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To: <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>, <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>

Greetings,

In an open letter released today, over 100 signatories are calling on Victoria and Esquimalt Councils to freeze the Victoria Police Department (VicPD) budget in favor of building strong and resilient communities and supporting alternatives to policing.

To view the letter and signatures received as of December 12, 2018:

<https://tinyurl.com/freezevicpdbudget>

As stated in the letter: "For the last 4 years, the VicPD have sought budget increases specifically to respond to health and social issues that cannot be solved by more policing and instead should be addressed at systemic and local levels. Continuing to invest millions in policing relies on the assumption that community problems cannot be solved by regular people and that surveillance, punishment, and threat of force to maintain control are the only things that can be done. It diminishes the creative power of communities to build real safety by caring for each other, increasing social cohesion, reducing inequality and engaging in transformative justice."

We look forward to continuing to engage with Councils on this issue.

Sincerely,

Communities Against Criminalization

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