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It is obvious to anyone looking at the conduct of RPPD that there is a deeply toxic culture in the department. Deaths in police custody and gross abuse/theft of forfeitures have gone unaddressed in any meaningful way that addresses the root cause of the crimes the police department commits. I understand you are holding listening sessions regarding reform but reformist reforms will not stop the state sanctioned violence against marginalized communities that has protestors out in the streets across the country. BLM is asking locals governments to defund their police departments and reinvest that money in policing alternatives and in uplifting Black communities (given local demographics, investment in Latinx communities is also key). Policing in ALL forms must be excised from schools, social work and other local government institutions immediately and replaced with systems to make sure all residents have their basic needs met.

Anything short of a full commitment to defund the police and an immediate end of police presence in schools is a betrayal of the positions you hold. Any dollars budgeted for policing are dollars you are knowingly spending to harm the city you represent.

Help Rohnert Park residents. Defund the police.