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Letter to include in public comment for 12/10/20 City Council Mtg.

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I am writing to thank the City Council for really doing its due diligence to ensure that 2021's budget is appropriately and intelligently allocated to ensure best possible spending of tax dollars in terms of services that truly impact our entire community.

I am asking city council members to reduce the police department's budget for the upcoming year and to put more funds into community social services.

I am in support of City Council considering a partnership with the Sheriff in regards to funds being allocated accordingly to mental health and racial equity. The Sheriff's department often is asked to wear many hats but they are not mental health counselors. Having resources at their fingertips to handle mental health crisis is a good thing. I see this partnership as positive.

It is my hope that City Council will include clear expectations in their contract with the Sheriff's office, as well as a clear expectation as to how the funds should be allocated in partnership with the Sheriff's office.

Additional funds are needed in areas that will directly benefit the Stevenson community - not the police department.

Sincerely
Kim Puckett

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Peace,
Kim Puckett