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Hello,

As a Carlsbad resident, I am concerned about the state of the nation, our world, lately, specifically regarding BIPOC, and how our community fits into it. While I understand that we live in a primarily white, affluent community, I still think we can take a moment for introspection and put whatever we must reckon with into practical change. I want to know how the city is distributing it's funding towards resources that help our community, primarily those who are at a disadvantage - people of color, the homeless, and otherwise underserved. Are our public schools, health care, shelter/housing, and mental health needs being put at the forefront? Is there some way we can increase and promote diversity in our city? Are we taking armed police officers out of the equation, and instead reallocating funding for a new kind of "first responder" that might better serve the specific needs of our community members? We have the opportunity to be a model community that puts *people* first, not businesses. While I support local business and hope this budget helps lift them out of what the pandemic did to knock them down, I hope that we also use this moment to reimagine where else our money might better be invested. Tearing down historical buildings and reconstructing commercial and (outrageously expensive) residential buildings in our neighborhoods does nothing for the wellness of our community. Continuing to increase the budget for police, while overlooking the budgets that serve and uplift people, does nothing for our community. It only shuts people out.  
HOW CAN CARLSBAD DO BETTER?

Thank you,

Carissa Baird  
District 1 - Carlsbad Village

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