From: Patrice Audette
To: Public Comments
Subject: Budget
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Patrice Audette and I have lived in Buncombe county my entire life. I am writing today to demand that the commissioners amend their budget and defund the county sheriff's office and detention center by at least 50% immediately. With Covid-19 on the rise in Buncombe county those funds should be going towards stopping the virus from infecting and killing our residents. Free testing for everyone, PPE for essential workers, economic well-being for BIPOC, an end to evictions and an end to reopening are several places where this money should go instead of the sheriff's office and detention center. Invest this money where it is truly needed, in our community.
Also, children should absolutely NOT be returning to classrooms this fall. There are more covid-19 cases in Buncombe county now than there were when the schools shit down in March. Choose plan C and keep Buncombe county residents safe.

Thank you for your time,

Patrice Audette