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Mayor Clark and Saskatoon City Councillors,

My name is Jillian Pavlin, and I am a constituent from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Treaty 6 Territory, and the Homeland of the Metis. I am acknowledging 154 years of colonization by demanding that our city government work towards defunding the Saskatoon Police Service, with the ultimate goal of abolishing the racist structures of criminal "justice."

Like every major Canadian city, Saskatoon devotes more of its budget to policing than any other area; more than all harm-reduction and humanity-sustaining programs combined. Across North America, police budgets are at all all-time high. Yet police brutality against racialized people continues to persist. No amount of money can fix what is operating by design: White supremacy. No amount of training or rebranding can correct an institution created to protect settlers and oppress the first peoples of this land. Our governments continue to ignore the Indigenous, Black, and brown voices who've demanded the dismantling of our racist police institutions for years.

Racialized Canadians still face discrimination and violence from the very institutions tasked with "serving and protecting" them. I refuse to support a system that won't do the same for all its people. I demand that you do, as well. Instead of increasing funding to the SPS in 2022, devote yourselves to real change – the dismantling and demilitarizing of the police. That is, unless, you are all part of the same oppressive system.

Jillian Pavlin Attachments

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