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From: [Rebecca](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: CA 20 is inappropriate
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Dear Mayor Taylor and Members of Council,

I am writing regarding agenda items **CA-20** and **CA-21**.

After reviewing the proposals, I support **CA-21** because it strengthens the existing Community Mental Health co-response model. Pairing a dedicated clinician with an Ann Arbor Police officer is an established approach that strengthens countywide collaboration, improves responses to high-acuity behavioral health crises, and helps keep clinicians safe in the field.

Building on a model that is already integrated with Community Mental Health is a positive step for our community.

My concerns are with **CA-20**.

I support civilian crisis response, but I do not believe Council should create four permanent positions before the program's operating model is complete.

Three years ago, the City's planning process identified dispatch protocols, performance metrics, coordination with existing providers, and public reporting as essential components of a successful program. Yet key operational elements remain under development. Those are not administrative details—they are the foundation of how the program will function and how the public will evaluate its success.

As a licensed clinical social worker working in psychiatric emergency services, I know that dispatch criteria, interagency coordination, clinical responsibility, and measurable performance standards are essential to safe and effective crisis response.

I also ask Council to consider this proposal within the context of the City's overall public safety resources.

Earlier this year, the City Administrator stated that both the Fire Department and the Police Department had made a strong business case for

additional staffing. Before creating four additional permanent positions under CA-20, I believe the public deserves greater transparency regarding current public safety resources, including firefighter and police overtime costs, minimum patrol staffing by shift, and the number of officers actually available for service after accounting for leave, training, court appearances, hospital watches, prisoner transports, and extended calls.

Good governance requires understanding the resources we already have before permanently expanding the resources we add.

Before creating four permanent City positions, I respectfully ask Council to:

- Complete the program's operating model.
- Establish measurable performance standards.
- Require an independent review.
- Provide transparent, current first responder staffing data.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **vote yes on CA-21 and vote no on CA-20**.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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From: [Alice Liberson](#)
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Subject: Northside grill
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You did not respond to my email re this property. Interesting that there has now been some action before the election. STRs too. You guys have sure been busy,!!