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To: Public Comments
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT- amend the budget!
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Hello,

My name is Phoebe Krisinski and I'm a resident of Asheville. Today I am emailing as a concerned citizen to demand that commissioners amend their budget by reallocating 50% of sheriffs office and detention center funds. Please re-invest this money into the community, starting by effectively addressing the local pandemic. Pause the reopening process! Assure that employers can provide all workers with protective gear! Assure that citizens have free access to testing if they need it! Provide citizens with free masks if they cannot get one.

The reopening process thus far has demonstrated that county leadership values tourism over the health and safety of its own community. Hotels opened back up at full capacity and cases in this county are now skyrocketing. The local populations being hit the hardest by this virus are communities of color and immigrant families—this is unacceptable and they need your support. The pandemic response must center these marginalized populations!

Show the people who you truly represent by funding community well-being. This looks like prioritizing affordable housing, land provisions, mental health services, rent subsidies, evection diversion, free public transportation, and restorative justice for all!

Thank you for taking the time to hear my comment,

Phoebe Krisinski

Sent from my iPhone