

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Monday, June 29, 2020**

**I. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative Approvals from June 16, 2020 through June 22, 2020
2. Action dated June 24, 2020
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**IV. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE IN SUPPORT OF LPD**

See attached items



# *Memorandum*

**Date:** ♦ June 23, 2020

**To:** ♦ City Clerk

**From:** ♦ Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

**Re:** ♦ Administrative Approvals

**cc:** ♦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from June 16, 2020 through June 22, 2020:

**Administrative Amendment 20027 to Use Permit 145B**, Pine Lake Plaza Office Park, approved by the Planning Director on June 19, 2020, to revise the lot layout for Area 3, Block 3 by adding Lot 3, and reallocating the allowed floor area in Block 3 to assign 30,000 square feet of floor area to Lot 3, generally located at Pine Lake Road and Highway 2.

**Administrative Amendment 20031 to Special Permit 1386C**, Windhoek Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on June 22, 2020, to allow accessory uses in the rear yard as per the AGR District on property generally located at South 112th Street and Van Dorn Street.

## **\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

**In order to limit the number of people gathering at any one time and our effort to adhere to required "social distancing" protocols, we are staggering the times of various hearings over several hours. These times are identified in ( ) next to each agenda item. We are encouraging attendees to arrive no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled hearing. An agenda item will not begin before the time posted.**

**For the protection of all those involved, the Planning Commission will be allowing testimony on agenda items by videoconferencing. For those who wish to testify by video, you must register with the Planning Department Office to participate by calling 402-441-7491 or emailing [Plan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:Plan@lincoln.ne.gov) by 10:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone number and the agenda item(s) you wish to speak on, and your position on this item. On the day of the hearing, you will receive a link via email, which will be needed to join the hearing to provide your testimony.**

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020**

**[Commissioner Finnegan absent]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 10, 2020, as revised. **\*\*APPROVED: 7-0; (Ryman Yost abstained; Finnegan absent)\*\***

Resolution of Appreciation presented to: **Shams Al-Badry, ADOPTED: 7-0; Resolution PC-01711.**

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA: None. (Public Hearing and Administrative Action);**

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: (See Items 4.1a, 4.1b, and 4.1c)**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:     None.**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**(\*\* 1:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: \*\*)**

**ANNEXATION AND RELATED ITEMS:**

- 4.1a ANNEXATION 20006, to annex an area southeast of SW 56th Street and West O Street, on property generally located at SW 56th and O Streets.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**The Planning Commission granted the request of the applicant for a 2-week deferral with public hearing and action of July 8, 2020.**
- 4.1b CHANGE OF ZONE 20011, from AG (Agricultural District) to H-3 (Highway Commercial District) and from AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Industrial District), on property generally located at SW 56th and O Streets.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**The Planning Commission granted the request of the applicant for a 2-week deferral with public hearing and action of July 8, 2020.**
- 4.1c PRELIMINARY PLAT 20002, for 55 commercial lots on property located south of West O Street and SW 56th Street, on property generally located at SW 56th and O Streets. **\*\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**The Planning Commission granted the request of the applicant for a 2-week deferral with public hearing and action of July 8, 2020.**

**TEXT AMENDMENT:**

- 4.2 TEXT AMENDMENT 19007, to amend Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 and 17 of the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations related to allowing Large and Small Solar Facilities, and stating that accessory solar and wind energy conversion systems are permitted in all zoning districts.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, as revised set forth in the staff memo dated June 22, 2020: 8-0 (Finnegan absent). Public hearing before the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is currently pending.**

**(\*\* 2:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: \*\*)**

**SPECIAL PERMIT AND RELATED USE PERMIT:**

- 4.3a SPECIAL PERMIT 1629J, to allow for the adjustment of parking, on property generally located at South 27th Street and Pine Lake Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 402-441-6374, [shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (Finnegan absent) as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 4, 2020. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020, 3:00 p.m.**
- 4.3b USE PERMIT 100E, to replace office use with multi-family use and include 110 dwelling units, with associated waivers, on property generally located at South 27th Street and Pine Lake Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 402-441-6374, [shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 8-0 (Finnegan absent) as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 4, 2020. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020, 3:00 p.m.**

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

- 4.4 CHANGE OF ZONE 20019, from AG (Agricultural District) to AGR (Agricultural Residential District), on property generally located at South 110th Street and Saltillo Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Denial**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-1 (Al-Badry dissenting; Finnegan absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020, 3:00 p.m.**

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ONLY:**

**SPECIAL PERMIT:**

- 5.1 SPECIAL PERMIT 20005, to allow for an alternative to imprisonment facility with up to 6 persons in an existing residence, on property generally located at 420 South 28th Street. **\*\*\*FINAL ACTION \*\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report date March 5, 2020: 6-2 (Ryman Yost and Corr dissenting; Finnegan absent). Resolution No. PC-01710.**

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**FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM  
NOT ON THE AGENDA, THIS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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**Adjournment**      **3:20 p.m.**

**PENDING LIST:**    *None.*

## PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

**TO:** Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM:** Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

**DATE:** June 25, 2020

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: June 24, 2020

Please be advised that on June 24, 2020, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution PC-01710**, approving **SPECIAL PERMIT 20005**, to allow for an alternative to imprisonment facility with up to 6 persons in an existing residence, on property legally described as Lot 22, Block 2, Elm Park, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 30-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 420 South 28th Street.

The Planning Commission action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the Search Selection@ screen and search by application number (i.e. SP20005). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in "Related Documents" under the application number.

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Emily Chao <edc55@cornell.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** Please act now.

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please act now to confront and strategically disassemble modern systemic white supremacy and anti-black racism and their lingering historic effects.

Please criminalize anti-black racism.

Please process all police corruption, brutality, and racism cases without bail.

Please get a reparations for Black slavery Act passed.

Please add blatant historic and systemic modern anti-black racism, white supremacy, and privilege into public school k-12 curriculum. Please include in historic education the Black massacres and Black lynching stories with the alleged accusations that sparked them. Please include the long term psychological and social impacts and their connection to internal bias.

Please.

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Emily



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**From:** Jon Li <jonli@dcn.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** carrie.murphy@cityofomaha.org  
**Cc:** Pete.Festersen@cityofomaha.org; Ben.Gray@cityofomaha.org; Chris.Jerram@cityofomaha.org; Vinny.Palermo@cityofomaha.org; Rich.Pahls@cityofomaha.org; Brinker.Harding@cityofomaha.org; Aimee.Melton@cityofomaha.org; James.Dowding@cityofomaha.org; Council Packet; mayor@kearneygov.org; citycouncil@kearneygov.org; Scott.Getzschman@fremontne.gov; Mark.Legband@fremontne.gov; Linda.McClain@fremontne.gov; Glen.Ellis@fremontne.gov; Susan.Jacobus@fremontne.gov; Michael.Kuhns@fremontne.gov; Mark.Jensen@fremontne.gov; Brad.Yerger@fremontne.gov; Matthew.Bechtel@fremontne.gov; info@ci.north-platte.ne.us; jmoenning@norfolkne.gov; dpfeil@norfolkne.gov; cgranquist@norfolkne.gov; sclausen@norfolkne.gov; jlange@norfolkne.gov; gjackson@norfolkne.gov; rmerrill@norfolkne.gov; fwibelhaus@norfolkne.gov; tmurren@norfolkne.gov; cstutte@cityofhastings.org; jbeahm@hastings.edu; ginnyskutnik@cityofhastings.org; beley@cityofhastings.org; tschroeder@cityofhastings.org; phamelink@cityofhastings.org; chuckrosenberg@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Congressional District Campaign to implement US Universal Health Care

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

### Campaign for US Universal Health Care

#### In Your Congressional District

System Mission: optimize primary care systemwide in every state in the US:

- 40,000 Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) in the US;
- 75 Communities of up to 10,000 people with a Clinic in each Congressional District;
- FQHC Clinics emphasize primary care, interpersonal behavioral health and social services;
- Clinic Teams: 1 MD, at least 1 RN, and several "Community Health Agents";
- Clinic \$25 million annual budget governed by elected 7-member Community Health Council  
(total US cost of all 40,000 clinics: \$1.25 trillion of current \$4 trillion spent);
- Daily accountability to federal standards through the Office of Epidemiological Accountability;
- City is federally-mandated to coordinate, plan and develop health resources including medical specialties, hospitals, medical schools, and long term services and support;
- Ongoing daily program evaluation of Clinic services in relation to community needs:

## Implementation July 1, 2021: Begin US Universal Health Coverage

- Conversion at the Patient/Taxpayer level from insurance to new payment structure
- Conversion for the individual provider; provision for qualified provider groups up to Kaiser to retain their identity
- Conversion for the hospitals: all hospitals come under the jurisdiction and control of the community clinics grouped with federal legal Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)
- Conversion for the Health Insurance industry: employees aged 60 and older receive a generous retirement package; retraining for all other insurance employees into epidemiological accountability, or transitioning into another line of work
- Establish Health & Human Services (H&HS) 7 member Office of Epidemiological Accountability “Health Information Systems Operations Team”, two physical health, two behavioral health, two social service, one servant-leader, team information guidance and control at each station level: community/clinic, city, Health Service Area, state and national
- Daily accountability of the entire system.

Meeting Purpose: In the Congressional District, organize by geographic and community areas: catalogue all health resources, and build an information network of health providers; identify unmet health needs, for individuals and identified sub-populations; identify potential boundaries for community clinic service areas of up to 10,000 people, design optimal health care delivery system for each of the preliminarily-identified communities of the Congressional District.

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**From:** 1lnash@windstream.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:23 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** TAXES TOO HIGH

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and Lincoln City Council Members:

In our 56 years of paying taxes here in Lincoln, we have NEVER seen such POOR LEADERSHIP from our Mayor and City Council Members!! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH JUST GOOD OLD COMMON SENSE?

All of you transplants, need to go back to YOUR states because Lincoln, NE is NOT going to put up with your nonsense any more. Trying to defund our Police Department-where do these dumb ideas come from. Is this what all our taxes payed to the Lincoln Public Schools are used for - BRAINWASHING the children to join protesters to destroy OTHER PEOPLES PROPERTY AND NONE OTHER THAN OUR COUNTY CITY BUILDING in THEIR own city? This in insane!

All the tax money you use for these ridiculous round-about which you lie to us and tell us they are cheaper in the long run. That is nothing but a lie. People need to stop at our red lights so they can calm down with all the ROAD RAGE we have in Lincoln. USE OUR TAX DOLLARS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Could someone please tell us how much longer the 70th & A Street intersection will be under construction? Why don't you have your CITY WORKERS put in a day's work and get the job completed? Why don't they work on dry days, yes we all see no work being done when the ground is completely dry. You have had great weather so that's no excuse.

Frustrated and Expect Improvement,

Ron and Lynette Nash

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Bob Reeves <bobreeves63@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:12 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** recycling sites

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Recycling is an essential part of Lincoln's waste management strategy. It saves the city considerable money in reduced costs of maintaining and developing the landfill.

The decision to reduce the number of recycling sites from the current 19 to only 4 or 5 for the entire city will have the inevitable effect of reducing the amount of materials diverted from the landfill.

The story in this morning's Lincoln Journal Star mentioned that two collection sites have been selected so far: the Seacrest Field parking lot and the North 48th St. Transfer Station. This will force residents to drive many more miles to take items to recycling. My wife and I make a trip at least once a month to a recycling site to dispose of all our items.

We would suggest retaining at least one site close to the center of the city, an area that is the focus of many redevelopment efforts--and where many lower-income people live, who can least afford driving so far to recycle. We also believe recycling should be available to people in more remote parts of the city, such as Air Park and southwest Lincoln.

We understand that cutting the number of sites from 19 to a more reasonable figure will save costs. But don't be so drastic. Try reducing it to 10 sites at first, still fairly located around the metro area. See what impact that has on recycling before eliminating most of the convenient recycling locations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bob and Mary Lou Reeves  
3236 Dudley St.  
Lincoln, NE 68503  
402-464-1803

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**From:** Pearl Van Zandt <pvanzan@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Fairness Ordinance

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council Members,

As you know, last week the United States Supreme Court passed a landmark decision making it illegal to discriminate against LGBT people in employment. This is a step forward for equal rights in our country. Unfortunately, it is still legal here in Lincoln Nebraska to discriminate against LGBT people in housing and public accommodations. So individuals can legally be denied the right to rent an apartment, enter stores, be served in restaurants, and so on.

You, as City Council members, can change these inequities. You can pass a Fairness Ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Please make this important change. Help Lincoln be the place we purport to be. It is the right thing to do and now is the time.

Thank you.

Peggy (Pearl) Van Zandt  
1800 S. 58th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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**From:** Lori Marsh <lorimarsh61@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:06 PM  
**To:** Council Packet

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please include this email in the public record.

Dear Council Members:

I would like to address the recent riots, the handling of them, and our Police officers. First of all, I am a law abiding citizen and I follow rules. I have no issue with alternative thoughts and feelings and think that is what makes our Country great. But we have to allow all citizens to have their own opinions and not hate those that have opposite points of view.

I am extremely concerned how the Mayor handled the (not peaceful protesters) the riots. To the Mayor and the counsel, I would say, don't set a curfew if you don't plan to enforce it. A curfew if set for the entire reason of having people NOT OUT IN PUBLIC during that time. No one should have been out after curfew regardless if they were peaceful or destructive. If you set a curfew, enforce it or why bother. If you set a curfew and allow people to break it, the only thing you are telling them is you don't need to listen to what I say. And that, is not the sign of a leader. Also, in addition, I am upset that we have had limitations in place that people cannot congregate in certain numbers for the COVID-19 epidemic which has closed business and caused great harm to all business and all people to som

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**From:** Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:03 AM  
**To:** Jamie. 📧  
**Subject:** Reallocating Police Funds

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Officials,

It is essential that you take budget money away from the police and reallocate that money into community services that in turn, will reduce crime, as everyone's needs will be cared for.

Defund the police. Reallocate the funds into community services. Our police are grossly overfunded.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Reeves

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Dakota Altman <dakota.altman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Against Proposed City Budget

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hi Lincoln City Council Members,

I am emailing you now to let you know that your proposed city budget is disturbing in particular the reduction of public library hours for more police officer body cameras.

I am AGAINST the new proposed city budget and that wish for OUR MONEY to be distributed among more valuable and essential community services.

Dakota Altman



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**From:** Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** Jamie. 🐼  
**Subject:** Lincoln PD X

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Greetings,

What steps have you taken today towards defunding the police and reallocating money into community services? If you have not taken any steps, when do you plan to take steps to defund the police and reallocate money into community services?

The safest communities do not have the most police, but the most resources.

Signed,  
Jamie Reeves

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**From:** Josie Amoo <josieamoo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:29 PM  
**To:** Mayor; NewsHelp; Council Packet; James M. Bowers; Richard W. Meginnis; Jane Raybould; Tammy J. Ward; Sandra J. Washington; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** Defunding Lincoln Police

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Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird and Members of City Council,

My name is Josie Amoo, and I am a resident of Scottsbluff Nebraska. I do not live in Lincoln, but as a Nebraska citizen I am concerned about the Lincoln Police Department. I write this letter to urge you to begin defunding and demilitarizing the Lincoln Police Department. LPD's budget has increased by 14% since the 2017-2018 budget. For the 2019-2020 year, the portion of the general fund spent on LPD was just under 25%. LPD's increased funding is a direct harm to other necessary and more needed services in our city. Other services including parks and recreation, transportation and utilities, and urban development take much less out of the general cost for the city: 9.8%, 1.3%, and 0.5% respectively (Source: 2018-2020 Council Adopted Biennial Operating Budget). LPD is a direct cost to other services this city desperately needs.

Speaking on behalf of Lincoln residents, they therefore demand that you take immediate action to ensure the following:

- \* Reduce LPD's allocation from the General Fund.
- \* Reallocate those funds into housing, jobs, youth programs, restorative justice, mental health workers, and community development programs to keep the community safe.
- \* Disallow unauthorized overtime by LPD.
- \* Discontinue use of General Fund dollars to pay for settlements due to police murder, misconduct, and negligence.

Lincoln, and the entire state of Nebraska, cannot wait any longer for a budget that meets the needs of its residents. The only way to achieve this is to take immediate steps to defund LPD.

Thank you,

Josie Amoo

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**From:** Emily Lux <eluxenator@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:58 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

My name is Emily Lux and I work at a local nonprofit. I was writing to share my disagreement and disappointment with the proposed budget. While at first glance it may seem like a step towards accountability, the proposed budget to increase funding to LPD for body cams is not what our community needs. Studies show that body cams have not had statistically significant or consistent effects on most measures of officer behavior and while the police continue to be in charge of policing themselves, I don't see how body cams could lead to increased accountability. All this will do is take money that could be put into our already hurting and struggling community.

I work at a local non profit and receive calls from so many people in the community on a regular basis about how they can get certain kinds of help. I am often at a loss because I know they will be tossed around to different phone numbers, none of which are likely able to help that much in a significant enough way, they know it too and I hear the desperation and frustration in their voices. People are really struggling in our community, they need access to long term affordable health care, they need help with bills because their jobs aren't paying a living wage, they need jobs that pay a living wage and give them paid time off. I often have to send them to other organizations that I know will also probably not be able to help, because we only provide help with supplemental food right now. Nonprofits in Lincoln only have very limited capabilities and scopes and everything is tied up in bureaucracy, which makes it nearly impossible for mentally and physically disabled people to navigate and for people who don't speak English as a first language. No one should be without access to health care and I talk to people every day who are unable to get the services they need to survive, let alone thrive. I have been on calls before with desperate parents wondering if they should take their child to the emergency room or not because they know they aren't able to afford it and know that a hospital bill could also put their child's life at risk (which is way outside of my job scope, and should tell you what kind of serious trouble our community is in). The fact that so many people are calling the receptionist at a local nonprofit and looking at me for solutions to figure out how to survive in this community should let you know that something is seriously wrong here and that we are failing our community.

This may seem beside the point, but I'm telling you it is not. I am urging you to put money into your community, our needs are not being met. Please start investing in a thriving community rather than investing in reacting to a community that hasn't had it's needs met. When a majority of the community is spending all of their time trying to survive, and we keep putting money into policing that community

the results will never be different. When we put money into helping the community thrive, you will see a reduced need for the police in the first place.

Thank you,  
Emily Lux

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**From:** Jamie Reeves <jamie.j.reeves@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** Jamie. 🐼  
**Subject:** Defunding Lincoln PD

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello,

I am writing today because I believe it is of utmost importance that we defund the police. We should adopt a safer and more comprehensive interpretation of public safety. I ask for this because I would like to see a permanent and total end to police violence, and the mere presence of police is in itself, violence.

Signed,  
Jamie Reeves

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**From:** LuLu Collins <lulu.collins31@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:14 PM  
**Subject:** Defund Lincoln PD

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird and Members of City Council,

My name is LuLu Collins and I am a resident of Lincoln. I write this letter to urge you to begin defunding and demilitarizing the Lincoln Police Department. LPD's budget has increased by 14% since the 2017-2018 budget. For the 2019-2020 year, the portion of the general fund spent on LPD was just under 25%. LPD's increased funding is a direct harm to other necessary and more needed services in our city. Other services including parks and recreation, transportation and utilities, and urban development take much less out of the general cost for the city: 9.8%, 1.3%, and 0.5% respectively (Source: 2018-2020 Council Adopted Biennial Operating Budget). LPD is a direct cost to other services this city desperately needs.

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Thank you,

LuLu Collins  
LINCOLN, NE

7220 Woody Creek Lane  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
June 24, 2020

Email To: Honorable Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird &  
Honorable Lincoln City Council Members  
James M. Bowers  
Richard Meginnis  
Jane Raybould  
Tammy Ward  
Sandra Washington  
Roy Christensen  
Bennie Shobe

To Whom It May Concern:

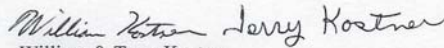
We are writing to show our support for the Lincoln Police Department, and to request that the Lincoln Police budget not be cut, but rather increased. Lincoln is a nice community, that must follow the rule of law. All of our businesses, local development and arena all stay safe and grow because we have laws to protect them. The Lincoln Police Department is charged with the responsibility to make sure our laws are enforced. They form the thin blue line that keeps us away from mob law and armed militias. These duties will never be solved by social workers or community organizers.

For over 20 years I was the Risk Manager for the City of Lincoln, retiring in 2018. During those years, as a part of my job, I reviewed the CALEA accreditation, police liability claims and the General Orders including the Use of Force policies of the City of Lincoln. I assume that these policies and accreditation have continued since my retirement. Based upon what I know of the Lincoln Police Department, you should be very proud to recognize these officers as one of the top agencies in our state. I also know Chief Jeff Bliemeister and command staff. I know that they are honorable people who would never condone discriminatory actions.

Therefore, let us both again assert that we need the Lincoln Police Department to enforce the law within our city. As Americans, we have the right to assemble and use free speech. However, assembling without a permit, after a lawful curfew, blocking traffic, assaulting others, or damaging property is against the rule of law, and action must be taken by the local community, by our Mayor and City Council to protect all citizens. This is where you must utilize a sufficient law enforcement response, that thin blue line, to protect all residents.

Increase funding for the police and do the right thing, support the rule of law!

Sincerely,

  
William & Terry Kostner

Send Via Email to: [mayor@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mayor@lincoln.ne.gov) and to [Councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:Councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Tom Shotkoski <Tom@shotcpa.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Defunding the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

What a terrible idea. I have been a Tax paying citizen for 30 years in Lincoln. I want my money spent on good please and good firefighters and also street repairs. Your office has been very negligent in all of these issues. I will never vote for you again Or the mayor until these things are fixed.

Sent from my iPhone



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Cathy Swartz <cathy.swartz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I'm emailing you in support of our police department. I am a retired teacher and now care for my grandchildren while their parents are working. I can not imagine life without a well funded police department. Education is the key to bringing our country together. Lack of knowledge is dangerous in the wrong hands. Take money, make it a priority to educate citizens as to what these amazing officers do on a daily basis. Show each one as an individual person with families. Then continue learning for the officers in dealing with the public. And please let them know how much our police department matters to everyone. Put police officers back in all schools. From Kindergarten to seniors in high school. It is expensive but also bridges respect for both parties. Eating and playing with children at recess is an amazing way to really know them. For older students, the positive visibility of an officer is important. It is a base for communication now and in the future.

Cathy Swartz  
6636 Saline Dr  
Lincoln, NE

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jean Pyle <jplovesjc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** Council Packet

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My name is Jean Pyle and I want you to know that I am standing for our Police officers and I DONOT agree to defunding our Police Department.

Our Police Officers are doing a great job protecting my community. I want to know that I can call anytime and get help from our Police to get help.

I am thank the police officers for your protecting me and my community.

Jean Pyle  
[jplovesjc@gmail.com](mailto:jplovesjc@gmail.com)

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Debby Brehm <debby@centerllc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:35 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To all Council Members, I wish to voice my support for ADDITIONAL POLICE AND POLICE FUNDING. I do not think that defunding the police or reducing the police force in Lincoln is anyway to operate our city. The safety of our population is very important! Thank you for reading this email and considering my request.

Debby Brehm

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Bruce Eybel <bruce.eybel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln City Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Human civilization has been ruled by laws for thousands of years. Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness has been a cornerstone for all of these laws. There have been times that some laws were not good and were corrected. And there have been times when people, or a person, has made up their own laws as in a bad autocrat or dictator.

The important thing to note is that throughout history, the law was corrected or altered to ensure the fairness and equality of all people, but -- the system of law was never destroyed. Why? Because the system works!

I do not believe we should eliminate a system that has been in place for millennia because of a few isolated mistakes and tragedies. Our law enforcement agencies were created and designed to protect the lives and property of innocent, law abiding citizens.

I do not want to diminish the terrible mistakes that a very small number of officers have made in the recent past.

We do not live in a perfect world. The people of the justice

system were given authority to enforce our laws and to keep the peace which has been the basis for our way of life all through global human history. And they make mistakes, as we all do.

Law and order is a system that works. Some parts of our system need to be improved. So let's alter, correct and improve them -- not destroy a historically proven system.

Instead of "de-funding" our law enforcement agencies, maybe we need to give them what they need to make those alterations and improve our system.

As a concerned and sincere citizen, thank you for listening.

Bruce C. Eybel  
1500 Garret Lane, Apt. 107  
Lincoln, NE 68512

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Andrea Howard <ahoward7238@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 12:06 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am sad, disappointed and frustrated in recent events within our community. There is no question our community, our state and our country can do better and there is so much opportunity for positive change but I fear the overall agenda is not the proper place. I am here today to voice my opinion on LPD officers, first Mayor Baird I am extremely disappointed in her lack of support for our towns law enforcement. Those men and women wearing the badge were recently put their to back a curfew that She set. I am appalled by the lack of support she gave those individuals that were only enforcing Her rule. What did she think was going to happen once curfew was enforced.... I knew exactly what was to happen and those individuals were breaking the curfew that again she set. Where is the support towards our law enforcement?

Secondly, I have never been more impressed with a Lincoln chief that I am with Chief Bliemeister. He understands our community and truly cares for it and his team. This shows and has shown through his integrity and interaction with the community not just during this time but the last couple of years of leadership. I commend him for his leadership and can only imagine how terrible his job has been, I want him to know he has support and are proud of him. I follow the LPD page and I am always amazed at how involved they try to be in our community and the good that do and have done. Unfortunately I do not see much/ANY media coverage until it puts them in a negative light.

Last, if you want our law enforcement to step up and be better why are we not equipping them with the more tools to encourage and support them instead of dragging them through the mud and destroying their love and commitment to their thankless job? The Hold cops accountable intuitive can be a positive action but where is the communities accountability and responsibility to do better?

I support our law enforcement, they are put in such terrible and difficult situations every day. Yes there are bad cops out there just like in every profession but they need our support now more than ever. They put their lives on the line to protect, serve and love our community and I sincerely thank them for this.

Andrea Howard

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Pam May <bettyanray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Do NOT Defund the Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council Members,

In these volatile times there have been rash and unreasonable statements made.

Does one Hispanic teen who commits a robbery then label all Hispanic's as robbers ?

If we as a society saw one African American commit a crime, and then we labeled ALL African Americans as criminals would that make sense ?

These examples are illogical, yet it seems an entire portion of our society is using this irrational line of thinking.

There are no protests for Black on Black murders are there !!!!

Minneapolis just had a shooting at 2:00 AM several days ago.....defunding of the police has been in place ...did the citizens respond to that event ?????? NO ! The Police responded to it !!!

Would you like to rely on you neighbor to come and help you when some one is breaking into your house ?

The criminals have guns and they know how to use them !

Our fine men in Blue know that to be skilled with a weapon you must practice and these men frequent the gun ranges to keep up on their skills.

That is not an easy task. Do think our non-police citizen group will be able to take that on so they are ready when a child here in Lincoln is taken to be used in the slave trade and the person who has them has a gun ?

Please stop this un-reasonable request and use your time to accomplish other things.

We are watching you and we vote !

Pam May, Lincoln NE

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Richard Haden <richard.haden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln Police Department Funding- Our Cops Save Lives

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members,

In my 50+ years as a citizen of Lincoln, including 29 years working in Lincoln's Traffic Engineering Division, I have witnessed hundreds of interactions between LPD Officers and individuals in meetings, working special events, and on the street. While the individuals have not always been respectful or civil (actually belligerent in many cases) towards officers, the officers I observed demonstrated amazing respect, restraint and control. I have had the privilege of working with 6 Police Chiefs, over 25 Police Captains, Lieutenants, and Sargents as well as having numerous contacts with other officers of LPD. These men and women are some of the best folks I have had the privilege of knowing.

Just as we must not let the behavior of a few rioters distract from the message of peaceful protesters, we can't let the behavior of a few bad cops in other communities stain LPD's reputation. LPD is understaffed by any measure per capita and if anything needs increased funding to maintain the level of training and professionalism that is the tradition of LPD. Our cops save lives!!!

Sincerely,  
Rick Haden



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jeana weise <sophandpj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Our police force

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hi, I wanted to reach out to say that it is a very small majority who wishes to defund the police and have anarchy in our great state. Please continue to support our men and women on the force. This is a loud small minority and they don't speak for most reasonable people out there. Thank you for your time.

Jeana Weise

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Mitsi Money-Beecher <mbeecher@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** email sent to the mayor and chief of police on May 8th.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Tried to use the online email but didn't work so I am trying this route.

This is an email that I sent to the mayor and chief of police on May 8, 2020. I wanted to share because I think it is important for all city leaders to hear from citizens and wish I would have sent it on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Subject: scared citizens in Lincoln  
To: lpd@CJIS.LINCOLN.NE.GOV, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov  
From: Mitsi Money-Beecher <mbeecher@earthlink.net>  
Date: Mon, 08 Jun 2020 00:24:18 -0500

Let me just start by saying law abiding citizens are scared.

When the riots in Lincoln and around the country began and continued, good friends of mine (who are wonderful law abiding citizens that happen to be gay and democrat) put a bat under their bed for protection.

I (a female, in her 50's, a lifelong independent, voter in every election, who founded several nonprofits in which I donate for free 40-50 hours a week volunteering to help our city) decided I am going to buy several guns for my own protection and my personal safety. I know nothing about guns nor does my husband so I am currently doing research to figure out what types of guns I need and where to get training in the use of guns. I am not a wimpy person. I worked in the Lancaster County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center for 7 years while getting my undergraduate and graduate degrees at UNL. I worked in a pod with 50 felony inmates but I have to admit this is the first time I have not felt safe in Lincoln and definitely the first time I will be purchasing a gun.

The unrest of our city and country has caused law abiding citizens to be scared. Scared because we don't think that our city leaders can or will protect us. Scared because some people are being allowed to commit crimes and violence in our city and across the country. Scared because people are not being charged with crimes if they are under the disguise of protest. Scared because our police are not allowed to protect our city or themselves or us. Scared because police in our city are being demonized.

In Lincoln I saw in footage and reports that a business owner was out front of his businesses protecting it along with several peaceful protesters who agreed to help protect the business. This is unbelievable that business owners have to do this in our city. Other cities fared worse where small ethnic businesses were allowed to be looted, vandalized, set on fire and ruined under the disguise of protest. These small businesses and owner have lost their livelihood and are not going to recover.

A fellow animal rescue person that is an officer shared a description of the violence that was endured by a fellow officer during the riots in Lincoln.

This officers couldn't protect themselves from being soaked with gasoline while people attempted to set them on fire with fireworks. It is a crime to be attempted to be burned to death but no one was arrested because it was under the disguise of a protest instead of what it really was which is a crime.

Our officers in Lincoln are very good but the push for disbanding law enforcement will create a lawless society if allowed to happen. I plead that our city leaders stay strong and continue to protect our city and our citizens. The winners in a lawless society are the criminals and the rapist who will love a disbanded or decreased law enforcement presence. Our females will especially pay the price as well as all the other law abiding citizens when it will cause a huge spike in crime especially against women. This is a scary world and getting scarier by the minute.

I have to admit that I have been stopped by police three times without cause.

The first time was in Kansas City 30 years ago. The most recent time was by a corrupt officer in Raton, New Mexico that was around 6 years ago. We were driving our older pickup that we had used to move our daughter to Las Vegas to attend graduate school in marriage and family counseling. We were targeted because of the older pickup and the corrupt officer saw us at gas station and made up a story about how he saw us run a stop sign. We tried to fight this and hired an attorney from a nearby town and he got the audio of the officer lying from the car he pulled over the same way prior to us and the auto from our stop. But when we drove 6 to 7 hours for the trial the corrupt police department got the judge to take the afternoon off of our trial which was on a Tuesday afternoon at 1pm and they told our attorney at 6pm the day before that they would keep doing this each time we drove down for the trial. They also told us that they were mad because we wrote a letter to the governor of New Mexico about the corrupt officer. Our attorney recommended that we agree to pay the court costs and then they would drop the charges. We had to do this because we could not take off work each time to try to get a trial that would never happen.

My point in telling this story is that even though this happened and we had several bad encounters with police, I still want police protecting our community and communities around the country as do most law abiding citizens. All officers are not corrupt or bad and all officers are not good but a world without laws and enforcement of the laws will be a very scary place. This is why I am a very scared citizen. Thank you for listening.

Melissa Money-Beecher  
Lincoln, NE 68526  
402 304 8155

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Valeria D Hunt <huntvaleria69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Defunding the Police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I have to say this is probably one of the most dumbest things I ever heard of. Most of the cops are good cops. Maybe they need to have refresher course every so often to make sure they're doing their job properly. This world would be in chaos without the police! I don't know who thinks this is a bright idea to defund the police department needs to have a brain exam! Sincerely Valerie

Valeria

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** swaynes1@windstream.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support the police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To defund the police would be to invite anarchy and chaos. It would only hurt the people in the high crime areas.

If the police are defunded, the only way to defend ourselves is to get a conceal carry license and arm ourselves.

Please support the police.

Thanks

S. Wayne Smith  
6345 S 35<sup>th</sup> Ct  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
402 419-0888

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Roger Hulinsky <rogerhulinsky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** In Support of the Lincoln Police Department

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am very proud of the outstanding service that the Lincoln Police Department has always provided for the citizens of Lincoln regardless of their race, creed, religion or social status. These men and women come to work each day with the goal of serving and protecting our community and they do an OUTSTANDING job. Without their enforcement of the Laws of the City & State... Lincoln would quickly dissolve into a place citizens could not live or do business.

Thanks for your time!

Roger Hulinsky  
6720 X St, Lincoln, NE 68505

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** teresa@predmoredesigns.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Defunding Lincoln Police Dept and Pardoning Protesters or Rioters

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am a resident of Lincoln, NE, a registered voter, a homeowner and a small business owner.

I chose to live in Lincoln and raise a family here years ago for many reasons, one of which was for the overall safety for all Lincoln residents. I do not in any way support defunding or reducing the city's police force. No city, large or small, can deal effectively with criminals through the use of counselors rather than armed police officers. I will be watching the elected officials carry out their duties and vote accordingly.

The use of counselors can be effective after individuals have gone through the legal system to better prepare and support individuals making positive life choices.

Criminals are dangerous individuals and our city's police officers are our best resource when it comes to responding to crimes.

Each elected official is to carry out their duties based on what is best for the city overall, not based on a poorly thought out, poorly planned and seemingly childish notions. I see that throughout the United States far too many elected officials have implemented new policies and have allowed residents to behave in destructive and violent ways that have caused very serious danger for all their constituents. Real life consequences have taken place and in these other cities far too many innocent lives have now been lost due to city leaders failing to lead.

Individuals that failed to comply with the officially established and published curfew should most definitely be held accountable. These individuals violated the curfew and now they must face the natural consequences for their actions.

Teresa Predmore



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Robert Clements <rclements@leg.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support Lincoln Police Department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council members,

I am writing in support of funding for the Lincoln Police Department.

This is a matter of public safety which should not be politicized at the risk of harm to the citizens and visitors in Lincoln.

If some additional training is required, I support funding it with additional funds, not from cuts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Senator Robert Clements

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Senator Robert Clements

Legislative District 2

[rclements@leg.ne.gov](mailto:rclements@leg.ne.gov)

[402.471.2613](tel:402.471.2613)

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** cmunn@neb.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:48 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** against defunding the police department

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am reaching out to you to express my concern regarding the movement to defund the police department. I have been married to my LPD officer for 25 years, used to work for LPD and I have never meant anyone who I would not show my support for at LPD, LSO or any other operations of these divisions. I am against the defunding of the police. You have an amazing and dedicated police department, why would you want to disrupt this? Show your support and continue to recognize the amazing department you are blessed to have. I feel truly blessed living and raising my children in this community, where police and community continue to build positive relations. I only think defunding the police department would truly hurt them and our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time.  
Cheryl Munn

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Sammie Munn <reebes887@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 5:50 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please do not defund the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I am writing to you in hopes you do not defund the police in Lincoln. We need to continue protection from the great police officers that already serve Lincoln.

Thank you for your time,  
Samantha Munn

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Hav6Mom Hoback <lhoback5@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Fund police

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Emily Weeks <emilybellaweeks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Funding

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Our police dept must be fully funded to protect our community.

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Suzanne Geist <sgeist@leg.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for Lincoln Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lincoln City Council members,

I am reaching out to urge your continued support for the Lincoln Police Department. In light of recent event, I realize you are hearing from many who are asking you to defund or redirect funding for the police. Please don't be swayed by the loud calls from the few. Our police department has exhibited restraint and has exemplary leadership. Our community would benefit from additional officers on the streets, rather than fewer.

Please consider the long term effects of less enforcement in our city and I urge you not to support any effort to provide less funding to our hard working men and women in law enforcement!

All the best,

Senator Suzanne Geist

Legislative District 25  
Room #2000  
402-471-2731  
sgeist@leg.ne.gov

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Helen Sellentin <hsellentin@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:22 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support Law Enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Greetings,

We have been fortunate for years and years and years to benefit from the security that our Law Enforcement has given us.

I am asking the Lincoln City Council to give them the support they need to continue to do their job.

Helen Sellentin

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Kirk Bowers <kbowers1@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Law enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I fully support our law enforcement employees. They do a great job.

Kirk Bowers  
4800 Bear Creek rd  
Lincoln , Ne 68516



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** kbowers4800@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:26 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** support for law enforcement

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I fully support our Law enforcement personnel. They do a great job.

Kirk Bowers  
4800 Bear Creek Rd  
Lincoln, Ne 68516

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** abeljohn96@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:28 PM  
**To:** Council Packet

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the police!

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jerad Reimers <jerad.reimers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

As a constituent I want to voice my support for equitable/rational support Of police. I recognize the value of a balanced approach, especially with sensitive subjects, but encourage diligence on this matter.

Thank you,

Jerad Reimers  
2225 Independence Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68521

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Darlene Starman <Darlene.Starman@woodsbroreality.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 6:45 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Local law enforcement budget...

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I write to you today to express my concern regarding any consideration to decrease or defund our Lincoln Police Dept budget. We've seen examples just this last weekend of serious, increased violence in other communities, and those most affected are those most economically disadvantaged in our inner-city.

I have been the victim of a seriously impaired drunken driver at 1:00am in the morning---Lincoln Police Dept handled the situation very promptly, ably and appropriately.

Weed out the bad cops, and provide increased training to current law enforcement personnel. We need MORE cops in our schools and on our streets, not fewer. The main function of local government is to protect its' citizens.

Thank you,  
Darlene Starman  
8132 Hickory Lane  
Lincoln, NE. 68510  
402-432-2647

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Denise Heinert <draeheinert73@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 7:02 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Attn City Council: I stand in support of our police !!!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear city council members

I do NOT support any movement to de-fund police. I support our Police and take a stand against this movement of lawlessness that is attempting to destroy our city in the great state of NE

Thank You  
Denise Heinert

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** M Ralston <mrcoffeeroaster@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 7:24 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Keep Funding

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Our city doesn't need to become a Seattle. Thank you

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Katie Quintero <squittio.topo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good evening,

As a resident of Lincoln, I ask that you continue to fully fund the Lincoln Police Department. Across the country, people are calling to defund the police, which would be a grave mistake. The vast majority of police officers understand and uphold their vocation to serve and protect society, putting themselves in harms way to keep the public safe. Offering additional resources, such body cams or expanding available training, would be ways to support our police and increase public safety.

Thank you for your time.

~Katie Quintero  
6421 Monticello Dr.  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
[squittio.topo@gmail.com](mailto:squittio.topo@gmail.com)

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"You don't love someone for their looks, or their clothes, or for their fancy car, but because they sing a song only you can hear." - Oscar Wilde

"A room without books is like a body without a soul." -G.K. Chesterton

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." - Saint Augustine

"Hateful to me as are the gates of hell, is he who, hiding one thing in his heart, utters another." ~Homer

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Kathy Jenkins <kathy.jenkins143@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 7:38 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** I support the police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern: I stand by our police. It bothers me that they are being painted by a broad brush in response to a few bad bristles. I would never support defunding those who courageously protect me by enforcing the laws. I assume that morale must be so low in precincts across this country. How very sad. May Lincoln always go out of her way to verbally and financially support our men and women in blue. Sincerely,  
Kathy Jenkins



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Adrienne Egan <adrienne@absolutedclean.biz>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 7:48 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** I support police!!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support our police! We need them for our safety and security in our community! We should be adding more police officers, not cutting their funding!!

Addie Egan

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Simara Diehlman <sdiehlman70@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 7:59 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for Law Enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good Evening,

It has come to my attention that Lincoln City Council may be considering defunding our local police department. I am emailing to voice my concern in regards to this matter. I am completely against this; in fact I believe they should receive more. Like our other first responders and educators they are severely underpaid. We are now seeing what happens when you don't have law and order in Seattle....young kids are being shot and first responders are not being allowed to help. How does this make sense? If you want to help reform the police departments, make an example and get rid of the Unions that protect the bad cops from getting fired when they have no right to wear a badge because of their behavior. Please be smart and make the decisions for our City; if we start taking more away from the men and women who keep you and your families safe day and night, they will no longer be anyone willing to make that sacrifice for you.

Thank-you,  
Simara Diehlman  
Lincoln Resident and registered voter

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Courtney Kossow <ot1310@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:01 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** I support LPD

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I do not support disband or defund of the LPD. The police department upholds the rules and laws made by our government and other institutions..... racism that exists, is abundant throughout every institution in our community and can not simply be blamed on the individuals that are tasked with upholding law and peace. I fear that the anger and hate that was cast on our officers over the weekend of May 31st will and has caused irreparable trauma to innocent individuals and their families. I pray that the City Council and the Mayor will be able to find find a way to show their support to law enforcement while also working to end institutionalized racism that exists in all areas of our society. Please acknowledge and send a message that our entire community is to blame for the racism that exists instead of promoting the idea that our Law Enforcement is the sole cause of racial injustice in the Lincoln Community.

Courtney Kossow

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Raina <rl.volkmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:25 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Fund LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Do the right thing and fund our police. My children's and your children's security depends upon it.

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jodi Osborn <jodiosborn1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:27 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the police here in Lincoln and all over the country!! We need them!

Jodi Osborn

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Cathy Sabata <cathylsabata@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:36 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am not in support of defunding the Lincoln Police Department.  
I 100% support the work our police department is doing.

Cathy Sabata

"Remember when you leave this earth; you can take nothing that you have received.  
Only what you have given: A heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."  
- St. Francis of Assisi

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Billie Bussmann <billie.bussmann@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:56 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Law Enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support our law enforcement and do not want them defunded. It is important for our city and our country to have a safe environment for everyone.

I have always believed our law enforcement has been community based by the actions they have shown. I want this continued.

Our law enforcement are already understaffed for a city of our size. Their funding should actually be increased. The mayor ran on adding six police officers.

Keep Lincoln safe and secure.

Billie Bussmann

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Joyce Hasselbalch <jhasse7900@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:07 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln Police Dept.

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I hope the Lincoln City Council will realize that our police department should not be compared to some of the abuses that are happening in some places in this country. Lincoln, NE is so Fortunate to have Chief of Police Bliemeister as well as the outstanding police department that he commands. PLEASE DO NOT cut funding for the LPD. Our entire city would pay the price for cutting this funding. I have been fortunate to have traveled to many places in the world and have always felt fortunate to return and call Lincoln home. I hope, as City Council members, you will make every effort to keep Lincoln as the city it has always been, welcoming to all regardless of race or nationality. Thank you for your consideration.

Joyce Hasselbalch  
3520 S. 76 St.  
Lincoln, NE

Sent from my iPhone Joyce



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Cori Bierbaum <bcori30@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:09 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Fund the LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I have heard there are a few people demanding that you defund the police. As a lifelong citizen in the city of Lincoln, I am asking and demanding that you choose to support our local law enforcement and maintain funding for our police. Few people sacrifice so much for the safety of others and they have flaws and make mistakes just as all of us do.

I understand and empathize with those who believe that the police are out to get them and feel as though the chief of police and local law enforcement have done what they can to encourage positive relationships with all citizens. One Bad cop shouldn't brand them all. I do not believe that the "systemic racism" is backed up by static evidence and many black police officers who have been speaking out about what they are experiencing, these accounts also defy the claim of systemic racism.

If you want to help race relationships then maybe we need to be holding our news media accountable for their false claims that flood the tv and airways. I believe at this time we need to be bringing everyone together. As I look at what's happening in other states where police have stopped responding due to their concerns for being thrown in prison or killed for being a cop. There is chaos and destruction and people losing their legally gained possessions and lives. 121 people were shot or killed in those areas in the past two days children are included in that number. I worry about this taking place in our beautiful city.

I know your looking for ways to improve relationships with all citizens so allow me to suggest a few things I would support. I would support better training for officers, including Safe grappling techniques to subdue a violent suspect. In addition, as a woman I believe that all women who choose to serve as police should be able to pass the same physical testing as their male counterparts. This is because I do believe that women biologically are not designed to build strength as well as men. I am not aware of current PT testing but officers should have to pass an annual PT to ensure they are still physically able to handle the job.

I pray that God will help guide you as you take steps to bring us all together.

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond.

Corenia Bierbaum  
Lincoln, NE 68504  
4028440212  
Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Rick Meyer <rickmeyer4671@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:16 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support Lincoln police we need them to keep our neighbor hoods safe. Not let a bunch of radicals influence our city to take away our safety from the criminals . You were voted in as a representative of the people and your job is to keep us safe not take away our police. Because of one bad cop in Minnesota you want to change our police department? If you do vote to defund you need to get replaced next election

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** DEBBIE HAMERNIK <dmmcrow@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:20 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for law enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support law enforcement and keeping our neighborhoods safe. This should be our local political leaders top priority!!

Debbie Hamernik  
Dmmcrow@aol.com  
402-730-5769

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Mike Davis <davism72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:22 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police Support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and the members of the City Council:

As a resident of Lincoln, I do not want to see our Police Department's Budget to be cut. If anything, I want more police officers added.

I support our Police and respect the job they are doing.

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**Mike Davis**  
**402-480-0404 cell**  
**Holy Spirit, tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.**

**"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Mt. 7:21)**

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Melanie Pflanz <mkfpflanz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:31 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** I Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear City Council,

I wanted to make it known that I believe the majority of the Lincoln community supports LPD by simply obeying the curfew that was put in place during the protests. I am disappointed by so many things that have happened in our community in the past few weeks, but to punish our local police for doing the job they were asked to do disappoints me the most. So many people who I've spoken to feel the same way.

If we allow to defunding of the department we will be doing a disservice to the City of Lincoln as a whole, and will hurting a segment of the population that need a police presence in their area. Defunding the police will victimize victims that can benefit from LPD being a liaison with other community and social services that they might otherwise not be connected with.

I am also concerned for the officers in the department. We will lose many quality officers. For those that choose to stay, they will be overworked as there will be no way to keep up with the demands of a growing community and a shrinking department. The department has been understaffed for years. Cutting funding and freezing hiring will not make our community a safer place more desirable place to live.

We live in such a wonderful community I hate to see it implode. I believe LPD is a model department and the city council should be proud of the work LPD does. In other words if it isn't broke why fix it?

Thank you,

Melanie Pflanz

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Katie Krivolavek <kkrivolavek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:34 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police Support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to express my support for all law enforcement in Lincoln and it's surrounding areas. Our communities are safer because of the men and women willing to risk their lives to save ours each day. I think defunding the police would be a very dangerous decision.

Sincerely,  
Katie Krivolavek  
Lincoln Resident in Waterford Estates  
(402)405-4299

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Mavs S <moomoomavs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:44 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I just wanted to let you know that I am in support of LPD and all the great things they do for the city of Lincoln. They have always been helpful and accessible when I have needed them. I sleep safer at night knowing our city has great officers protecting it. My fiancé is applying to join LPD because he wants to protect and serve his community. It is important that we remember why these men and women have chosen to make law enforcement their career, to protect their loved ones!

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Laura Quackenbush <lquackenbush1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:47 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Back the blue

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My family and I fully support all law enforcement. Defunding the police means putting us and our community in danger. Please keep our law enforcement!

Thank you Drew, Laura, Jordan, Jake, Jack, Harper and Brantley



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Abbie Seitz <abbieseitz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 9:56 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Against defunding the police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear city council,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to share my opinion on the 'defund the police' movement. I, for one, disagree with the idea whole heartedly. I have been a citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska, for the last 13 years. I have always felt safe and secure here, and a large part of that is the peace of mind that the Lincoln police department provides me and my family. Without the LPD working in full force I would not feel as protected and secure.

In order for the LPD to do their jobs safely (a priority), and excellently (like I believe they have), they need to continue with the funding they've been provided in the past. Simply put, our city wouldn't be nearly as safe or connected without the training and outreach that their funding provides.

City safety first- I believe that in order for Lincoln to grow, business and community alike, we need law and order. As a basic principle since the United States was founded, law and order is what drives us to thrive!

The LPD is also a huge part of our community, especially where our children are concerned. For example, and something near to my heart, what would happen in our schools if we had no officers present? The LPD officers in the public school system not only protect our kids, but they also show compassion for them, give them someone to look up to, and provide ways for our students to learn about community involvement.

In summation, the good life here in Lincoln just wouldn't be the same without our amazing Lincoln police department. Please consider going against the 'what's cool now' thinking and continue to give us citizens the police force we both love and deserve.

Kindly,  
Abbie Mullendore, a concerned Lincoln citizen

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Michelle Jensen <mjensen2@lps.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:02 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** support for Lincoln police!

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I am writing this email to support Lincoln police. DO NOT defund them!

What happened Memorial Day weekend proves exactly why we need the police.

I know many officers who pour their heart and soul into their job - and it goes beyond just when they put on their uniform.

No other profession sacrifices as much as these officers do. They miss birthdays, holidays and even sleeping in bed with their own spouse. They give so, so much.

Please keep their full funding and ask the mayor to rightfully support them!

Michelle Jensen - Lincoln Public Schools educator

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Mary Soden <marysoden@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:05 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I want to send my support for LPD and all the great things they do for the city of Lincoln. They have always been helpful and accessible when I have needed them. I sleep safer at night knowing our city is protected by these men and women!

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Katelyn Espinoza <katelynespinoza13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:15 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I wanted to express my support for the men and women who are part of LPD - who make our city a better place each and every day. It would be absolute chaos without them. They not only answer to calls of crime, but they engage with the community in positive ways and make a difference in people's lives. They need our support now more than ever. Please don't let what has gone on in our nation distort your view of LPD. They are good people who are more than just a badge. They need to know that someone has their backs. Defunding our police is the last thing we should be considering right now.

Katelyn Espinoza

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Heidi Jensen <75heidijensen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:41 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Love our police department

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Sent from my iPhone I wanted to write to say how wonderful I believe our police department has been throughout all of this last month. I can't believe the horrible things that they have had to experience! The patience that they have had to have to endure the torment of people truly evil towards them is truly amazing. I love our police department and I am completely behind backing them in whatever way I can. Please to NOT defund our police and ruin our community! I love Lincoln!

Thank you  
Heidi Jensen

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** jphilippi80@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:33 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I would like to express my full support for the Lincoln city police department. My husband has been a police officer in Lincoln for 16 years and loves his job.

Rumors of possible defunding of the police department has my heart heavy. Please don't take away the tools that he relies on to protect himself and the citizens of Lincoln.

I appreciate you backing the support of the police department and all that they do for the community.

Thank you for your time.

Jenny Powell  
402-730-8248

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Shelley Sorensen <shelley.a.sorensen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:42 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support Lincoln Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members -

I'm writing to express my support for Lincoln Police. We are painting in broad strokes and operating in extremes, and as a result, we are often shortsighted. Too much context has been set aside, and there is very little real understanding of what our realities would be in a world where police have been defunded or dismantled. We are fortunate in this community to have the support of a police department that operates with integrity. These are good public servants who step up selflessly day after day for very little respect and not nearly enough gratitude. We take their role for granted. Let's not punish them for the bad choices of others. Let's remember we can support Black Lives Matter movements AND support our police. We need both. I've seen firsthand the dedication our Police have put into creating programs that build bridges (like Project Tipping Point). We need our police and I'm disappointed in the lack of public support I've seen from our council and elected officials. Please do better.

Shelley Sorensen  
Lincoln Resident

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Carol Olson <carolinroma@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:42 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln budget

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Our community needs to re-think how we do policing in 2020. Give the police staff the support they need to do their job, and to let other entities share in the mental health and social services that they provide without sufficient training or resources. Members of our community should be given the services that they need, not just go to jail.

I believe LPD needs:

- Standardized training
- Standardized pay
- Increased Mental Health Services for Officers
- Increased use of Social Work and Mental Health services for the public/ community when engaged in interactions with the police

Thank you

*Carol*

**Ut in omnibus glorificetur deus**

*"That in all things the Divine may be glorified"*



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Deb Kubik <dm.kubik1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:45 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We are in support of keeping the Lincoln Police Department. We DO NOT favor defunding the Lincoln Police Department.

Mark & deb Kubik

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jessica Bryceson <jessbabe\_2004@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 10:50 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please continue funding for LPD! Not only for the officers, but for this community! Not all police officers make the choices the select few have made.

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** elainecarver@juno.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:00 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Our police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We love our police. We need our police. We support the Lincoln police dept.

Elaine Carver  
402.326.6271

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Renee Lutz <reneelutz52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:01 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support Law Enforcement in Lincoln

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I do NOT support defunding LPD.

The police department has my support 100%

Renee Lutz  
Lincoln

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Erin-Ann Scott, Realtor <erinannscott1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:37 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** FUND the police!

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am outraged our city is entertaining the idea of defunding or reducing the budget for our law enforcement. The silent majority are busy working and haven't had a voice in this debate, as so many of us do not want to appear rude or God forbid, racist. As you can see in many cities who have adopted an apologetic attitude for ALL law enforcement instead of the small few who sparked this movement, anarchy and chaos will fill the void as police retreat. Giving power to the "mob" only emboldens their lawlessness and creates destruction for citizens who positively contribute to our community.

I expect the city council and mayor to uphold our rights as law abiding citizens who deserve to maintain the safety and freedoms we enjoy in Lincoln. If anything, budgets should be INCREASED to attract good people who, even after watching how law enforcement have been demonized, assaulted, and murdered, are still willing to put their lives on the line each & every day to ensure my safety and well being. Heaven help us if some sanity and common sense doesn't prevail. I don't want to see any part of our beautiful city resemble CHAZ.

Sincerely,

Erin-Ann Scott

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Dean Biggerstaff <dean.a.biggerstaff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:01 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To whom it may concern:

I am truly disappointed anyone would feel the police should be defunded. I completely support the Lincoln Police department and their peace keeping efforts.

What we have seen across the country has been painful and laced with angry images. The context of the videos have been distorted as we do not always understand the entire situation.

The Lincoln Police Department May be one of the most diverse departments in the nation. The complaints are extremely low and once again, the entire context of each negative video needs to be looked at before judgement is handed down.

The police department are under the constant eye of the camera, put into situations where they are not asked to do heroic feats, but it seems they always step up verses stepping away.

The Lincoln Police department help educate and offer protection to kids when they may not have anywhere else to turn for help. They help those who others turn away due to hardships in life. They do not turn away from anyone, or roll up their windows to avoid communicating with someone based off of a first impression. The individuals also have to be ready for violent acts against them at all times due to the erosion of our legal system.

The police work around the clock trying to help. Yes help. They go into places most would not consider entering, to help. Help comes in many forms. Sometimes it's attending an event at the zoo, and sometimes help begins after arrests are made. At times, they remove people from situations that are harmful, such as the case of a person battling addictions or violence. The help begins once the person is removed from the possible illegal, or dangerous location. That is what we as a society ask them to do.

We can't control any person and their choices. However, we have all agreed to co exist and live within the laws of the land. At times, it's a tough love situation and the police department has to step in as their job is to enforce laws others have written.

What we saw in other communities is heart breaking. The street violence we see on TV or through social media can be twisted to persuade individuals to Change their perceptions. When was the last incident where they truly made the wrong decisions for no reason, or made decisions to become violent with anyone, who did not first instigate violence towards the police department?

Our community has not been struggling with citizen and police relations. The streets and buildings in Lincoln have been torn up recently based on the actions and decisions of a very small percentage of people. One can not judge an entire police departments history based off of a few nights of chaos.

The people of the Lincoln Police department are everyday citizens who are held accountable to the laws just as those who break them. Punish those who do wrong, but not the entire backbone of our society known as the Lincoln Police department.

Thank you for listening, my vote us to support.

Dean Biggerstaff

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Cindy Miller <cindy8miller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:35 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Funding for Lincoln Police Department

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing to you in SUPPORT of LPD. It is of utmost importance that our city continues to maintain a safe and secure environment. This can only be accomplished through CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT of our police department.

**DO VOTE TO CONTINUE FUNDING OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE CURRENT LEVEL OR ABOVE.**

Thank you for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Cindy Miller



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Katie Whitten <katie.whitten@doane.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:41 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police support

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We support the police!! We appreciate the order and compassion they bring to our city. We feel safe and want to show our support for continuing to fund them.

Katie Amick

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Elaine Everley <elaineeverley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:15 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support LPD!!!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good morning!

I am 100 percent supportive of LPD and all that they do. They serve our community day in and day out. They give their 100 percent and still go home to their families and give 100 percent to them. It takes a very selfless human to become a police officer. They give everything to their community. They take an oath to protect and serve. They are true heroes in my book! I can never imagine what their families go through every time they go to work. The not knowing if they are safe or not, would definitely take a toll on me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for protecting and serving my community!! LPD - you are all amazing and as for my family and me, we will always support you all and appreciate all you do for us!!



Sincerely,

Elaine Everley

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** gcarver@neb.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:49 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Our police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We support our police officers. We respect them and the work they do.

Gary Carver  
402-429-5508  
Lincoln, NE 68507

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Levi Boldt <boldt.l@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD support

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am writing this in support of the LPD and all local law enforcement. I have heard that there are calls to defund the police here in Lincoln, NE. I could not disagree with this proposal more, if anything we need to allocate more funds for police training. I have had nothing but good experiences with LPD officers and lincoln fireman. I can't speak for everyone but the overwhelming majority of citizens I have spoken to in my community feel the same as I do and want a police presence to uphold law and order when necessary.

Thank you.

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Levi Boldt 430-6601

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Michelle Squier <mesquier72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for the police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good morning Council Members,

I am writing to show support for the Lincoln Police Department. Defunding the police is an absurd thought in my mind. Our police need to be held accountable to the high standards to protect and serve the community. To assist them in attaining those high standards, I support increased training and mental health support. I am not sure if Lincoln Police are required to wear body cameras, but I would also like to share my support of body cameras to ensure proper safety and techniques are being used.

I value our police officers and am thankful they were in place when my house was broken into in December, 2012. Without law and order, our democracy would crumble and fall into anarchy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michelle Squier  
Lincoln Resident

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Brytten Sorgenfrei <bryttensorgenfrei@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

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We support LPD and Hope you will, too! We need our Law Enforcement and are appreciative of all they do to protect Lincoln.

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** mpbartels@frontiernet.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:44 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for LPD

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Good Morning,

It has been brought to our attention that there has been discussions regarding defunding the Lincoln Police Department. We do not understand why these discussions would even be held in light of all the protests and damage done in the last few weeks. Where would we be without the protection of the police? We support our police department as it is. These people are selfless and devoted to the protection of their fellow citizens.

We encourage you to support the police. Our tax dollars are used to fund the police. Please stand up for the police and do not consider defunding the people who protect us.

Thank you for your time.

Merlyn and Pat Bartels  
7812 Ringneck Drive  
Lincoln, NE

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Carol Ripley <carolannripley63@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:53 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD & LSO

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Council Members of the Lincoln City Council:

As a mother, mother-in-law, aunt of law enforcement personnel, and former 911 City employee, I trust that you will look at all facets of the law enforcement aspect before making any decisions that may hinder police and fire from doing their jobs as they go about daily protecting us and saving lives.

Do I believe there is room for improvement, yes, as there is in every aspect of City government and in every aspect of all our lives. Please consider our law enforcement department on its own merit and not let yourselves overact to issues outside of our community. Law enforcement continues to need the community's support so they can do their jobs of protecting each and EVERY ONE of us everyday of the year, 24x7.

I have always and will continue to support LPD, LSO, LFR as well as other public service agencies and hope you will make an unbiased decision regarding any future changes to these services.

Thank you for your time.

Carol Ripley



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jason Walter <jdogtag012@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** Council Packet

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I support law enforcement. LPD does a fantastic job. As a representative of me, I hope you do too.

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Joe Nelson <joeim4nu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** Mayor; Council Packet  
**Subject:** Defunding of police a very bad idea

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## Defunding police

I understand there is a meeting to take place about defunding police departments. Very disappointed that this kind of meeting is even being considered across America today. Should this be voted to happen in anyway, there will be I foresee repercussions throughout even Lincoln Nebraska. This rioting and protesting had gone way too far as the laws have been not enforced as they should have been because elected leaders are weak. I remember the 1960's very well and here we go again. I do support the blue and have had many many family and friends engaged to protect our safety and people considering to defund our police because as an excuse of a very low percentage of bad cops is very lame.

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Teresa Scholl Hruza <teres787@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police funding

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Surveys by a prior mayor indicated our first responders are a priority. Defunding would be the exact opposite. The City has one of the lowest ratios for officer to citizen as it is. Considering the current and past mayor's decisions to maintain this low ratio is disappointing. I believe we need more funding to support better training, to support better selection processes for hiring. Defunding supports the opposite. Defunding leads to vigilantes. Defunding leads to slower response times, less services provided, higher crime rates, higher insurance costs to citizens. This "defunding" is a slippery slope. I would support more funding for our Law Enforcement.

Sent from my iPad

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Van Mueller <vanmueller2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please do not even consider the idea of defunding the police force in the city of Lincoln, NE. I can't and don't want to imagine what life would be like without the protection of our police force. No one would be safe!!! Neither lives (the most importa...

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Ali Thelen <ali.duncan88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Pro-Police

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Hi there,

I am a Pro-Police supporter. Our police risk their lives to keep us safe. They protect us. They care. They protect our students in schools.

Defunding the police is unheard of. It's beyond ridiculous.

Support the Lincoln Police Department.

Thank you.  
Alison

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Christie Taege <cctaege@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Pro-police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I fully support our men and women in blue. The police need our support and encouragement as they risk their lives each and every day.

It saddens my heart that we have come to this.

God bless and keep our police officers out of harms way.

Pro-police!!!!!!

Christie Taege

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jennifer Arthur <jenarthur36@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police defunding

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am very opposed to any type of defunding of our Lincoln Police Department. Their budget barely covers necessities already and their services are very valuable to our community. They do a wonderful job and I have been proud to live in Lincoln and have always felt safe anywhere I go until the riots. A few bad apples does not mean the whole system is broken and all police are bad.

Thank you  
Jennifer Arthur

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** LeAnn Rathke <lrathke1966@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Pro-police support

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

We need our police force to keep us safe. We pay taxes mainly for government (through the police) to keep law and order. I do not hear the defund police movement offering any alternatives. It is much easier to destructe then construct. Conversation can help adjust things if needed, but throwing everything out is anarchy and tyranny. That is not what I want. Please continue to fund the police.



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Greg Rathke <grathke23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

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There is no doubt in my mind that police are an essential part of this country and every city and town. Thank you for your time.

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Heather Hansen <hhansen08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support LPD!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council Members,

I am asking you to support and fully fund our LPD! I need my family to live in a city where we can get help and feel protected. I want to feel safe in my community. Do not make the mistake of giving in to a radical liberal agenda that is meant to destroy our freedoms!

Heather Hansen  
Lincoln, NE resident

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Kathy Hill <kahill755@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support our law enforcement agencies

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Council members,

I am writing to request that you continue to support and fund our local law enforcement agencies. These dedicated women and men have our best interests in mind as they provide their professional services.

We all are human and need to grow and improve daily. There is always room to do better for each one of us. I support taking a hard look at how law enforcement can be better. However, defunding and leaving that void is not the best course of action. Citizens need to take a look at themselves to be better citizens. Government officials need to look at themselves for the center of their service - is it to serve the public, or to promote self and personal agendas. There is plenty to be done on all fronts.

I thank you for your service and respectfully request that you provide safety and security by continuing to fund and support the Lincoln Police Department.

Kathy Hill

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Carol Kelsey <sundeenie3@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:12 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln police department

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My family deeply respects and supports our Lincoln City police department. I encourage you to quickly dismiss any movement or pressure to defund our police. We need them in these trying times!

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## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** rob@predmoredesigns.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** 'Arla Meyer'; 'Thane Jensen'; karalyn@karalynsoldthis.com; troytbailey@gmail.com; teresa@predmoredesigns.com  
**Subject:** Defund Lincoln Police response

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Lincoln City Counsel

I have been a resident of Lincoln Ne. for 30 + years. I have been a Real Estate Agent/Broker for 23 years in Lincoln Ne. The idea that we are even considering defunding the Lincoln Police Department is disappointing to me at a level that I almost can not express!!! I worked for the Department of Correctional Services for 14 years and the Lancaster County Jail for 7 years prior to my Real Estate career. I know a little something about dealing with the general public both good and the very worst.

Defunding the police is absurd!!!! Who is going to deal with the 911 calls for the routine drunk & disorderly' s that occur every single day of the year? Who is going to deal with anything that requires any skill set other than simply talking. I can speak form experience that without the knowledge of a perpetrator knowing there are immediate consequences for unruly actions there is NO good ending for this situation. I know what it is like to be spit on, punched, threatened and attempted to have been stabbed. Do you thinks a social worker is going to handle this situation? You would be incorrect in that assumption.

From what I have seen for 30 years in Lincoln Ne. our local Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department has been exemplary in handling every single issue I can remember. I have worked with these fine folks on many occasions during my employment at the Lancaster County Jail. At NO time during my stay in Lincoln have I thought, "we need to get someone trained to handle this". NEVER!!!!

I compete in a sport that requires me to travel quite a bit across the nation. The cities that are in the process of defunding their police right now have me concerned. I am supposed to be in Minneapolis Minnesota the first weekend in August 2020. I can tell you that if their situation continues to decline I will not be making the trip to Minneapolis. I assure you if Lincoln Defunds their police departments this will create a negative perception for Lincoln Ne. This will in turn create less business opportunities and fewer people wanting to move to Lincoln Ne.. In short this is HORRIBLE FOR BUSINESS!!!!!!!

It is my request and recommendation to continue the current levels of employment for both the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department.

Sincerely

Rob Predmore  
Associate Broker  
Nebraska Realty  
6301 S 58<sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln Ne. 68516  
402-540-3818



Builder-Rob & Teresa Predmore Owners

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** hdowns@neb.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** defunding police

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City Council Members,

It seems ridiculous that I have to be sending this email, but I want to make sure that my voice is heard. I am concerned about mine and my families safety if you start defunding our police force. It is imperative that we have a group of people we can call when there is criminal activity going on. If these people who are screaming about defunding the police don't care about their own safety, then let those of us with common sense speak for them. I hope those of you on the council have common sense and don't buy into their rhetoric.

Thank You,  
Heather Downs

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Christi Loy <classygalshair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

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Please please do not defund police !! This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard !!!!!

Christi Loy

Sent from my iPhone



## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Mark Wible <mwible58@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Lincoln Police & First Responders

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Dear City Council -

Just a short note that my wife and I believe in the time honored (and constitutionally protected) right to PEACEABLY protest. We don't support the few that riot and damage other people's property. We also support our police and first responders. We know several of them personally and think they have a very difficult job. We need to support them, NOT defund them.

Regards,

Mark & Corinne Wible

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Hali Durst <hali.durst15@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Pro fund LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am pro funding the Lincoln police department. Please advise on how we can help.

Thank you,  
Hali Durst

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jill Gilmore Baker <gilmore5baker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:10 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Policeman

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I 100% support funding our dedicated Police!

Jill Baker

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Doug & Misti Jamison <dmcjamison@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Police

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am saddened to hear that so many people are wanting to defund our police department. Our officers may not be perfect, but no one is perfect. They go to work every day not knowing if they will make it home to their families. They put their lives on the line to protect us all. They do the best with each situation that arises, thinking and acting quickly. We have a wonderful police force and we need them to be fully funded.

I watched some of the live videos from the protests in downtown Lincoln and am appalled at the actions of the rioters and protesters who were throwing water bottles at our officers and expecting them to just take that kind of disrespect. After hearing that others had gasoline thrown at them and fireworks, I felt sick to my stomach. How can that be okay when our officers were trying to peacefully keep the crowd under control. Force was needed! I'm sorry that some peaceful protesters got hurt, but it's hard to tell who is attacking when so many are causing trouble. If things were getting violent, those protesters could have left, they chose not to. That is not the fault of our police who repeatedly asked them to leave and go home. If the protesters aren't willing to stay out of the fire, they will get burned. I'm just so upset by this whole situation. It was their choice to be there when things turned ugly. Our police officers shouldn't be punished for the protesters/rioters actions.

I am so thankful that our officers are here to protect us and uphold the law when there is need. They are needed and I fully support them! Please do not allow them to be defunded because of the actions of others.

Sincerely,  
Misti Jamison

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Kim Tesina <kac806@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** NO to defunding law enforcement

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I and several others will not feel safe in this community if you take on the role of defunding the law enforcement. Think about all the revenue that the city and county will lose when people move because they don't feel safe. You might as well quit building apartments, houses, beltways etc... Are you ready for people to have to take the law in their own hands. If people would obey the laws we would be fine but this is getting totally ridiculous. You have become a laughingstock.

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Jessica Shiffermiller <scottandjessie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Lincoln City Council,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Please know that Lincoln supports our police department. We have one of best in the country. This scary notion that we for some reason must “defund the police” is insane, radical and NOT what the majority of Lincoln wants or stands for.

If anything our police department needs MORE support than ever. Lincoln stands with our police department 100%.

When making future decisions regarding our safety and security, please remember we need to give the ones that protect us all of the support they need and desire.

Thank you.

Jessica Shiffermiller  
Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jeff Tarzian <jefftarz@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT defund the Lincoln PD

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not defund the Lincoln Police Department. Every encounter my family has had with them has been very positive. The officers are extremely professional, kind, and helpful. Any "defunding" would be a mistake and detrimental to the hard work the Lincoln PD has done. Families feels safe in Lincoln - let's keep it that way.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important public safety issue.

Regards,  
Jeff Tarzian  
Lincoln, NE

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Betsy Andersen <betsy@davidandersen.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Do Not Defund the Police!

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lincoln City Council,

I believe that "defunding" the Lincoln Police Department would be a grave mistake. I can't imagine what would happen to our city if this was to occur. There are bad people in all walks of life. The mistakes of a few should not determine the fate of the majority. I have been very impressed with any interaction I have had with the LPD. They have shown professionalism, kindness and respect. Please continue to keep our streets safe!

Thank you!

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Betsy Andersen  
402-937-3620



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Eldon Payne <epayne2316@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Council Packet

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

COUNCIL- PLEASE ME AND MY FAMILY FIRMLY SUPPORT LINCOLN CITY POLICE. WITH OUT POLICE PROTECTION THIS CITY BE A LAWLESS CITY- ELDON R. PAYNE , 20551 SPRING MEADOW CT.

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Heidi Francisco <heidi.francisco@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Do NOT defund our police force

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Hello,

I wanted to take the time to write and beg you to not pull funding from our police force. I know what they make and how behind some of our resources are scientifically and tech wise. I believe if you want higher quality services for a community then you have to utilize resources for that service. Lincoln is growing and diversifying and for LPD to understand the growing needs they will need funding to train and diversify as well. I have worked in social services in Lincoln it is a horribly broken system that would need rebuilt from the ground up and are in NO way prepared to serve our community in a greater capacity as they are truly already failing at their own services they are tasked to provide. Lincoln does not belong in the same category with the communities of complete destruction. We are not so divided and full of division and rage that we should follow suit in the paths of the truly divided and broken communities. We can heal, we can come together and we are full of heart, if you punish those tasked with protecting us, for another communities crime I don't see a way beach from that. You will lose those in this community that have always felt safe in our big little town and they will find an actual little town. I send prayers for your truly difficult role.

Thank You,  
Heidi Francisco

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Melody Evans <ody6401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:37 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LPD

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am supporting our LPD all the way!!!! Not only LPD but ALL law enforcement officers of Nebraska. When you really look at ANY PROFESSION there is always a bad apple in the cart, unfortunately!!!!. Lincoln Police do an outstanding job and have my respect!!!! Yes, maybe there needs to be changes within LPD but to defund the police department is unnecessary!!!!

Sincerely,  
Melody M. Evans

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Liz Davids <lizdavids79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** KEEP THE POLICE

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To the Lincoln City Council members:

I cannot believe I even have to contact you to say that I, a longtime Lincoln resident, want you to keep funding our police force.

Of course we need a fully-funded, vibrant police force to protect and serve our diverse community.

Watching any news channel will fully inform us of the increase of violence and crime in cities around our country as they experiment with decreasing or defunding their police forces.

Let's not make the same mistake.

Please maintain the common sense of our city by ignoring any request to change the funding for our police force.

Sincerely,

Liz Davids  
4000 Ballard Circle  
402-326-5636

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** CPWilbur <cpwilbur@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:56 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please do not defund our police.

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I'm writing to say please do not defund our police. We have a wonderful police department and they work for all of us.

I am a long life resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, I love the city so much o never left.

Thank you,  
Carie Wilbur  
Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Peggy Thuman <thumangpmj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please continue to fund the police.

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Dear council members.

Never in my life did I think I would have to write this letter. What on earth has happened to this community. When I lived here in the 70's I thought this was one of the best cities in the country. But since moving back here in 2005 the drugs, crime, vandalism, and other forms of violence against people and property has increased. I guess it was only a matter of time before the big cities on either coast influenced the folks here.

When I was growing up in western Nebraska there was a saying that was prevalent. When having guns is outlawed only outlaws will have guns. I do not want to carry a gun. Nor does my husband or other family members. That is why we support our police force. That's what they are trained to do.

We want and need to feel safe in our community. If the police force would be defunded, there is no way I would shop or attend an activity or go to a restaurant downtown. I think there are a lot of folks who would agree with me on that.

Please do not defund the police.

Gregg and Peggy Thuman  
925 Mulder Drive  
Lincoln Nebraska  
4025259150

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## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Nichole Ball <nichole.ball@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:32 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Please do not defund the police

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June 23, 2020

To the Lincoln City Council members:

I am contacting you to ask that you hear me and the many voices of the people of Lincoln that support the police force and request that you continue to fund them. We desperately need a fully funded, supported, and well-trained police force to protect and serve our entire community. The police force provides a vital role in our community and the men and women who sacrifice their lives and safety for the good of their city deserve our full support and funding. I know several of those that serve, and it would be a significant tragedy to cut the legs out from under them and the important work they do by taking away their funding. I've worked to teach my children about the amazing people that serve this community that deserve our support and respect, and the police force is among those. With all the unrest and issues that have come up recently, we now more than ever need help in reminding people of common sense, peaceable assembly, and boundaries of law to keep everyone safe. Please don't make the same mistakes other cities have made. Keep our city safe, fair, and protected.

Sincerely,

Nichole Ball

Nichole Ball

5110 S 54<sup>th</sup> St

Lincoln, NE 68516

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Sherri Erickson <sherrilady@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** My opinion on the question of defunding the police

**[CAUTION]** This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

To the Lincoln City Council members:

I, a longtime Lincoln resident, implore you to consider your decision to defund our police force.

We need a fully funded police force to protect the citizens, all citizens, of our community. I was walking in my neighborhood just today thinking how grateful I am that there is someone I can call if I need help.

Watching the national news, seeing that there are communities who actually think this is a good idea, scares me for my community. Don't follow the path that seems like the wave of the future; It isn't. Not having a fully funded police force will NOT stop those who don't follow laws as it is. It will encourage them.

Please keep our city protected by funding those who serve to protect us.

Sincerely,  
Sherri Erickson  
2920 Prairie Rd  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
402-890-2732