

## CYPRESS HILLS LDC DEMANDS FOR RESTORATIVE & BUDGET JUSTICE:

1. **End police secrecy: Governor Cuomo and NYS Legislature must repeal 50-a** (A2513-O'Donnell/S3695-Bailey). C/o the Safer NY Act: "50-a is routinely used to shield police misconduct and failed police disciplinary processes from public view. A repeal of 50-a would provide much needed transparency on police misconduct and discipline in New York State, and help address the systemic lack of accountability for officers who engage in misconduct." (*\*Communities United for Police Reform and The Gathering for Justice*) **\*\*WON, 6/9/2020**
2. **NYPD hiring freeze, incl. School Safety Agents.** (*\*Communities United for Police Reform*)
3. **Divest & invest: \$1 billion cut to the NYPD budget for FY2021, and a reinvestment of those funds into vital programs & services in Black and brown communities:**
  - **Reinstate SYEP & CUNY ASAP**
  - **Fully fund K-12 education**
  - **Create actually affordable housing that match neighborhood income levels**
  - Budget cuts specifically to the areas where NYPD has expanded into non-police activities/social services (e.g. homeless outreach, mental health response, the new "youth initiative", and social distancing outreach/enforcement) & a reallocation of these funds to the appropriate agency and relevant infrastructure (e.g. housing).  
(*\*Communities United for Police Reform and The Gathering for Justice*)
4. **Police out of schools, and investment in young people:**
  - **Divest from criminalizing young people** by removing police officers and metal detectors; ending arrests, summonses, and juvenile reports for all non-criminal violations and misdemeanors; and creating alternatives to arrests and incarceration for students charged with felonies.
  - **Invest in supportive programs** by implementing restorative practices citywide; creating a mental health service continuum; increasing the number of trained and supervised guidance counselors and social workers; providing culturally responsive education; and investing in child care, afterschool, summer camps and SYEP.
  - **Invest in opportunities for students** to thrive by creating a universal youth jobs program; providing reduced-fare MetroCards for all low-income residents, and free unlimited MetroCards for students; supporting College Access programs; and providing free, high quality public higher education at CUNY.
  - **Change policies to help create safe and inclusive schools** by expunging students' criminal and discipline records; clearing outstanding warrants from summonses; eliminating suspensions for defying authority; mandating guidance interventions before the use of suspensions; limiting long-term suspension to 20 days; and fulfilling a ban on suspending students in Kindergarten to third grade.  
(*\*Center for Popular Democracy & Urban Youth Collaborative Justice*)
5. **Immediate resignation of NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea** for his failure to hold officers accountable for the brutality unleashed on protestors. (*\*The Gathering for Justice*)
6. **Reduction of the Department of Correction workforce.** C/o #buildCOMMUNITIES: "The city should develop a plan to proactively transition those employees out of law enforcement agencies and into meaningful work that advances the values of equality, fairness, and respect, and provide the training and counseling necessary to support that transition." (*\*JustLeadershipUSA*)

\*The demands of other local grassroots groups and organizations helped us create our own vision, and we credit them above where demands were either inspired by or directly borrowed from other activists.

## TAKE ACTION!

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These are BUDGET matters, determined by the City Council and Mayor de Blasio.

***The deadline for the City Council to revisit the budget is June 30th. Please contact your elected officials before then.***

You can track your Council Member's level of support for divestment from the NYPD on this spreadsheet [HERE](#). We encourage you to write your own email or phone script based on which of the above "budget justice" issues matter the most to you, but we've also linked to email generators below.

District 37 is not currently represented in the City Council, so you should contact:

### **Council Speaker Corey Johnson**

**Twitter:** @NYCSpeakerCoJo @CoreyinNYC

**Email:** speakerjohnson@council.nyc.gov

**Albany Phone:** 212-788-7210 | **District Phone:** 212-564-7757

**Mayor Bill de Blasio:** <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/mayor-contact.page>

You can also contact Council Members who have been active in East New York and Cypress Hills' events: CMs Barron & Reynoso (their contact information is in the spreadsheet).

You can also contact CM Treyger, and speak to him about the importance of divesting from the NYPD so as to invest in youth programs (he supports re-investment in programs such as SYEP, CUNY ASAP, and others that are facing severe budget cuts).

>> You can generate a sample email here to send to the above elected officials:

<http://defund-nypd.glitch.me/>

>> VOCAL-NY's easy-to-use advocacy portal allows you to email, tweet at, and call all the representatives in your district: <https://p2a.co/n3Uc0bc>

>> Sample tweets: [@TwitterHandle] we need housing, healthcare and social services. Not more violence & over-policing. #DefundNYPD by AT LEAST \$1B THIS YEAR and redirect resources to #InvestInCommunities impacted by homelessness, overdose, and poverty. #NYCBudgetJustice #PoliceFreeSchools

**Immediate resignation of NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea** (\*The Gathering for Justice)

To demand the resignation of Commissioner Shea, you must contact Shea himself and Mayor de Blasio.

>> Sample tweet: @NYCMayor @NYPDShea I support the immediate resignation of NYPD Commissioner Shea, for his failure to hold officers accountable for their brutality against protestors! #FireShea