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To: [CityRecorder](#); [Vanessa Nordyke](#); [Julie Hoy](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Police Update to Community
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Mayor Hoy and Members of Council:

I expect that when you hear from Police Chief Womack tonight, the presentation will emphasize violent crime in Salem. I want to remind you that no amount of police funding or staffing will ever fully account for livability in our community, and also that violent crime is not the only crime of importance for livability. If we want to see a more robust and enjoyable community, we will need to be able to address noise complaints, traffic violations, auto and bicycle theft and others. Please demand that decisions for additional funding and staffing be evidence-based, with assurance that all crimes impacting livability will be addressed going forward. Thank you.

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