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Good Afternoon City of Toronto Budget Committee:

The below letter relates to the budget and what actually is both fiscally responsible and evidence-based which addresses root causes along with the social and structural determinants of health and equity and co-creates thriving and healthy communities-- which in and of themselves are safe and is in alignment with the City's commitments.

Please see attached letter and/or also see letter at the following public link: [PFSLettertoCityofTorontoDec21](#)

RE: Thriving and Healthy Community Spaces Have More Support and Resources Not More Police

This letter was sent to all City Councillors and the Mayor of Toronto, on December, 21, 2022.

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