

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Elaine Duclos <elaineduclos2136@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 11:58 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: New Police Station

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I am opposed to spending \$45 million on a new police station!

This proposal comes in the wake of the School Board's decision to build a \$225 million (this includes interest on the bond) middle school.

Then there's the multi million dollar project for Memorial Field and the Beaver Meadow golf clubhouse.

HOW do you think low and middle income, as well as most elderly residents, can afford the taxes for all of this???? The short answer is, we can't!

Sent from my iPhone

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Margaret Barry <margaret_barry@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 11:55 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: New police station

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As a resident of Ward 2 in Concord, I want to express my feelings to the Council regarding a new police station. The old glass insurance building on N. State Street is going to cost too much by the time it is purchased and then doubled in size. Steve Duprey certainly knew what he was doing when he sold us this albatross. No wonder he is a multimillionaire.

Please do not take on this burden for the taxpayers of Concord. These economic times do not justify such a poor purchase.

Sincerely,

Margaret Barry
12 Bellflower Circle
Concord, NH 03303

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jessica Livingston <jessica@jlivinspirations.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 11:31 AM
To: * City Clerk
Cc: brenttoddconcord@gmail.com; Horne,Michele; Kretovic, Jennifer; Karen D. McNamara; Brown,Stacey; pwmclaughlin24@gmail.com; jim4concord@gmail.com; Ali Sekou; Schultz,Kris; Jeff Foote; Kurtz,Judith; Sexton, Amanda; Fennessy,Nathan; Keach, Fred; Byron Champlin
Subject: Testimony for tonight's Council meeting

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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I am writing to you today regarding the proposed \$50M cost for the new police station. (I'm not sure \$50M is the right number because I've seen different numbers posted and to be fair, it does change frequently.)

I do not think we should be investing in more policing and especially not more buildings.

We need to reimagine what "public safety" looks like, and make changes and investments in meaningful ways. I cannot help but think how much of a difference we could make if we invested \$50M into services, programs, and resources to **address the root causes of crime**, thereby reducing the need for policing, which would address the ongoing issue of the police department being under-staffed. The social worker program has proven to be successful so far and should definitely be expanded, along with **more focus on preventive measures**.

So many people are struggling financially and otherwise. And it's only going to get worse before it gets better. Taxes continue to increase, along with costs of living across the board, forcing taxpayers to make hard financial decisions in their homes. Some are forced out of their homes, adding to the unhoused population. Housing isn't affordable or attainable. There aren't enough services to address the variety of issues in the unhoused community.

Will a \$50M building help with this? It certainly will be contributing to it with the increased tax burden, perpetuating all of the above.

Poverty, hunger, homelessness all contribute to 'crime'. And now, the mere fact of being unhoused is becoming criminalized, leading to more incarceration, which is also paid for by our taxes, and is prohibitive to people recovering and rebuilding their lives. And here we are investing \$50M into a building that will do nothing to address these root causes.

The fact that the City is always discussing **buildings** while we have unsheltered people in our community is shameful. I am aware of the reasons given for why the existing building "doesn't work" but I just cannot fathom putting more millions into *another* building that isn't going to address **the real needs of the whole community**.

This brings me to another point. The general sense in this community is that **city leaders don't listen or care about those of us who are struggling**. And that makes people scared, anxious, and resentful. We've seen it recently with the discourse around the middle school on top of all the other capital expenses coming up, and it was underscored during the election last week.

I urge the City Council to start looking at ways to make **participation in city government more accessible and inclusive**. Not everyone can attend council meetings to give public testimony - factors like no transportation, childcare, health challenges, work commitments, etc. prevent a lot of people from attending. And oftentimes, **those are the folks whose voices need to be heard**.

Showing up to testify in person during a specific rigid period of time, and writing a testimony to the city clerk to be distributed for the record, should not be the ONLY ways in which the taxpayers are heard. City staff, Councilors and Mayor should be actively sharing important information with the community, in a way that regular non-government people can understand, and then actively soliciting input from constituents through a variety of forums and sources - both in person and online, and especially seeking input from historically marginalized and disenfranchised communities.

We all want to be safe, and live in a safe community. But none of us are safe until the most vulnerable of us are safe.

With gratitude,

Jessica Livingston

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Alex Bérubé <alexander.berube1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 11:08 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Vote no on Concord police station proposal

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Hi,

As a longtime resident of Concord, growing up in town and now recently finally owning property on Concord Street, I have seen the good that Concord Police Dept has done for the city.

However, I have seen the city struggle to address the root cause of much crime. I've also seen, and experienced firsthand now, how painful large property tax increases are on homeowners.

With that in mind, I urge you to vote no on the new police station proposal. It is a nice to have, not a must have, and we truly need to curb our spending and approach the root causes of issues this city faces rather than spend another 40 million dollars we don't have on an extravagant new police station.

Thanks
Alex

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From: Erin Riley <erinhope33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 10:44 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Police station

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Good morning,

I was told this was where to email regarding opinions on the proposed new police station, I hope that's correct. I am very much against this project and it's poor timing. This city has taken on so many expensive projects in one year - much that the actual citizens of Concord don't find necessary but are being pushed for optics. Comparing us to Manchester is just silly. We aren't Manchester! We don't need a police station this large, especially right now when we are taking on a new middle school, and a new memorial field. The tax players of Concord already can barely afford to live here and there's a real feeling of being pushed out in favor of wealthier residents. This needs to stop. No on the police station is my two cents as a forty year resident if this city. Thank you for your time.

Erin Riley

Tuite, Deborah

From: Ian McGregor <ianmcgregor4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 9:17 AM
To: * City Clerk
Cc: Champlin, Byron; Fennessy, Nathan; Sexton, Amanda; Keach, Fred; Kurtz, Judith; brenttoddconcord@gmail.com; Horne, Michele; Kretovic, Jennifer; kmcnamaraward4@gmail.com; Brown, Stacey; pwmclaughlin24@gmail.com; jim4concord@gmail.com; Ali Sekou; Schultz, Kris; Jeff Foote
Subject: I support the new police station

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Good Morning Councilor,

The need for a new police station is undeniable.

This need must be weighed against the need to keep property taxes in check and the ability to pay for regular and proper maintenance of the new station.

I am also a believer that quality of life is a major factor when choosing a workplace. Having a brand new facility and a city that shows its willingness to support its police force are some of the best recruitment tools Concord could ask for. The new station and the City's willingness to support our police can be used as an incentive for hiring, rather than increased pay and benefits. For example, I turned down a higher paying job in Bedford because I valued having an office on the newly redesigned Main Street in Concord rather than higher pay. I similarly know teachers who took less pay to work at the new Allentown elementary school rather than higher pay in a less quality building.

I hope these difficult conversations about capital spending force conversations about a more equitable and a more progressive system of taxation in this city rather than the regressive property tax system we currently have.

I know how privileged my family is to be able to afford a few hundred dollars in tax increases to cover all the new projects within the city and I believe this police station is one of the projects that does warrant some sacrifices by those who can afford it.

-Ian McGregor

Ward 7

Tuite, Deborah

From: John Regan <jregan92353@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 8:57 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Proposed New Police Station Project

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Dear Mayor Champlin and City Councilors,

I support investing in the new police station. I think it offers many advantages to improve the safety and operation of the police department. As one of the many residents living on a fixed income, and cognizant of other future projects, I urge you to do your best to manage costs. Best wishes moving forward.

John Regan
18 Woodman Street
jregan92353@gmail.com
603-856-6948

Tuite, Deborah

From: Jessica Wheeler Russell <wheelerjessicaann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 7:45 AM
To: * City Clerk; Michele Horne; Brent Todd; Brown,Stacey; Schultz,Kris; Fennessy,Nathan; Sexton, Amanda; Keach, Fred; Kurtz,Judith; Champlin, Byron
Subject: Request for Consideration on Police Station Funding Approach

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing regarding the proposed new police station. I understand and appreciate the need for a facility that better supports a modern public safety model—particularly one that integrates both social work and policing functions. However, like many residents, I am concerned about the overall cost of this project.

While I am generally supportive of maintaining and improving our public buildings, I ask that the city explore creative approaches to financing this project. I have ongoing concerns about the level of bonding used for major initiatives and would encourage consideration of options that could help offset the tax impact—perhaps a phased or “fix over time” model similar to the approach Merrimack Valley is taking with the Washington Street School.

As you deliberate, I hope you will keep in mind how cumulative increases—across projects and services—are affecting residents who are already struggling to manage higher costs of living.

Thank you for your time and continued service to our community. I know these decisions are complex and appreciate the effort you dedicate to representing residents’ interests.

Sincerely,
Jessica Wheeler Russell
Ward 2

Tuite, Deborah

From: Catherine Cullity <ccullity@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 7:12 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: New police station

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City Councilor and City staff,

Please be reasonable with the budget to this new police station. We tax payers cannot afford the out of control spending that is happening in this city.

As my father always told me "money does not grow in trees". If you do not have the money in the bank for a project then you cannot afford it.

By living on loans, bonds and relying on other people to pay your bills you will bleed the well dry. That is what you are doing to us taxpayers.

We cannot afford an additional \$45 million dollar debt.

Best Regards,
Catherine Cullity
Ward 3
120 Fisherville Rd. #143
Concord, NH 03303

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Tuite, Deborah

From: Bethany Clarke <bethanymariahclarke@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2025 8:46 PM
To: jim4concord@gmail.com; * City Clerk
Subject: new police station

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Hi Jim,

I'd like to share some thoughts with you and the council on the proposed new police station. I was raised to believe that better/more police = safer town. I have since left New Hampshire, returned, and learned [that is simply not true](#).

There are many research-backed options which are more effective at reducing crime than police intervention. For instance, housing the homeless [reduces crime victimization](#). There have been quite a few crimes and homicides among the homeless population in Concord this year and if the housing issue were addressed, this wouldn't be a problem. There are so many alternatives to traditional policing, I think it would be excessive to go in depth on all of them but others include: [better lighting in public spaces](#), [improved education](#), and hotlines for domestic violence victims like [Safelink](#) in Massachusetts.

My point is I'd support the police doing any of these things BEFORE getting a new police station because they would most immediately make me and my friends and fellow citizens more safe. I need them to do these things urgently. I don't urgently need a new police station.

Concord has a very low crime rate and we have maintained this low rate with the current police facilities. I understand that public buildings (including police stations) need to be accessible and safe places to work and visit. However, could those aims be achieved without building a full new building and spending millions of tax dollars? I think so. And then maybe some of the money saved could go to more sustainable safety initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts.

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Bethany
pronouns: she/her

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Tuite, Deborah

From: Devin Rodrique <rodrique.devin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2025 6:33 PM
To: * City Clerk
Cc: Horne,Michele; Brent Todd; BYRON CHAMPLIN; Keach, Fred
Subject: Public Comment: Police Station

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To: Concord City Council

Hello,

The following represents my own personal opinion as a resident of Penacook:

Please do not approve the Police Station Project at its currently proposed cost.

It has been reported by the Concord Monitor that "Concord's growth comes up short, city to draw on reserves and taxpayers". This will result in more tax burden upon City residents due to your unwillingness to control spending.

The latest news from August showed that the cost estimate for Memorial Field jumped to \$31,200,000. With funding proposed to be split 50/50 between the City & Concord School District (which this is not fair for Penacook residents who already pay for MVSD). This will result in more tax burden.

There's also responsibilities regarding wastewater treatment and drinking water to consider. Then there's roads and fire department equipment which most agree should be a higher priority than a golf-course clubhouse. As the Concord Monitor reported; your strategy to spend more and hope that property value will increase enough to cover it, is not working.

Then we come to this proposal to build a new police station on a property the City paid \$4,100,000 to acquire and is no longer taxable.

The Concord Monitor reports that with the larger proposed addition, the total project price tag is now \$53,036,800. This of course does not include the lack of revenue this commercial property used to produce.

To spend that much on this project is wholly irresponsible. Then again, I wouldn't expect anything less when you've demonstrated that a golf course was a higher priority for this City than this police station.

You are not considering or respecting the full impact that your spending is having on the working class, parents, elderly and the vulnerable. Rent costs and property taxes are pushing those populations from this City and preventing new folks from moving here.

At large Councilor Keach; Following your recent re-election it was reported by the Concord Monitor;

[Keach didn't have a long list of things he plans to do differently in his next term.

"Personally, I'm not going to do a lot, but I recognize that message as people are not happy with the status quo, so yeah, you've got to listen."]

You know, approving a total price tag of \$53,036,800 for this massive police station actually is doing a lot, in the wrong direction.

As you said Councilor Keach, people are not happy with the status quo.

It's now up to you to listen and improve the status quo. Please do not approve this project at its currently proposed cost.

Devin Rodrique
Resident, Penacook

Tuite, Deborah

From: Matt Hoban <matt.e.hoban@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2025 1:27 PM
To: * City Clerk
Cc: Brown,Stacey; Horne,Michele; Champlin, Byron
Subject: Please include as public testimony in re: Item 30L of the Nov 10, 2025 City Council meeting

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Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

First, I would like to register my disagreement with the resolution as set forth on principle. I don't disagree with the Concord Police deserving a better workplace- they certainly do. I disagree with the timing of this resolution and the fact that between the School Board and City Council we are looking at bonding over 200 million dollars in projects in fiscal year 2026. The municipal budget in 2026 is on the order of 150 million dollars. I find this rate of borrowing to be simply irresponsible. I view a new police station as a want and not a need. The city has several needs that take precedence over the construction of a new police station.

Second, I would like to register my disagreement with the resolution on a procedural basis. The city council sets forth the rules by which they operate

In the Rules of the city Council published on May 13, 2019 it states in Section 4 that:

"Every ordinance and resolution shall pass through the following stages before it shall be considered as having received the final action of the Council"

Subsection I subparagraph A of this section states

"Notice of Public Hearing: Except in emergency situations or when a different notice period is required by law, public hearings shall be given ten days notice prior to the hearing, excluding Sundays and holidays. In the case of emergencies the notice requirement of three days shall be sufficient."

The city gave the public TWO day notice of this public hearing, which isn't even sufficient for an emergency hearing according to their own rules.

No section in our municipal ordinances clearly sets forth a standard for what constitutes public notice; however, the municipal zoning ordinance cites NH RSA 675:7 as one standard for providing notice. This statute sets forth the following:

"Notice shall be given for the time and place of each public hearing at least 10 calendar days before the hearing. The notice required under this section shall not include the day notice is posted or the day of the public hearing. Notice of each public hearing shall be published in a paper of general circulation in the municipality and shall be posted in at least 2 public places.

In lieu of publication in a paper of general circulation, notice may be posted on the municipality's Internet website, if such exists. If notice is posted on the municipality's website in lieu of publication in a paper of general circulation, the notice shall:

(1) Appear prominently on the website's home page, or a link directly to the notice shall appear prominently on the home page;

To my knowledge the city did not publish a notice of this hearing in a paper of general circulation in Concord and did not prominently display notice of the hearing or a link thereto on the city's website prior to October 30th.

Thus the public was not adequately put on notice that a public hearing is occurring on Monday and the council has not complied with Section 4(1)A of their own rules.

For this reason, I believe that this public hearing violates the rules of order set forth by city council.

As this is the case-

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- I encourage a member of council to make a
- 'Point of Order'
- and seek to resolve the violations of the rules so that the council can return to order.
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- I further encourage the city council to
- table
- this motion until December 8th and give the public proper notice as to a public hearing on that date.
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- Lastly, I recommend that the city institute a better method of providing Notice of Public Hearings in the future through
- a link on the frontpage of their website.
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Thank you,

Matt Hoban
163 School St.

Tuite, Deborah

From: Theresa <leftylou@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2025 9:04 AM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Police station

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My name is Theresa Lloyd and I am opposed to this new police station. As homeowners we are already being taxed out of our homes. You need to stop spending money on things that do not need to change all at once. With the Rundlett school, the club house at Beavermeadow golf course, memorial field something has to wait. Revisit this or one of the others at a much later time. My property taxes are higher than my mortgage already. I am on a fixed income and we don't know what will happen if this does not stop. Stop the spending and start paying attention to the people who voted for all of you instead of playing these games with how you control what you want and not your constituents.

Theresa Lloyd

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Tuite, Deborah

From: Jeanne <murrysmimi@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 8, 2025 7:41 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: NO on Debt for Police

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PLEASE VOTE NO for a 445,500,00 police station! The timing is wrong for an additional project while million-dollar projects are still in the works!

Please don't make this an exclusive City. I love our diversity and you could easily crowd out people who wouldn't be able to afford to live here any more!

Jeanne North
41 Warren Street
Concord, NH

Tuite, Deborah

From: Tina Long <longtm2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 8, 2025 7:29 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: New Police Station

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I would just like to go on the record and oppose the new Police Station at this time. With the new school and the Golf Club House, I already feel as though I am getting taxed out of our house. This is jut too much too fast. Honestly, I would rather have a new Police Station than a new Golf Club House

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Karen <kshields54@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 2:28 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: Opinion about the approval of a new police station

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I would like to let the city council know that, while I can appreciate the future need for a larger police station, I feel the tax burden is too much, given projects like a new middle school, Memorial Field redo, and a new Beaver Meadow clubhouse. This project must be postponed.

Thank you.

Karen Shields

2 Rowell St

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Bonenfant, Janice

From: ANNE HARTSHORN <sveap@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 1:28 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: For the City Councilors about the proposed new police station

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Good Afternoon! PLEASE take into consideration that average Concord citizens, especially lifetime residents who are now retirees, are getting to an unaffordability threshold. The School Board has imposed a HUGE expense ~ think how much \$155 million is going to cost modest homeowners, and now you are looking to spend another \$40 million, ish. There must be a way that the city can have a new police station without incorporating every single item on the "wish" list ~ how about limiting it to "needs" as a show of respect to those of us bearing the brunt of these expenditures?

Thanks!
Anne Quimby Hartshorn

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Emmett LeBlanc <emleblanc20@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 12:49 PM
To: * City Clerk
Subject: No New Police Station

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Hello,

I'm writing as a resident of Concord to urge you to allocate taxpayer dollars toward more essential improvements for our community. For example, adding a handicap-accessible bathroom on the main floor of your building or installing flashing hazard lights at all downtown crosswalks would make a real difference in accessibility and safety for residents and visitors.

City funds should prioritize community improvements and accessibility over cosmetic updates to law enforcement facilities.

I say this with respect for the work you all do and appreciation for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Emmett