

Why is it that residents of high crime communities who ask for more policing are so often prioritized while those who ask for better community services see mostly budget cuts. Chief Saunders has said he would like to see an alternate first response team which can deal with issues of mental health but disagrees with cuts to the police budget until such a service has been established. How can we establish and fund a 24/hour service of trained individuals while so much of our city's budget is tied up in the TPS which claims but fails to provide the same service? How can we divest powers from the TPS while simultaneously investing more into the police? Why are we investing potentially 50 million dollars over the next 10 years into a body camera system which has failed in almost every major police force in the U.S. to decrease police violence against BIPOC and people experiencing crisis of mental health?