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Dear Mayor Mike Hurley and Burnaby City Council Members,

My name is Erin Bush and I am a resident of Burnaby [REDACTED]. Given the history of policing and the most recent murders of Black and Indigenous people, I am asking you to redirect money away from the Burnaby RCMP contract in the 2021 budget and instead to prioritize services that help strengthen our communities.

I want a budget that reflects our community's priorities and needs. I urge you to advocate for a meaningful reallocation of the city's expenditures: away from policing, and towards social programs and resources that support housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and other critical community needs. Beyond policing our community, these services are proven to be more effective in improving community safety and wellness. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than gives power to police forces that tear them apart.

I recognize that the City of Burnaby has proposed an update of its equity policy, however upon reading the proposed changes, I want the city to do more. The changes are highly general and don't speak to tangible changes. Further, I want the city to develop a cultural strategy around reconciliation and decolonization in the policy.

Please consider your role in enriching and empowering our communities, especially during a time of racial injustice, wide-spread illness, and economic vulnerability.

Thank you,  
Erin Bush  
[REDACTED]