

**Edwards,Michelle**

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- Helpdesk

Dear City Council,

At your previous meeting on June 11, you received 23 public comments calling for scrutiny of how the city spends its portion of the Local Income Tax - Public Safety revenue, and urging the city to spend those dollars on public safety services other than policing.

At the start of that meeting, Council President Azar acknowledged that the comments were received and posted on the council's website. Because council members had not had sufficient time to study the comments submitted earlier that day, President Azar recommended delaying a more comprehensive response so that council members could better acquaint themselves with the issues raised.

A month has passed for council members to give these comments due attention. So, those of us who submitted comments on June 11 and others are returning with public comment tonight to ask that you take up this discussion in your July 9 meeting and explain how you will address the concerns raised in June.

First, there is one important point of clarification. In summarizing the public comments at the June 11 meeting, Council President Azar incorrectly said the comments were asking for the LIT money to be spent on something other than public safety. That is incorrect. These funds are by law designated for public safety. We want the city to invest these dollars in public safety alternatives to policing, including mental health services, drug treatment, homelessness intervention, social workers, and more — all of which can qualify as public safety expenses according to the LIT code.

We also want to thank Councilmember Nation and Councilmember Crossen for speaking into the record on June 11 to affirm the importance of the comments submitted that day. Also shared in that meeting was a report from Mayor Bennett that underscored the significant size and potential of these LIT Public Safety dollars. Mayor Bennett reported that the City's LIT Public Safety revenue will reach approximately \$1.8 million in 2020 with a smaller but still significant amount expected in 2021.

In light of all the above, we call on the City Council to:

1. Read this comment into the public record during your July 11 electronic meeting.
2. Explain how you will bring transparency to how the city is currently spending its \$1.8 million in LIT - Public Safety revenue in 2020, and how it plans to spend LIT - Public Safety revenue in 2021.
3. Explain how you will use your authority and influence to give due consideration to spending these LIT Public Safety dollars on alternatives to policing.

Sincerely,

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2. Jessica
3. Biddle-Kirkman (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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6. Kelly
7. Richards (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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10. Amanda
11. Lubold (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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14. Sapphire
15. Gardocki (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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18. Trase
19. Morris (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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22. Andy
23. Howard (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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26. Jessica
27. Masterson (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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30. Brittany
31. Hall (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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34. Tisha
35. Cox (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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38. Margaret
39. Roby (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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42. Colin
43. James (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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46. Dominique
47. Morefield (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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50. Emma
51. Crossen (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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54. Claire
55. Craigmyle (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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58. Lain
59. Mathers (also submitted public comment on June 11)

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62. Shay
63. Phillips (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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66. TJ
67. Hellmann (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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70. Isaac
71. Wonderlin (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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74. Donna
75. Fullhart (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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78. Rachel
79. Hellmann (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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82. Lexie
83. Parrott (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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86. Anne
87. Johnson (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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90. Kristen
91. Hendrix (also submitted public comment on June 11)
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114. Nichelle  
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135. Caton  
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162. Kirstin  
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170. Jacie  
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174. Marcia  
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178. Amanda  
179. Lubold  
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182. Katherine  
183. (Kit) Gambill  
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199. Ingram  
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202. Tina  
203. Simons  
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206. Liz  
207. Brown  
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210. Katherine  
211. (Katie) Lugar  
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214. Loreal  
215. Cuffle  
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218. Ashlee  
219. Nicole Mitchell  
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222. Chad  
223. Schoffstall  
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226. Jalaine  
227. Parsons  
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230. Erika  
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234. Ansley  
235. McGill  
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238. Jessica  
239. Livingston  
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243. Brooks-Stephens  
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247. Rhymes  
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250. Adell  
251. Badgett III  
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254. Austin  
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266. Adrienne  
267. Mitchell  
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270. Nyla  
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274. Stefanie  
275. Hauser Hellmann  
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278. Rebecca  
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310. Brenna  
311. Deal  
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314. Charles  
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