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## Executive Director's Report November 24, 2020 [VIRTUAL MEETING]

# 2021 City Budget and Public Safety

# Mayor Jacob Frey 2021 Budget

There are three upcoming online public hearings for people to share thoughts on the Mayor's [recommended 2021 City Budget](#). Comments can also be submitted [online](#) at the City's website. Comments submitted [online](#) will be entered into the public record and shared with the Mayor and Council Members.

Budget hearing information, including links on how to participate are below:

**Public Hearing on Budget: Monday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. (virtual)**

**Truth in Taxation Public Hearing: Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6:05 p.m. (virtual)**

**Final Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption: Wed, Dec. 9 at 6:05 p.m. (virtual)**

DOWNLOAD LINK:

<http://www2.minneapolis.mn.gov/budget/2021-budget>

## Public Safety Proposal Highlights:

- It is imperative that the City Council keep the Mayor's investments in the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) intact – especially the recommended recruit classes and the Community Service Officers (CSOs).
- As a City, we can't expect the Police Chief to continue doing more with less. We need to provide the Chief with the staffing resources to do what they are charged with doing.
- The Mayor has allocated funding to boost recruitment efforts, proposing three recruit classes in his 2021 budget.
- These three classes will be critical in offsetting attrition and ensuring the department has improved staffing.
- Recruit classes are a mid-term solution to the MPD staffing concerns as it takes six to nine months for a recruit to become an eligible sworn officer.
- The Chief's request for additional resources of supplemental Hennepin County Sheriff and Metro Transit support for the remainder of 2020 is critical to addressing the short-term staffing issues in MPD.
- While these classes are in the Mayor's 2021 budget, they still need to pass through final council adoption in December before the classes can begin.
- For the 2021 proposed budget, the Mayor has also added back the City's Community Service Officer (CSO) program that was cut during the council's adoption of the 2020 revised budget. The CSO program is another recruitment tool and promotes diversity and community connections within the department.
- The Mayor has also recommended funding to expand the Mental Health Co-responder program. The Mental Health Co-responder program has been a successful alternative response to mental health 911 response.
- The Mayor has included funding for an Early Intervention System (EIS). This is an important tool to hold officers accountable and increase the Department's ability to identify behaviors or situations through data as being risks for future escalations.

# “DOWNTOWN VOICES”

LINK:

<https://p2a.co/cfaEjrQ>

## TELL YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER: Support Mayor Frey's 2021 Public Safety Budget

Downtown Voices is a coalition of stakeholders whose personal and economic well-being is tied to the economic well-being of Downtown Minneapolis. We are employees, business owners service workers, and residents. We cut hair, serve food, prepare taxes, manage the theaters, and pour a great drink. We represent all walks of life and are part of the estimated 50,000 individuals with a stake in downtown who also live across Minneapolis.

Downtown Voices is united behind the widespread desire to find a path to positive change in the ways our local officials deliver public safety. AND we believe it is crucial that the city maintain an effective level of traditional policing to protect and serve all citizens who live in or visit Minneapolis as together we move through a meaningful engagement and find a path to real change.

We are providing this web page as a tool for all of those across Minneapolis who agree with us that the Public Safety Budget proposed in Mayor Frey's 2021 budget is the best option to restore public confidence and return, as health conditions allow, to a safe working environment. The vitality and vibrancy will only return if our community feels safe to work, shop, and conduct our daily lives safely.

### Call to Action:

Filling out your name and address will bring you directly to your City Council Member's email and also provide a link to their office phone. As you are comfortable, email and or phone and express your opinion. This is YOUR opportunity to tell YOUR story so we are not automating the message.

### As a guide we suggest:

- Making certain you provide your name and address and let the Council Member know that you are a constituent. This is vital.
- Show your support for Mayor Frey's Proposed Public Safety Budget for 2021.
- We encourage, if you agree, to reinforce that you support significant changes in all public safety service delivery but that will require a robust public engagement that takes time and effort. The Mayor's budget is the first start of a successful transition.
- It is important for you to fashion your individual subject line to avoid getting screened as a potential bot.

Send an email to your council member with just one click!

Your full name

Street address

Zip code

 city and state not required

Phone number

Email address

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Unique messages are more likely to be read by your officials. Write your own message or edit the template below before sending.

Email body (customize)

Subject: ---

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