carlson
Karen Carlson
1010 Elmwood Av.
Lincoln, NE 68510
402-435-0529

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rod Kaiser <rkdna3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal COP Grant

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

Please accept the Federal COP Grant for these reasons: Human Nature-lawlessness is and will increase. Honor and Protect- citizens that are accountable and responsible. Enforce violators of reasonable and necessary laws. Thank you for your consideration.
Rod Kaiser

Angela M. Birkett

From: RWERNER1@neb.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 635 K Grant

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

I'm writing to encourage the Council to accept the 635K grant from the Federal Government, and use the money to hire more Police Officers. We Stand with and support the Blue.

Sincerely,

Richard F. and Maureen A. Werner

5549 Barrington Park Drive

Lincoln, NE 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Deb Ramsay <dramsay0919@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: $625,000 Grant - Lincoln Police Department

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

Mayor and City Council Members:

I understand the City of Lincoln was awarded a $625,000 grant to hire additional Police Officers. I also understand you may not accept this grant which is so important to our city especially in these times. As you are all aware, we have an amazing Police Department with outstanding Officers who protect our community day in and day out. I believe you have the facts and statistics to back my comments. I know I am one of many that support this grant and others have voiced their concerns of your talk of defunding this department and not supporting this grant. I am baffled as to why there is even a discussion on whether or not our city would accept this free grant. Why do you get to make that decision?

I watched as you spoke to the supporters of BLM and I understand from a political standpoint you have to do that for your own political gain and popularity. You allowed them to destroy property and business that your citizens worked hard for. Have you taken the time to sit down and speak with a group of Officers, spouses of Officers, parents of Officers (which I am one), children of Officers, siblings of Officers (two of my siblings of Officers), or grandchildren of Officers (my great grandfather was shot and killed on duty leaving my great grandmother a widow and their 5 children without a father) and understand their feelings and fears? Fear that their loved ones won't come home or will be injured and no longer be able to provide for their families. They make very little for the sacrifices they make. This is not a job to them. This is a calling and a dream. My son wanted to be an Officer since he was 4. He said if he knew 8 years ago that his life would be in danger and he would be hated for the badge he wears And the community he protects, he would not have been an Officer. One of my brothers is retiring 3 years early after being on the force for over 35 years. Both are outstanding Officers and have been up for Officer of the year. We are in jeopardy of losing the best of the best. Good luck getting anyone of quality to take on a job such as this.

I know some of you, or your businesses, have called on our Police Department to assist you in time of need. Who are we going to call when there is a lack of good men and women in blue to take those calls. Who are you going to call when there is domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, rapes, arson, mental health issues, etc. Are you equipped to handle those calls, will you as politicians now handle those calls? I think not. Respectfully, I don't believe you have it in you.

Your allowing these good and descent Officers to be targeted, harassed, broken down, and possibly be murdered because of the uniform and the badge they wear. If you reject this grant, you are just as bad, if not worse, as those you are allowing to mistreat our Lincoln Officers and you will have made a huge statement of what you think of our Police Department.

I am pleading with you to accept this grant and show those of us who love this City that you care about us and the safety of our community. I strongly support and stand by the men and women and blue. Will you stand with me?

Angela M. Birkett

From: David Blythe <drb.bluedevil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cops Grant Acceptance

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

Mayor L and City Council Members,

You previously promoted and unanimously approved the application and acceptance of the Cops Grant if received.

Mayor L, do not think taxpayers of Lincoln will accept you passing the burden to fund new Police Officers to us when a government grant has been offered.

We are talking $635,000 which equals five (5) police officers for three (3) years.

Do the right thing and accept the grant, this is easy, there is no cost to the taxpayers.

I know you are held hostage by BLM even though they can't articulate their priorities or an action plan forward to improve the lives of blacks in our communities. It is time you stand up and lead instead of cowering to the mob and reacting to social media. You wanted this job, stand up and do it.

You see mayor L, the real problem is you are compromised. You support illegal immigration and sanctuary city policies which reduce wages and job opportunities for minorities in our community. You can't have it both ways. How can you look our black community in the eye and say Black Lives Matter while supporting jobs to low wage un-documented workers? The answer is you can't.

I am not a person to criticize without providing a suggestion. If you want to reduce the police budget, do what they do in Germany where I spend a lot of time. Install speed cameras everywhere and ticket every person who exceeds the speed limit by six (6) mph. No court, no appeal, pay the fine, no exceptions, even for protestors.

Lincoln may actually find another revenue source. This also eliminates any perception of racial profiling during traffic stops
by cops. Every person who lives and visits Lincoln is treated equally.

Think of all the people with businesses, jobs and cars you can ding for a few extra bucks without calling it a tax, or increasing the wheel tax. Heck, you may even get an e-bike speeder on occasion (they don't pay gas or wheel taxes).

Without police having to protect the city from speeders and reckless drivers, they can focus on dealing with the true criminal
problems in Lincoln which continue to escalate.

I am more than happy to participate in a discussion regarding the topics I raised.

--
David R. Blythe
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Shelley Castinado <weluvcats2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

Dear Council Members:
Please consider accepting the Federal Cop Grant that is available for our police department. With the reduced revenue due to Covid-19, now is not the time to turn away funds that can help our community stay safe. A society that feels safe and secure will flourish And commerce will be drawn to that area. But a community that has increased crime and reduced/stifled law enforcement will not flourish. Commerce will leave and the community members that don't want to lock themselves in their houses will leave that community.
Thank you for your consideration.
Roshelle Castinado

Angela M. Birkett

From: Karlene McClung <jonkarlene@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cops Hiring Program

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask you to support/accept the Cops Hiring Program to support our Lincoln Police Department.

Sincerely,

Karlene Konz McClung

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Linda Clare <grandmalclare@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please accept the Federal Cop Grant

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

Dear City Council Members:

Please accept the Federal Cop Grant, for which you applied some months ago, and which was recently awarded to the City of Lincoln.

If indeed the safety of citizens is a major function of government, and it is, a police force well staffed and well trained, especially in gun violence, is a tremendous force for good in our community. It would serve as a strong deterrent for crime and violence and a great help to citizens should violence occur. It's very obvious, a no-brainer, as the kids would say.

Please remain strong in your support for our police force and accept this Federal Cop Grant. The citizens of Lincoln are depending on you.

Respectfully,

Linda Clare
(Mrs. Pat)

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Nebelsick <jnbnebel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FEDERAL AWARD TO HIRE 5 NEW POLICEMEN

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

Honorable City Council Memberes;
The time draws closer to vote on the decision to accept theI Federal Award to hire 5 new police.

Honored Council Members
Again it is important to urge you to accept the Federal award to employ 5 new police Officers. The purpose of the qward as you know, is to emphasize control of gun violence. These 5 new men will facilitate 5 police devoted to this duty to be available for service out in the city. The growth of our city is amazing. Large tracts of land adjacent to the city are being devoted to private homes. all these new areas want and need police protection. new patrol officers are greatly needed. To finish just a last appeal to you to accept the award.

Sincerely

John H Nebelsick
6040 Old Farm Circle
Lincolln 68512

I I urge you to vote to accept this Federal Grant to provide the 5 additional police.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dan Schepers <dbschepers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept the Federal Cop Grant

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

Please accept the Federal Cop Grant fund. As our town grows in every direction our need for a police force that will be trained in gun violence is what this city of Lincoln needs. Although I am aware of the troubling events that took place in Minneapolis, and the increasing attacks on religious symbols and statues in cities this is NOT the time to cut back. Our Lincoln police force is already being pressed to the max with many long hours. We need to accept the grant and not De-fund the police. Thank you!

Barb Schepers

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lydia Arnold <wlarnold20@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Police Grant

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

Dear City Council,

On Monday (7/13), Chief Bliemeister & Sheriff Wagner "called on city & county officials...to continue to support their efforts to grow their forces" (LJS, 7/14, Page A3, "Leaders: We need officers, support").

"Both Bliemeister & Wagner said some of the response" [of area law enforcement to June's rioting] "showed the need to increase staff" (Ibid).

Mention was made of "their efforts to increase their forces in recent years."

LJS's 7/8 article, "Lincoln gets grant to hire officers" (Page A1), stated "Historically, LPD's staffing has not kept up with the city's steady growth in population" and that LPD applied for the grant "seeking to add officers during times of constrained city budgets, while trying to address a **rising trend** of gun violence in the city."

So before COVID-19 resulted in a $12 million budget shortfall (LPS, 7/14, front page, bottom left column), and before June's protests, riots, vandalism, arson & explosively dangerous anarchy, Lincoln needed more police.

Why would we now need less police? (and so reject the grant) With June's volatile issues still simmering....perhaps with those whose real agenda is to wreck all the havoc they can (the vandalism, thefts, arson, dangerous riots) hoping for another scape-goat they can use to again erupt. (I'm saying there were sincere BLM-ers, peacefully protesting with sincere grievances. But also those who took advantage of the advantage.)

Does history (both the very recent--**2** gun deaths within 24 hours here in Lincoln, and history through the ages) show that criminal activity increases or decreases when law enforcement is removed?

Does history show that communities are safer without law enforcement?

LJS's "Lincoln gets grant to hire officers," printed on 7/8: "LPD plans to use these officers to mitigate gun violence in Lincoln by reducing suicides.., assaults w/firearms, domestic violence w/firearms, and the chances of ... mass shootings." Sounds like wisdom to me!

If we needed this before June's dangerously volatile anarchy, why would we not need it now?

Or perhaps Lincoln, with its $12 million budget shortfall, no longer needs outside assistance to provide this service for all of us?

Please accept the grant & see that it is used as originally planned.

As skillful surgeons, please fix what needs fixing in Lincoln, with causing harm/irreparable damage to the entity you are charged to help.

Thank you very much for your dedicated service--each one of you.

Sincerely,
Lydia (& Wayne) Arnold
5210 Ervin St.

Angela M. Birkett

From: teresa@predmoredesigns.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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I am a long-time resident of Lincoln, a registered voter that does indeed vote and a small business owner.

Lincoln has historically been a safe, law and order town that I was happy to move to and raise a family in. It is extremely important to me that Lincoln, NE remains safe and that law and order will once again
be the norm.

The acceptance of the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant will certainly be a step in the right direction for the city of Lincoln.

This voter and small business owner will continue to monitor the direction Lincoln is going.

Thank you for your time,

Teresa Predmore

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Anne Hubbell <amhubbell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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Hello,
My name is Anne Hubbell and I am writing because I am a concerned citizen of Lincoln. I am writing in favor of our police department and all they do to protect us and provide a safe community for all of our citizens. Please accept the Federal COP Grant (5 Cops who focus on gun violence/Paid for 3 years/$635K grant). I believe this can help our city with additional resources.

Thank you for your leadership and service.
Sincerely,
Anne Hubbell

Angela M. Birkett

From: catherine turner <ccpturner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Fed. Police Grant

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Dear City Council members,
Vote to accept the grant and support civil society. Consider working for Lincoln citizens and not for those who work to dismantle the families and the order of civil society. Our Mayor does not have our interest at heart when she works against what holds order in society.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,
Cathy Turner
ccpturner@yahoo.com
2222 Brennen View Ct.

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Cheryl Morton <thecatisout1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Support LPD

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

I am writing again to ask that the mayor and city council approve the $635,000 grant to fund new officers and training for LPD. It is obvious to many of us that defunding police departments is the wrong thing to do, especially during these difficult times. It is apparent that even though our local paper states our city is the most unstressed (article of 7/14) we still have daily crime at various levels. Public safety should not be compromised at the hands of a radical few. The LPD records show miniscule racial injustices from 2017-2019,(as per prior posting data. Daily we read about senseless crimes against police across the country. With many officers in fear of their lives and safety, this is not the time to cut staff/funding. These are civil servants, sworn to protect us. They deserve our support, and we expect our leaders to provide it!!

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Judith Lewis <jalneb@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Re: Support for Federal Cop Grant

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

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

We are encouraging the Lincoln City Council to vote to accept the Federal Cop Grant of 5 new officers for three years for our city. We think their special training in gun violence would be advantageous for the Lincoln Commuity. Please give this your support and vote to accept this offer.
Thank you,
Judy and Bill Lewis
Lincoln residents

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jacqueline Shotkoski <jjshot1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Funds of our Police Force

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

I am writing today in favor of supporting the Lincoln Police Department. Should Lincoln qualify for federal funding, please know that I am in 100% support of extra funding. Our police department needs more help, not less. I am hopeful that our city does not become lawless like so many across the U.S. Lincoln Nebraska has always been a wonderful and safe community that supports our police department.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jacque Shotkoski
Resident of Lincoln, NE

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Russ Freeman <freemaniowa8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the city of Lincoln has received a grant to fund additional trained police officers for a 3-year period. Following is a portion of the information that I received:

The City of Lincoln this past week was notified of being awarded the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant that will pay for five (5) new Police Officers for a period of three (3) years. These officers will be trained in gun violence.

I would ask you to support accepting this grant.

Sincerely,

Russ Freeman

Angela M. Birkett

From: Penny OToole <penny.otoole@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

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

Dear Council Members,

Please accept the $635,000 grant to provide 5 new police officers who will focus on gun violence in Lincoln. We need the police department to be sufficiently staffed. The neighborhood I live in relies on police officers because of the rise in drug use and thefts.
Please provide more police officers for Lincoln.

Thank you,
Pang O'Toole

Angela M. Birkett

From: Crystal Brown <dynamitecrystals@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

City Council,

This e-mail is in regards to the Federal Police Grant. I have lived in Lincoln all of my life and know that our police department is short staffed. Please accept the grant, we are in NEED of more police officers in Lincoln, Nebraska. Our police force is understaffed and is in need of more officers so they can do their jobs successfully.

Thank You,
-Crystal McCoy

Angela M. Birkett

From: larry spreeman <lspreeman2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fw: SPECIAL GRANT

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----- Forwarded Message -----
From: larry spreeman <lspreeman2002@yahoo.com>
To: "mayor@lincoln.ne.gov" <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 04:56:34 PM CDT
Subject: SPECIAL GRANT

YOUR HONOR. Lincoln has been one of the greatest cities in AMERICA TO LIVE, WORK, RETIRE AND RAISE A FAMILY. My wife and I lived in California for 42 years and enjoyed it very much. However, in 2000 we decided to make a change after we retired. The 20 years that we have lived here have been great. Lincoln was just chosen as one of the best cities for our size in AMERICA. The crime rate here in Lincoln is so low compared to other cities it would be a shame to change that. We went through the WATT's riot and the Rodney King a major problem. Those issues were not good and we do not want to see anything like that here in Lincoln. I know many police officers here in Lincoln and I have been involved with them and I can say each one of them are outstanding individuals. I know the assistant police chief, Mr. Jackson, he is a great man and asset to Lincoln Police Department. It would be a great loss for the residents of our city to have the police departments budget defunded. Also, the special GRANT for the city of Lincoln should be taken and used to help improve the greatest police department in America. I encourage you to take the GRANT and use it to the departments best interest. KEEP LINCOLN AND AMERICA GREAT. Thank you LILLIAN AND LARRY SPREEMAN

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ann Copple <anncopple1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: $635,00.00 Grant to City of Lincoln, NE

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

We as senior citizens of Lincoln, NE for the past 18 years feel that for our city not to accept this grant will be a huge mistake. Fortunately, we have never been in need of the police, that is most likely because the police have given us the peace, safety and security that has kept this wonderful city growing at the pace it has for the last couple of years. Safety is a major component to attracting new business and to bringing new and young families to this city. We can throw money at everything in sight from expensive and fabulous public schools, to the university, to Innovation Park, bicycle trails, children zoo, etc. But, without public safety you have NOTHING!!!!!

We are hearing that Omaha is considering severely downsizing their police department. So, I ask you, will Lincoln be next? Will we be able to handle the crime that surely will very soon be right here in Lincoln if Omaha does in fact cut their police departments?? WE and you as our local representatives must stand strong and support that ALL, yours, ours and all LIVES MATTER. Please do not be bullied or pushed into what you think is politically correct. YOU MUST DO WHAT IS ACTUALLY CORRECT FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY. It is your duty and it is your obligation as our representatives.

Please, please vote to accept this grant to our police department. Crime does come from everywhere and effects all of our safety and security, including yours and your families too.

Respectfully,
Ann & John Copple

Angela M. Birkett

From: suelter8infinity@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant for Lincoln Police Department

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

To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen of the city of Lincoln, and with friends and family that are police officers, I ask you to consider accepting the grant to the Lincoln Police Department that would aid in hiring of more officers and other much needed aid. I have only known these heros of blue to be a positive and helpful asset to our community. Who would you turn to when you really need law enforcement and no one is available?

Unfortunately there is corrupt people of EVERY OCCUPATION, but you shouldn't overlook the good of many because of the bad by a few. I ask you to please consider this grant as a positive step forward in aiding any needed changes or help with our beloved blue fighters for justice and peace.

God bless you all for time and commitment to doing what's right for our city.

Sherri Suelter

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cheryl Morton <thecatisout1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:49 PM
To: mayor@lincoln.ne; Council Packet
Subject: Support LPD

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

I am writing again to voice my opinion and request for accepting the grant to support and our police force here in beautiful Lincoln Nebraska. We currently have a shortage of adequate officers on the LPD force and we have the opportunity to bolster this by receiving over $600,000 in grant money to add staff and additional training. As many larger cities are voting to defund their police forces in the wake of increased racial and economic tensions, as well as the mental toll the Covid-19 virus has placed on everyone at some level, it seems a no brainer that we wouldn't give our police forces the support they need to keep our community safe. An earlier record posted by a fellow supporter on FB reveals that our police department has a stellar record of doing their jobs without evidence of brutality or racial discrimination. And even though as the LJS reported today that we are one of the nation's least-stressed cities, we see numerous headlines revealing local homicides and other crimes which seem to be increasing. There is no doubt that our local as well as national levels of stress are increasing due to virus fallout. And we also know that our police force are on the front lines of providing both safety and support in mental health calls. We do not have current support or training to create an agency to do this job, therefore we must let our police have the ongoing support and training they need to keep our city safe, as well as ensuring they themselves remain safe. I'm trusting as a resident and taxpayer that our city government with do the right thing and support our LPD!! Take and utilize this grant money for the sake of Lincoln citizens!!!

Cheryl Morton

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sharron Potthoff <pottsmom@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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As a concerned citizen of Lincoln , I urge you to accept the grant that was offered to us , to help keep us safe. Especially in
these times where there is so much destruction in cities in the U.S. , it is important to support our police department.
Sincerely
Sharron Potthoff

Angela M. Birkett

From: Deanna Bohl <dbohl@lincolnsurgery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept grant - do not Defund LPD

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Council Members
Knowing what is at stake, and that this is a very delicate time in our city and nation's history, I believe there are many things that we need to change - but Defunding Lincoln's Police Department is not one of them. Please proceed with accepting the grant that has been awarded. We can change things within the police department, but lessening their staff and authority is not it.

Keep an open mind when discussing and voting - do not give in to peer pressure. Please do what is right and in our city's best interest to continue to make Lincoln a great and safe place to live for all of us.

Thank you
Deanna Bohl

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sushil Lacy <sushillacy1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cop Grant
Attachments: Dear LeRion.docx

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Please see attached document. Thanks.

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Senior Consultant Surgery (Urology),
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Email: sushillacy1@gmail.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lisa Kiechel <lisa@kiechelart.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Federal Grant for Officers for a city that is crumbling

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City Council Members & Mayor:

I am writing to urge you to accept the grant money awarded by the Federal Government for new officers and training. How could you possibly reject these funds in a time of need? It is crucial to lead our city and work to foster positive relationships on all sides in an effort to create a safe and prosperous community. Don't simply reject funds offered. Come up with a plan to use the funds and implement the changes to better our police force. We, the taxpayers deserve that. We, the business owners deserve that. Our downtown has become more violent every year. We have issues with the homeless on a weekly basis. Now that our downtown has become vacant, it has gotten worse with break ins, graffiti, thefts. We are in the process of installing a buzzer on our front door because we have vagrants come and and force their way on to our elevator and take our keys or threaten our staff or us. One month ago, I was leaving the gallery through our back alley door with my children and was met with a very scary, very aggressive homeless man who had pulled down his pants and was peeing in our back doorway. This has become commonplace in Lincoln. Union Bank had to install a buzzer last year as did two jewelry stores on our block. It is unacceptable. We have always been open and welcoming to the public but are now forced to install buzzers on our doors.
You will start to see an exodus of businesses and residents if this continues. Not to mention, the downtown businesses like ours, need to have support from our city leaders. Downtown is empty. There is no support. I haven't seen any city leaders walk in to our gallery and even so much as ask how things are going or walk through our space. We simply will not continue to stay here. Why would we? To watch our city burned and destroyed and to not have any protection or support is unacceptable when we have put our heart and soul and millions of dollars into a beautiful place that provides culture and beautifies downtown. It's unfortunate that our city is crumbling. 6 years ago, 12th & O was vibrant, bustling and full of businesses and patrons. How times have changed.

Do the right thing.

All the best,

Lisa Kiechel
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Lisa Kiechel
Internal Functionality Coordinator

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Rae McReynolds <taralynn.rm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police funds

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

Please accept the funds for the police dept.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ann Schriner <annschrin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

We urge you to accept the grant for the police officers. We need these officers. It is very important

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: dyoung113@windstream.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Federal Cop grant

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

Please accept the Federal Cop grant, we need to support our law enforcement officers, and stop bowing down to
misguided special interest groups with destructive agendas. Do not tie our police department's hands. No one wants racists police but we
do not have that problem in Lincoln, despite all the lies. The criminals should have no say in this matter. A strong police force
is was what will benefit our city, not a bunch of rambling thugs on the streets who really just want power and their time in the spotlight, not to fight real racism. We saw what they did.
Thank you
A Taxpayer and law abiding citizen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dwain Carlson <dwain.carlson4@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accepting the Federal Cop Grant for extra policemen

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

City Council Members -

I urge you to accept the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant that Lincoln has been awarded for 5 extra policemen over the next three years! Our men in blue work hard each and every day to keep our city's crime rate down, as you know. With the increase of Lincoln's population and shortage of funds to add policemen, this grant would be a real asset to our city to help increase our police force who in turn keep our city safe and reduce crime.

Please accept this grant!

Dwain Carlson
6401 Lone Tree Dr
Lincoln, NE 68512

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Vicki Woodburn <vwoodbu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Supporting our Lincoln Police

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

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,
I am writing to ask you support our Lincoln Police Officers by accepting the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant that will pay for five new Police Officers, and provide more training in gun violence. We have heard rumors that the Mayor and City Council are considering not accepting this . It is beyond our reasonable thinking that anyone would reject such a grant , or the benefit of increased training for our already incredible police officers. We also urge you to continue to recognize the benefit each citizen receives from our police officers. It was heart breaking to see the way the police were abused during the recent "riots/protests" without a strong support from our Mayor and other government groups. We should be thankful for each one of them and build them up with encouragement and this training whenever possible. Thank you for considering my concerns and request.
Sincerely,
Vicki Woodburn
Vwoodbu@gmail.com

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tim Diehlman <diehlmant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

I have lived in Lincoln for the last ten years. Have seen the steady rise in crime from cars being stolen to Homicides. If you care about the safety of the citizens of Lincoln you would accept the Federal grant to keep us safe. If anything we need to invest more money in the police department to crack down on this increase. Outside groups don't care about the citizens of Lincoln or know what is best for Lincoln !

Tim Diehlman
2020 National At-Large Delegate

Angela M. Birkett

From: John Mlinar <jjmlinar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Vote yes for the police grant

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

Dear councilmembers,
We are firm believers in supporting our police in Lincoln, Nebraska. We have lived here in Lincoln now for five years. We are concerned over the decisions our mayor of Lincoln is making. We feel that they are not what the majority of people in Lincoln want. We want you to know that we are in high support of our Police Department, we feel that they are a mandatory part of our city, and instead of even thinking about not accepting this grant, every one of the council members should be thinking About how to accept it and how to make our city a city that works together instead of dividing people.
Accept the grant.
Jane Mlinar 2335 MarilynN Avenue, Lincoln Nebraska 402–2 76–1504

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Don Woodburn <dwoodburn6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police officers grant

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

I'm very excited to learn that our city has been approved to receive a grant to pay for 5 new police officers.
This is an obvious choice for a yes vote.
I look forward to learning that this grant was accepted and implemented Thanks Don Woodburn

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Pat Waite <mpw@lincolnfirstrealty.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: RE: PLEASE VOTE YES to Federal Cop Grant awarded to the City of Lincoln in amount of $635,000

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

Dear ALL,

I and my family and extended family is not in favor of defunding our/any police force in Lincoln NE and communities across the US. There are more Good that comes from the police department then bad. We as individuals and a family hope and pray our city council/mayor votes YES for this grant that was awarded to the city of Lincoln police department!! Vote YES in favor of Federal Cop Grant – and continued service of the Lincoln Police Department. NOT IN Favor of defunding!!!

Thank you for your time,

Mary Pat Waite

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Aaron Hiltgen <ahiltgen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Police Grant

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

Dear Council Members,

Based on the 2050 plan, Lincoln is projected to grow significantly. As stated by Mayor Gaylord Baird in the article “Mayor Announces Plans to Add to Lincoln Police Officers” dated June 20, 2019, "While our community's low crime rate and sense of security are a point of pride, Lincoln's growth brings with it growth in the demands placed on our police officers, " said Mayor Gaylor Baird. "These new positions are an important step toward creating better working conditions for our officers as well as creating a safer community."

I respectfully request that you accept the $635,000 federal grant to hire five police officers to focus on gun violence. Please help our community to keep its "low crime rate and sense of security" as a "point of pride".

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter,
Aaron Hiltgen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Laurie Lewis <elitemarketing77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Federal COP Grant

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

Dear Mayor & the members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am humbly writing to ask you to accept the Federal COP Grant (5 Cops who focus on gun violence/Paid for 3 years/$635K grant)

Respectfully,
Laurie Lewis

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Evelyn Loof <kloof@windstream.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal police grant

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

I support accepting the grant. In order to have a highly trained, utmost professional, and modernly equipped police force, it takes perpetual training and updated equipment which costs money. It's time for true leadership to do what they know is right. Evelyn Loof 7801 Red Oak Rd Lincoln Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: hinrichs_rodney_rtur@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please accept the Fed. cop grant

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

Our police are doing excellent in serving us in our city. Please vote to receive 5 more trained policemen.

Thank you for your service to our city .

Rodney Hinrichs

Angela M. Birkett

From: ctayl38@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: police funding and support

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

I urge you all to not fall into the "groupthink" mode that has created hysteria in this great country, By all means you should analyze needed law enforcement skill sets and focus on improved training but DO NOT CUT FUNDING OR POLICE CAPABILITIES' Common sense tells us that a perpetrator would not commit a crime in the presence of a police officer. Would the crime be committed with no presence? You know the answer.

Ex=Chief Cassiday estimates that there at least two million law enforcement - citizen interactions each day; Given the imperfections of the human race the egregious incidents are remarkably low. Do not let a handful of rogue actions cloud your judgement.

Anxious citizens are watching your actions, especially the federal grant.

Respectfully,

Charles C Taylor
6231 Andrew Ct
Lincoln, NE 68512

Angela M. Birkett

From: Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal grant

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

I just wanted to share my opinion with you that as a citizen of Lincoln I support the acceptance of the federal grant we were awarded for funding for LPD. My city applied for this, it was awarded, the council approved accepting it and we need to stay on that path. LPD is seriously understaffed if you look at the numbers nationally, which I'm sure you have. This grant will help with that issue. Fortunately, Lincoln doesn't have a lot of the problems with policing that other cities are experiencing. As a council I would ask that you do everything in your power to help keep Lincoln that way. Our city needs to support our local LEO's. Especially in these turbulent times.
Thank you for your time,
Met Gallagher

Angela M. Birkett

From: Hugh Lau <hlau5150@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept the Federal Grant

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

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> Dear Mayor Gaylord-Baird,
>
> I'm writing you today because I am concerned that you will not accept the $635,000 federal grant to hire 5 much needed police officers for the city of Lincoln. I feel that your most important job as mayor is to protect the people of this great city. Failing to accept these funds is the wrong decision and does not make this city safer. the city can hire good officers and train them well. I donated to your campaign because I felt you were the right person to be mayor. Please do the right thing and accept the funds and keep this city safe.
>
> Hugh Lau
> 2656 Rathbone Road
> Lincoln, NE 68502
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jan Grubaugh <najhuskers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

Dear City Council:

Dear Mayor,

I am a long time resident of the City of Lincoln, over 45 years.
I am fully in support of the City accepting this Federal Grant, see no reason we would not accept this, and will be extremely upset and disappointed if we do not accept this. I have a hard time understanding how we can even consider not accepting this.
The Lincoln Police Dept. does a tremendous job protecting our city, and they need our support now more than ever.
Sincerely,
Jan Grubaugh

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lee Vieselmeyer <leevieselmeyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal police Grant

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

Lincoln City council members

I would like you to accept the Federal grant to provide more funding for police officers and etc.
To me this is a no-brainer and anyone else I talk to. This grant was applied for in good faith and should be accepted especially due to the current events around our country.
There's no question in my mind that we need more good and proper acting police in Lincoln Nebraska.
Please do not be swayed my many of the groups asking you to not accept this grant this is not a good idea and will only lead to less safety for the citizens of Lincoln.
Thank you
Lee Vieselmeyer
5901 Berkeley Dr.
Lincoln. District 27

Angela M. Birkett

From: Allen Jewitt <jewitt2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cop Grant

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

I am for accepting the 635K Cop grant that Mayor Beutler applied for. As recent events have shown, the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department need as much support and personnel as possible. The looting and burning of buildings are events that should never happen in our city and I hope the Lincoln City Council and the current Mayor does not allow a small minority of people to dictate how our city government works by declining the grant. I was extremely disappointed in our Mayor that she would even consider dismissing charges against those individuals cited for various crimes during the protests/riots. This would be further proof that she is in way over her head and it was a huge mistake to elect her. Thank you for doing the right thing for our city.

Allen Jewitt
7707 S. 26th St.
Lincoln, Ne. 68512

Sent

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kathryn Dean <kdean@lps.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the citizens of Lincoln!!!

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

Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird,

Please put the safety of the tax paying, law abiding citizens above your progressive agenda. I and my family have worked hard and followed the rules our entire lives, and now I find myself concerned about our safety.

We need our police force strong and supported!!! I know who you would want to come to your rescue if you felt threatened, even if you won't say it I know in your heart you know we need them! Please cut out the politics and stop trying to change our lives and city, we have done fine for generations, long before you arrived.

I am a mom, wife, and teacher of 34 years, I've seen a lot and worked hard to help children know that good choices will enhance their lives. We can't blame others for our bad choices!!! Stop blaming the good citizens of this city, state, and country.

Thank you,
Kathy Dean

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: judyvies <judyvies@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cop Grant

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

I would like you to consider accepting the Federal Grant to provide more funding for police officers
This Grant was applied for in good faith & should be accepted especially due to current events.
Judy Vieselmeyer
District 27

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Angela M. Birkett

From: acermaniac <acermaniac@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant money ???

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

I have heard that the mayor is Considering not excepting a $635,000 Police grant because of pressure from the BLM group.
This grant would provide for up to five new officers for three years that are trained and gun violence.

With situations like has just happened downtown at 14th and O at Georges Gourmet Grill over the last weekend with fights and guns being used, I believe we need more officers than five even that are better trained in gun violence.

I think it's disgusting that she is considering not accepting the grant in order to cater to BLM.

Forget about the BLM, and protect the city. I Liked eating at George's gourmet Grill, but I don't even want to go downtown anymore because of the violence there. I believe if this doesn't get resolved, downtown businesses and restaurants, will be forced out of business, because patrons will not frequent as often, and this is really sad in a college town where many college-age kids still like to frequent the eateries and nightclubs just to have a good time, which is becoming more impossible to have nowadays.

Please convince the mayor to cater to the citizens like me who wish to feel safe in Lincoln with police protection.

Sincerely,
Dennis Tyser

Angela M. Birkett

From: doubleH down <leahhcarper@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: $635,000 Federal Cop

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

Hi I'm Leahh Anderson. I am 20 and I've lived in Nebraska my entire life. I've lived in Lincoln for the last five years and I truly believe this is the heart of America.
I go to School Scc (and was on the deans list last semester) and work very hard to support myself, but my real passion is helping others. My hobby is doing mission work wherever I can and someday I want to be a pastor.
I have met so many members of the Lincoln police force while trying to help out in the community and not one have I ever seen act out of line.
Weather is helping me rescue a bunch of baby ducks from an intersection, or stopping a homeless fight, the Lincoln Police care about Lincoln and all the people who live here.
I believe the Lincoln police deserve for you to except that money. I believe they will do good things with that money to help people.

I have seen a Lincoln police officer shoot and kill another human being. I watched them die, and it hurt me. I value all human life to the highest extent. I started counseling after that. Even that pain won't stop me from seeing that the Lincoln Police are good.

I know on the day that the police shot that man, they were protecting all of the women and children who were eating lunch at chick-fill-a where I work. I know the man they shot was mentally I'll and was trying to hurt people. The police have a very difficult job. I know on that day I would not have been able to protect the public. We need the police. We need them to have the funds to do there job with convenience. I don't want the police to be any more fearful of doing there jobs then they already are.

I am scared of living on the streets of Lincoln with defunded police. I'm scared crime will skyrocket as it as it has done in areas with little to no police action. Im scared the heart of America will bleed red, and we'll all bleed together. You and me. Blacks and whites. minorities and cops.
Even if this $635,000 Federal Cop Grant only gets them one extra shield or one extra cop car that could be the difference between life and death for someone in a Lincoln family.
Please let them have the money.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Marcie Strahm <strahm1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:01 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Stop the nonsense about defunding the police

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

Defunding the police in Lincoln is absolutely ludicrous. We have a fantastic police force that is heavily engaged with the community. I have lived in Lincoln all my life. Under democratic leadership I have watched this city turn into "little Omaha" with rapidly rising crime. We need more police not less. We need better and stronger leadership from our mayors office to unite the community and the police. We need a strong mayor to defend our heroes in law enforcement.

I think we all know that defunding the police is purely political and not a realistic solution.

Do the right thing. Stand behind your local law enforcement.

Marcie Strahm

Angela M. Birkett

From: Jackie Patterson <kjhoehner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:42 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

Take the grant! Keep Lincoln safe and
Don't be bullied!!
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Schwaner <booklady@maryschwaner.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:56 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: YES Federal grant NO BLM and NO to defund the police

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

Dear Mayor Baird and City Council,
Please do not embarrass the conscientious citizens of Lincoln by even considering siding with BLM in defunding the police and refusing the federal grant for new police officers. Putting one's head in the sand and ignoring the obvious damage you will do by engaging in this folly will do nothing but put Lincoln in a tenuous position.

Please be assured that those factions DO NOT REPRESENT THE VOICE OF THINKING AMERICA.

--
Mary Schwaner

May you have the vision and the voice to find new songs to sing!

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tricia Hiltgen <queenlatricia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

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

Dear Council Members,

I have reviewed the projections of the 2050 plan and it is estimated that Lincoln is going to grow substantially. With the growth of Lincoln, it is important to have more police in the community. It is well known that the Lincoln Police Department is currently under staffed. Please accept the $635,000 federal grant to hire police officers to focus on gun violence. Keep Lincoln safe. Keep the police force and keep hiring qualified officers.

Thank you,
Tricia Hiltgen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Laura Benda <laura@leatherandearth.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept Police GRANT

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

Dear Council, Please accept this grant to hire 5 new police officers. It's confusing to me as a citizen of Lincoln why we would have to convince a council to not only bring 5 more officers with better training to our amazing city, but to bring 5 more good paying jobs here that are very needed during this time. Please accept this grant, that is in the best interest of our city. Thanks, Laura Benda

Angela M. Birkett

From: Diane Hilger <diane.hilger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:45 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept the Grant Award for our Lincoln Police Department

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

I write to respectfully request that you accept the $625,000 grant that has been awarded to the Lincoln Police Department. Keep our community safe. Lives depend on it. Thank you.

Diane Hilger
2501 Devoe Dr.
Lincoln, NE

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sandi <maize.sandi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Take the grant and add more police officers

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

What is going on in this town. Shootings, homicides, stabbings. What is our Mayor and city council doing about increasing crime in our city? I'm a lifelong resident of Lincoln and for the first time I feel the safety of our city is being compromised.

It is inconceivable to me that our Mayor is seriously considering not accepting the grant to hire more police officers. What is her alternative plan? To send counselors to shootings and stabbings?

Sandra Maize.

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mike Pollard <mpmustgolf@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Police grant

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

I have hear that Lincoln was approved for a $600,000+ grant to add addl police officers. It is my understanding that the City is considering declining the grant due to opposition by Black Lives Matter.
Lincoln has always had a reputation as a safe, family focused community. Our police staffing has not kept pace with growth of the City. I would hope the Council would address any education/training issues but not decline this opportunity to improve our community.
Thanks for your support.

Mike Pollard

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Myron Peterson <my7316pe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal grant to Police Dept.

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

It is my understanding that our Lincoln Police Dept. has been awarded a Federal grant to the tune of $600,000+ to defray the cost of new police officers over the next 3 years. I think that this should be accepted. I first lived in Lincoln in 1971 and have noted how our Police force has served our community and has generally had good relations with people. I personally know several officers who have served this city and know that the Department is one of the most positive aspects of our City.

Please do NOT let pressure from any anti-police group prevent you from making an obvious choice in this matter.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Christy Sullivan <clsullivan2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support federal grant

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

See absolutely no reason not to accept the federal 635K Cop Grant, to give the city new officers and additional training.
Christy Sullivan
Lincoln resident

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: LeRoy Rock <hleroyrock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please Support Our Local Police Department

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

Hi there City Council members,

I am writing to request that the Mayor's Office and the City Council continue to support the Local Police department. Please do not take away any of their funds, please do not reduce their budget. A few bad officers in other cities should not negatively affect our fine Lincoln Police Department. Thank you.

Cordially,

LeRoy Rock

2765 S 38th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506
402-486-1387

Angela M. Birkett

From: Becky Smith <efsmith@inebraska.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant for police officers

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

Council members,

Please encourage the mayor to accept the grant for new police officers!

A well trained officer is the positive force that all cities need at this time! Lincoln is a great city and the residents would like it to remain that way on your watch!

Thank you in advance for your approval of this grant!

Rebecca Smith
Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Geri Parsons <geri.parsons@optimalag.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:40 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Grant for city of Lincoln

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

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

It has come to my attention that "a year ago Mayor Chris Beutler applied for a federal 635k Cop Grant & Lincoln was awarded this Grant. Now the current Mayor is considering not to accept it because BLM group have ordered her to do so. It is money that would give the city 5 new officers for 3 years trained in gun violence".

I urge you to stand up for the people of this city as well as the regions safety by doing the right thing and accepting this grant. There is a huge difference between what the BLM organization supports and is using the horrific incident to George Floyd as background for destroying the family unit, people's freedom and society as a whole. Do your research on BLM and do not just read the first paragraph of their website, read throughout the website. They do not stand for all black lives, they would just as soon see black men gone as well, unless that black man is protesting or killing on their behalf. They have created chaos among people and have further divided people in so many areas of our country. Do not let them set any precedences in our city. You must stand up to them for the citizens of Lincoln by accepting this grant. Our police officers are an important part of this community and we fully support them and appropriate training for them. ALL LIVES MATTER, black, blue, red, white...Asian, Hispanic, POC, Native American...the list goes on to be all inclusive. Do not let any bias or bullying enter here.

Geri Parsons

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gail McNair <gailmcnair7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Grant

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

Dear City Council Members,

I sent the message below to our Mayor and am also sending it to you, as I hope you accept the grant and continue to support our police force.

Thank you!

Gail McNair

Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird,

I am writing to encourage you to accept the Federal Cop Grant that is being provided by the Federal Government to support the police department in Lincoln. This is an opportunity that shouldn't be passed up, as it provides additional help to the Police Department AND to the Lincoln taxpayers. I totally support our police department and believe that we need to provide them with the tools, materials, and education that will help them provide even better support for our city than they do now. I also totally understand that they aren't perfect, so I think this money could help them to provide education and awareness of the issues that all our citizens are dealing with. The taxpayers typically foot the bill for the cost of strong and dependable police protection, so this reaches two goals: taxpayer relief AND improving our police protection. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Gail McNair

Angela M. Birkett

From: mbobrowski@neb.rr.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant money to hire police

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

Please use this money to hire police officers for Lincoln! Because of the way many police officers are being treated, many are quitting or retiring! We need more quality police officers!
Thank you,
MaryAnn Bobrowski

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Megan Pleskac <meganfehringer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Police Grant

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

Dear Governor and City Council,

It has been known for many years that Lincoln has been low on police and desperately needs more officers to safely Protect the community.

I have had several friends tell me about car accidents in which they waited over an HOUR for the police to arrive due to the accident being “non-emergent” and due to them being severely short on police officers. These officers already have so much on their plate and are under even more stress then usual with the entire world judging them and against them. We need to lift up our police, support them, and give them the proper tools and resources to safely do their jobs. We need to continue to strive for improvement. We need to support diversity and equality training and resources. We need to improve our community in every way possible. Cutting police funding is not the answer.

Sincerely,

Megan Pleskac
Mother, wife, nurse, and concerned citizen

Angela M. Birkett

From: genesmith7321@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant to fund Five new Police Officers

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

Mayor Baird,

I see that the City of Lincoln this past week was notified of being awarded the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant that will pay for five (5) new Police Officers for a period of three (3) years. These officers are greatly needed in our growing city and it is my understanding that these officers will be trained in gun violence.
The City Council has previously certified that if the grant is awarded, they would vote in favor of accepting.

I am now hearing that you have not yet, as of Monday (7/13), formally accepted the Grant and are under pressure from Black Lives Matter and the De-fund the Police groups which are pushing **hard** to reject the Grant. It is my opinion that these groups do not necessarily have our City's best interest in mind and often promote and/or, at a minimum, do little to prevent violence, property damage, or other breaking of laws in our City as shown in recent protests.

I urge you and the City Council Members to accept the Grant and use it as originally planned to add police officers to help protect our growing City.

Thanks for all you do for our City.

Stay safe,

Gene Smith

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sherry Kaup <specedc@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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Accept the grant money.

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail
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Angela M. Birkett

From: rbecker6@neb.rr.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

Council Members: It is my understanding that we have an opportunity to receive a $675,000 Federal Cop Grant to add 5 Police Officers for 3 years. Given that citizen safety should be a top priority, I would encourage each of you to support this grant opportunity. Thank You

Richard A. Becker
7610 Greycliff Drive
Lincoln, NE
402-239-5776

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bill Owen <billowen007@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: $365K Federal Grant For The Lincoln Police Department

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

It is important that the Lincoln Police Department receive the $365K Federal Grant AND the total support of the Lincoln politicians and City Council. “Black Lives Matter’ is much more concerned about bringing this country (and all its cities) to its knees than protecting black people, for which BLM has very little concern. I’m against ANYTHING BLM is for – especially defunding police.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kateri Lawson <katerilawson@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 635K Cop Grant

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

I am writing to encourage you to please accept the 635K Cop Grant!! Lincoln PD is filled with honorable men and women! They deserve to have the City Council backing them up and keeping us all safe! Please accept this funding and prioritize protecting our communities!
Sincerely
Kateri Lawson

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sharon <skb65@futuretk.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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City of Lincoln Mayor and Members of City Council,
I can't imagine that you as the mayor of Lincoln and you as members of the Lincoln city council would turn down a MUCH MUCH MUCH needed grant. Can you imagine how turning down this grant would go over with the citizens of Lincoln and those that travel into Lincoln and out of Lincoln for work, shopping, events, medical needs, etc. What in the world is going on here people? GOD HELP US ALL!

WE NEED OUR POLICE.

KEEP THE GRANT!

Sharon Brunke
7601 W. Saltillo Rd.
Martell, NE 68404

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Enns <maryannenns5@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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Just writing to let you know that we highly support you accepting the grant for the Lincoln Police Department.

Thank you for considering our opinion.
~ Don and Mary Ann Enns

Angela M. Birkett

From: Katie <jeannewenz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: Federal Cops Hiring Program grant

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City Council members, a respectful reminder, you have previously stated that if the grant is awarded, you would vote in favor of accepting this grant.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Federal Cops Hiring Program grant
From: Jeanne Wenz <jeannewenz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020, 5:32 PM
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
CC:

I support our Lincoln Police Department. With what is currently happening in society, it is imperative that you, too, show your support and accept the aforementioned Federal grant. By doing so, you will not only show support for LPD by enabling them to hire additional officers for our growing community, but will show support for the safety and protection of all our citizens.
Thank you for doing the right thing for the community you were elected to serve. Thank you for accepting the Federal grant that has been awarded to Lincoln

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Angela M. Birkett

From: Angela Barry <barry.angela@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: Support the Lincoln Police Department

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

Please push mayor to accept grant money!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Angela Barry <barry.angela@yahoo.com>
> **Date:** July 13, 2020 at 9:17:17 AM MDT
> **To:** "mayor@lincoln.ne.gov" <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
> **Subject: Support the Lincoln Police Department**
>
> I strongly support the awarded $635,000 Federal Cop Grant that will pay for five (5) new Police Officers for a period of three (3) years. We need more law enforcement. You need to understand the need for law and order for our safety. I encourage you to support our Lincoln Police Department.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Laurie Clark <clark.kl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support our LPD

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

Greetings,

Please support our Lincoln Police Department by accepting the Federal grant money offered. We are grateful for the LPD and the wonderful service to our dear community.

Sincerely,
Kevin and Laurie Clark Family

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: mary harper <mharper55@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: police grant

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

PLEASE, continue to support our police dept.! Please accept the grant that is being offered. We, the citizens of Lincoln, need every policeman we can get!

thank you,

Mary Harper

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope in his unfailing love..." *PS. 33:18*

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sharon Chatwell <sharonkchatwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept Federal Funding for 5 police officers

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

Dear City Council Members,

My husband and I are both physicians and have been residents of Lincoln since 1991. We live in District 3, therefore Jane Raybould is our City Councilperson. My husband's office, the Arthritis Center of Nebraska, is also in District 3.

I am writing today to express my concern over the suggestion that the Lincoln City Council might reject the Federal Justice Department grant that you applied for and were awarded. This grant or $635,000 would fund 5 police officers over the next 3 years. The new officers will be trained to deal with gun violence so our current officers are freed up to work in other areas of need.

The officers of the Lincoln Police Department conduct themselves in a professional and appropriate manner. There is no reason for the Lincoln City Council to refuse to accept the grant and add more police officers to force here.

Lincoln is growing, in no small part because of the Mayor's and City Council's efforts to revitalize downtown, including building the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Lincoln businesses, despite the ravages of COVID-19, have remained viable and will no doubt continue to do well in the future. In addition, it is quite likely, with Lincoln being listed as the #9 best place to live in the USA, that people will continue to move here from other locations nationwide. (Livability.com – 2019)

We will need more officers, so that the well-functioning Lincoln Police force may continue to grow with our community's needs.

Lincoln is a nice safe place to live and to raise families. We want it to remain so.

I urge the City Council to accept the Federal Justice Department grant and to fund 5 new police officers over the next 3 years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sharon K. Chatwell, MD
4201 Calvert Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-488-7847
sharonkchatwell@gmail.com

Angela M. Birkett

From: JDEXTER@neb.rr.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal COP Grant

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

As a concerned citizen, I am asking that the Lincoln city council accept the Federal COP Grant for $625,000. It is in the best interest of the safety of the city of Lincoln.

Sharon Dexter

Angela M. Birkett

From: Karen Junker <ksj102@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

Please accept the COP Grant.
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Paul Watson <pwatson68516@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal COP Grant

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

I'm writing to encourage the city council to work with Mayor Baird to accept the Federal COP Grant that will allow Lincoln to hire 5 police persons who will be able to focus on gun violence. Please do not let the voices of a few anti police demonstrators influence the city to miss out on this great opportunity, especially now when gun violence is so prevalent in our nation cities. Lincoln has been fortunate to escape gun violence for the most part, but we should NEVER turn down a chance to increase the understanding and training of how to avoid violence of any kind.
--
Paul Watson
pwatson68516@gmail.com
402-430-8778

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sudie Bock <sudiekbock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: All Voices need to be heard

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

There are residents in Lincoln who are not protesting or destroying property whose voices need to be heard. Most don't want to stand up at a city council meeting and speak and most don't know how to get their voices heard. So as a lifelong Lincoln resident, attendee of Lincoln Public Schools, University of Nebraska graduate my voice represents the many that support the Federal Cop Grant that will pay for five new Police Officers.

Stay Safe and Be Wise!

Sudie K. Bock

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Ron Wachter <wachterron@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Reed Dr. John; Hollestelle Cliff; Sweeney Dr. Jerry; Tolly Dr. Harry; Hove Andy; Wilson Dr. Charles; Lundak Dr. William; Caudill Dr. Chris; Owen Bill; Dyke Dr. David; Rembolt Jim; Chevront Jeff; Taylor Charles
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

Greetings:

I urge you to resist any effort to reject the acceptance of the Federal Cop Grant of $635,000.

In addition, please do not defund the policy department. The idea of defunding the police department in Lincoln is idiotic.

Lincoln should be proud to have Jeff Bliemeister as the Chief of Police. Please give him your full support.

I sent the same message to the Mayor.

Thank you.

Ron Wachter
3303 Potomac Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516-5444
402-429-8650

Angela M. Birkett

From: Karen Carlson <kacarlson74@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accepting the Added Police Grant

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

I urge all of you on the City Council to please accept the $635,000 Federal Cop Grant for 5 new police officers over the next three years that Lincoln was awarded. We need more policemen to continue to keep our beautiful city safe. As you know, our city is continuing to grow and so will crime if we don't have enough men in blue to control it. So I urge you to please accept the Grant.

Thank you!

Karen Carlson
6401 Lone Tree Dr
Lincoln, NE 68512

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Charles Moore <csmoore1759@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

Lincoln city council members,
Please vote to accept the Federal COP Grant. We believe this is great for our city.
Thank you,
Charles Moore
Sharon Moore

Angela M. Birkett

From: Steve Bock <gstevenbock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Grant for the Lincoln Police Department.

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

I am a lifetime resident of Lincoln, NE.

This email is my effort to strongly recommend the Lincoln City Council accepts this Federal Grant.

G. Steven Bock
3415 S. 28
Lincoln, NE. 68502
402-309-3436

Angela M. Birkett

From: Cynthia Carlson <crcdh@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Grant for Lincoln

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

Dear City Council Members,

I am aware that there are pressures to not accept the Grant to the Lincoln Police Department.
I strongly encourage all of you to consider the issue of Public Safety. We are already short on police and as the city grows, we will need to have this vital department grow also. There will be changes necessarily made as time goes on, but we need to work with what we have already established.
I recommend for you to go to the experts, the LPD. The ones in the trenches they know what is needed. The strength of a true leader is knowing you don't know everything and relying on the experts to guide you.

Thank you for your services,

Cynthia Carlson
7807 Red Oak RD.
Lincoln NE 68516
402-890-2598

Angela M. Birkett

From: Barry Johnson <prositauto@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: $625,000 Cops Hiring Program grant to the Lincoln Police Department.

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

City Council Members,

Please approve the $625,000 Cops Hiring Program grant to the Lincoln Police Department. My husband and I are very appreciative of our Police Force, and all that they do for our community. The Police Department is needed regardless of views and affiliations. In order for this great city of ours, to continue to flourish, we will need our police department to grow along with us.

Sincerely,

Jeanne and Barry Johnson

Angela M. Birkett

From: Elizabeth Erlandson <erlandsone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal COP Grant

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

Dear Council Members,

When I married my husband in 1981, I moved to Lincoln from Philadelphia. I am so grateful that I was able to rear my children here and develop a thriving business (Licorice International). I am especially thankful that I feel safe in Lincoln.

During the past 39 years, I have had several encounters with police officers in our city. In every case I have been satisfied with the service and have been treated with kindness and respect.

A few years ago when I was in Philadelphia visiting my family, my husband stayed in Lincoln. I called him several times throughout the day and he did not answer. Finally, desperate to know whether he was okay (he has several serious health issues), I called the police department and asked them to conduct a wellness check. They responded immediately to my request and my mind was put at ease. (My husband had turned off the ringer when he went to church that morning and forgot to turn it back on. He will never do that again!)

As a former business owner, I appreciated the protection and support that we received from the police department.

When I have been stopped for a traffic infraction, I have been treated with respect.

When my husband experienced a life-threatening medical emergency while driving and rolled his van into a ditch, the responding police officers were extraordinarily kind and followed up with me while my husband was in surgery.

Our police officers are people of integrity. They are our friends and our neighbors. More than that, they serve our community with consistent kindness and respect. I feel safer here because of our well-trained, professional police department. I believe they deserve our respect and support.

Between 2017 through 2019, the Lincoln police arrested 300,210 individuals and 893 resisted arrest. There were 140 assaults on LPD officers during this period; however, no suspects were shot and killed by Lincoln Police Officers (Source: Lincoln Police Department Annual Reports; The Washington Post). .

Since 2015 there have been no unarmed persons of color shot and killed by any Nebraska Law Enforcement Officer *(Source: The Washington Post)*.

It is shameful to demonize and stereotype our officers because a few police officers in other cities are not as upright

I urge the council to accept the Federal Justice Department grant that you applied for and have been awarded. Use the $635,000 award to fund five police officers for the next three years. The new officers will be trained to deal with gun violence so our current officers are freed up to work in other areas of need.

For the rule of law to be upheld and to keep our cities safe, our police force needs your support and encouragement. Please do not listen to the voices that are challenging and undermining the lawful authority of our police; it only discourages the Lincoln Police Department's efforts to maintain an exemplary police force that serves the needs of our city with excellence.

Accept the grant. Encourage our police officers. Keep your word. Be brave. Do the right thing for Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Erlandson

8017 Lowell Avenue

Lincoln, Nebraska

68506

Angela M. Birkett

From: MCassidy <mcassidy@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support Lincoln Police

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

Dear City Council,
I have recently been made aware of the fact that our city has been awarded a $625,000 grant to hire more cops for the Lincoln Police Department, but there is speculation as to whether or not it will be accepted. The city of Lincoln has an outstanding police department with shining statistics to back this statement up. (I will attach these statistics for you.) It also sounds like there was an overwhelming amount of the letters from the citizens of Lincoln sent to the City Council written in support of our police department.

Why is there even a question as to whether or not our city would accept free grant money for more officers?

Good officers are being targeted, harassed, and murdered in cities across the United States for just showing up for work in a police uniform. Many officers are choosing to retire or quit. Police departments across the country are beginning to dwindle. Why would we desire a situation like that for the city of Lincoln? To reject this grant would be a shame and a loud statement to both the police department and the city of Lincoln that you do not support the LPD or care about the safety of Lincoln.

To reject this grant is to begin to dismantle an excellent police department in a beautiful city that has already suffered much damage.

The first time a Lincoln Police officer is shot and killed because there are not enough officers to cover the streets of Lincoln, the blood that is shed will be on your hands. Can you live with that?

Please accept this grant.

Melanie Cassidy
Lincoln, Ne

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: anngeary1@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: US Justice Department Grant

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

Lincoln City Council members

I urge you to accept the U S Justice Department Grant recently offered to the City of Lincoln to boost our Lincoln Police Department. As a business and home owner in the City of Lincoln, the Lincoln Police Department is of great importance to my husband, my family and friends and myself. I rely on our police for security and the peace-keeping measures they undergo every day to keep Lincoln the city I want to remain in. I have lived in Lincoln since 1978 and have found our police department to be a source of pride and safety. My encounters with Lincoln Police has always been professional and courteous. Please accept this measure to help our police department and ultimately our City. Thank you

Ann M Geary

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tracy Grubaugh <tagrubaugh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Federal Cop Grant

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

Dear City Council Members,

I am a long time resident of the city of Lincoln, over 45 years.
I am fully in support of the City accepting this Federal Grant, see no reason we would not accept this, and will be extremely upset and disappointed if we do not accept this. I have a hard time understanding how we can even consider not accepting this.
The Lincoln Police Dept. does a tremendous job protecting our city, and they need our support now more than ever.
Sincerely,
Tracy Grubaugh

Angela M. Birkett

From: Russ Reckewey <rreckewey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Grant Funding for Lincoln police Department

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

Mayor Gaylor-Baird,

Lincoln should absolutely accept the recent $635k grant. If the mayor chooses to go against the wishes of the City Council it will not be in the best interests of Lincoln's citizens. It will appear that our mayor is playing national politics and is not understanding of our local needs. Declining this opportunity would be counterproductive to the safety of our community. Do the right thing and approve this grant. Thank you.

Russ Reckewey

Angela M. Birkett

From: Barb Haith <barbhaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cop Grant

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

I am in total favor of accepting the Federal police grant for 5 new officers. Our safety and well being should always be a top priority.
Thank you.
Barbara Haith
402/489-0093

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joyce Yontz <jyontz@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police staffing.

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

Please accept the grant to pay for the officers. It is ridiculous because the minority yells the loudest that they get their way even if it is not the best idea. My voice will be heard at the ballot box.

Sincerely, Joyce Yontz

Angela M. Birkett

From: Shane Kennett <skennett90@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: We NEED this grant
Attachments: IMG_0207.jpeg

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Dear City Council,

I have recently been made aware of the fact that our city has been awarded a $625,000 grant to hire more cops for the Lincoln Police Department, but there is speculation as to whether or not the mayor will accept it. The city of Lincoln has an outstanding police department with shining statistics to back this statement up. (I will attach these statistics for you.) It also sounds like there was an overwhelming amount of the letters from the citizens of Lincoln sent to your very own inboxes written in support of our police department.

Why is there even a question as to whether or not our city would accept free grant money for more officers?

Good officers are being targeted, harassed, and murdered in cities across the United States for just showing up for work in a police uniform. Many officers are choosing to retire or quit. Police departments across the country are beginning to dwindle. Why would we desire a situation like that for the city of Lincoln? To reject this grant would be a shame and a loud statement to both the police department and the city of Lincoln that you do not support the LPD or care about the safety of Lincoln.

To reject this grant is to begin to dismantle an excellent police department in a beautiful city that has already suffered much damage.

The first time a Lincoln Police officer is shot and killed because there are not enough officers to cover the streets of Lincoln, the blood that is shed will be on your hands. Can you live with that?

Please accept this grant.

Stephanie Kennett
Tax payer and citizen of Lincoln

No. of times Lincoln Police Officers were Dispa
Calls for Service (2017-2019):

Percentage of Dispatches resulting in an Excess
Complaint:

Percentage of Dispatches resulting in a Sustaine
Force Complaint after Investigation:

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Sources: LPD Citizens Police Adv

No. of Lincoln Police Dept. Tr
sued by LPD (2017-2019):

Number of those contacts resu
Complaint:

Number of those contacts resu
of Racial Profiling After Invest

Angela M. Birkett

From: kbowers4800@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police grant

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

We should ABSOLUTELY accept all grant money for police support.

Kirk Bowers
4800 Bear Creek Rd
Lincoln, Ne 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: kbowers4800@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police

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

I've lived in Lincoln for 69 years. The police have done an excellent job in this city. Do NOT DEFUND them.

Kirk Bowers
4800 Bear Creek Rd
Lincoln, Ne 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Lau <robert.brooks.lau@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Accept the Federal Grant for Police force

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

Lincoln City Council:
Please except the federal grant to help provide and train five officers in the city of Lincoln we have a small force and need the support the current increase in crime in the past month is very unsettling.

Thank you,

Robert Lau

Angela M. Birkett

From: Beverly Cram <bcram3.bc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

I fully support our police department and strongly urge you to accept the grant for additional police officers despite the Major's reluctance to do so. We must keep our community safe.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Stacie Hooks <shooks@concordei.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Grant

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

Hi!
I know you have a difficult job to do, and we appreciate you. I am favor of the police receiving the grant. Please vote to accept. This will help with training and support for our first responders who protect us.

Stacie Hooks

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lucy Bowers <lbow2065@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Police Grant

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

Dear Mayor and City Council of Lincoln,

I am writing to request that you vote to accept the Grant offered to Lincoln for 5 new police Officers.

We want to keep Lincoln a safe place to live, and support our LPD.

Sincerely,
Lucy Bowers
Lincoln