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From: Joseph Andraska [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:26 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Public Comment during City Council meeting 9.8.20 - Joe Andraska
Attachments: City Council Public Comment 9.8.20 - Joe Andraska.pdf

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Hello,

Well those Gelman public comments were interesting. Does that happen a lot during public comments, people just yelling?

Anyways, attached is the text, questions, and references from my public comment. I would very much appreciate a response and thank you again for the opportunity to speak during the city council meeting.

Sincerely,

Joseph Andraska

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Considerations for Unarming AAPD Officers when Responding to Non-Violent Calls of Service

On the City of Ann Arbor's website, I found the Ann Arbor Police Department's calls of service data for 2018. Within this data I found that less than 0.4% of calls of service were for UCR defined violent crime (meaning homicide, aggravated assault, rape, and robbery).

Since over 99% of calls of service are for non-violent crime, police officers do not need to be armed 24/7 to safely support communities. Being regularly armed when responding to non-violent calls, can seem like a tactic of intimidation, a sign that the officer fears the community, and can escalate the situation. Guns never deescalate the situation. They may give police officers a feeling of more control over the situation but that does not mean the situation has been deescalated.

A police officer's job is dangerous but not anywhere near as dangerous as police unions and police departments make the public and their officers believe. Statistics from the Bureau for Labor show that in 2018 police officers had a much lower rate of at work fatality than, for example, roofers, pilots, truck drivers, farmers, steel workers, landscapers, groundskeepers, powerline repairers, and more. Police officers weren't even in the top fifteen.

Police officers can be put in difficult situations, but other professionals are put in difficult situations as well. Doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, and others are kicked, punched, and yelled at by their patient/clients/students yet find ways to deescalate and not use violence to control the situation.

1. Mayor Taylor and Council Members will you consider putting into policy that AAPD officers can only be armed IF responding to UCR defined violent crime (meaning aggravated assault, rape, homicide, or robbery)? Again, currently this type of crime represents less than 0.4% of all calls of service. If not, would you consider starting a pilot program regarding this?

References

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/police/Documents/Statistics.pdf>

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/topic-pages/violent-crime>

<https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm#rates>

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From: Christine Willacker
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:31 PM
To: Hayner, Jeff
Subject: Thanks

This message was sent from outside of the City of Ann Arbor. Please do not click links, open attachments, or follow directions unless you recognize the source of this email and know the content is safe.

Hi Jeff,
We just wanted to thank you for supporting/standing for STRs (and us) tonight- even though the ordinance passed.
Best,
Christine & Rob

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From: Heidi Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 12:02 AM
To: Ackerman, Zach
Subject: Your message tonight

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Zach
I was so inspired by your words and courage at tonight's meeting. My own journey has not been unlike yours - I don't know if I could ever have the courage to use that to help others in such a meaningful way. I have so much admiration for you. Please don't ever hesitate to ask for my support as you continue to help others.

Heidi

Sent from my iPhone