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Alex Larson submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: The first thing I'd like to discuss is the talk that will happen about the year-over-year crime increase that the City has seen. In discussing this increase, even with our policing expenditure level as high as it has remained, this crime increase still occurred. The truth is that the police don't prevent crime, they respond to it. The safest communities do not have the most police, they have the most resources. Not another cent of this ARPA money should be allocated to the MPD. We need proposal #42, for a participatory budgeting process, so the community can have a direct say in where our tax dollars go, to fund new solutions that aren't policing. Community-based violence prevention efforts is crime prevention. Access to affordable housing and an equity stake in your community is crime prevention. Pathways to economic opportunity, in an inner city which has largely been deindustrialized, is crime prevention. So, I also want to voice support to proposals #17 and #50. A proposal like #17 is in need of a workforce development

piece, and a City-run rent-to-own program. Combined they would build up economic opportunity, by building up trades, and keep equity in the community.

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