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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 29, 2020 City Council meeting on item 2020.CC22.2, Changes to Policing in Toronto

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Comments:

As the owners of The Healing Collective, a mental health service-based collective in East York, we emphatically support the defunding cut proposed. Mental health is health, and calling the police in to do wellness checks and other work with marginalized communities is often outside the scope of their work and more often than it should, has disastrous consequences for BIPOC in our communities. Just as the police have no place in our hospitals and schools, they have no place in mental health support work.

We support increased funding to community-based mental health workers, who are trained specifically to work with Toronto residents in crisis and thoughtful consultation with marginalized communities in the delivery of these services.

Regards,

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