

Supplemental Budget FY21 Testimony

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Joseph Solari	1157 Tyler Ave.	Annapolis	I wanted to thank my representative, Lisa D.B. Rodvien, and the rest of the county council for supporting the contract negotiated between the County and FOP 70. For the first time in my almost ten year career, I feel like I will be reasonably compensated for the challenging job I do. This contract also helps prepare us for what will surely be more challenging recruitment and retention ahead, as we continue to try to attract and retain the highest quality applicants for our agency.
Gregory Speed	3363 glebe drive	Edgewater. MD 21037	I would like to thank the County Executive and th County Council for supporting police, fire, and teachers in this year's budget. The budget is never easy, but in our every changing world to make AA County. THE BEST, police fire and teachers must be supported. Our county deserves the best employees in the state, please comtue to pay them what they deserve.
Michael Shier	2017 Astilbe Way	Odenton	Thank you for your SUPPORT of the police officers' contracts!
Josh Shapiro	1910 Towne Centre Blvd.	Annapolis, MD 21401	I would like to thank the County Council for considering the proposed budget and supplemental additions. I ask that the Council vote in favor of the budget. Thank you for your time.
Benjamin Davids	18407 Gunpowder Rd	Hampstead Maryland 21074	I wanted to take this time to thank the administration for this budget proposal and the recent police contract and thank the councilman and councilwoman for approval of this contract in its entirety. It means a lot to me as police officer to have your support, and in these difficult times it means a lot to have the administration and county council supporting their police department. It is a difficult road for all of us, but I am confident that together we will be the police department the country looks to as an example of what they can become.
Alex W Swartz	293 Stowaway Lane	Severna Park	Thank you so much for the approval of this budget. I have been a police officer for AACo for 16 years. We have been behind on our salary since my 6th year. I love my job but it is very difficult to maintain living expenses at the past and current salary.
Arai Swartz	293 Stowaway Lane	Severna Park, MD	My Dad is a police officer and it would make a huge positive difference in my family. Thank you for passing this budget.
Bill A Swartz	110 Stone Point Drive,	Annapolis	I have lived and worked as a home builder in this county since 1973. All four of my kids have gone through our school system for 12 years. My two sons currently work for the county, one is the assistant principal at Cat south and the other, Alex is the school resourse officer at Severna Park High School. All six of my grandchilder have gone through our school system as well. The welfare of this county and it's people is paramount to me and my kids. I have been on many ride-alongs and have seen our police at work close up. I have found all of their interactions with the public and potential suspects to be exemplary. I am sure there are issues, but I have not seen them. If you are contemplating stopping the resourse program I would implore you not to. Before doing anything I would hope you would consult the kids and parents of the schools. I know the cops have been without a raise in a long time and that this has been addressed but please do NOT cut any funds. If anything, they need more. Thanks!
William T Wild Jr	700 Stewart Avenue	Glen Burnie, MD 21061	<p>First I would like to thank the Council for all its hard work. Additionally I would say that I have looked at the Supplemental Budget and find it is not out of line and should be passed as it is written.</p> <p>We are proud of our Nationally Certified Police Department and they are entitled to the suggested pay increases.</p> <p>Are there problems, sure but I think that the Chief and his team along with input from the FOP can resolve any problems the Department has.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my suggestions.</p> <p>Vote yes on the Supplemental Budget.</p>

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M Valentin	8495 Veterans Highway	21108	As a 14yr veteran of the Anne Arundel County PD, I have seen many ups and downs. For the last 6+ yrs, I've been assigned to a task force based out of Balt. Co, which is comprised of Balt Co, Balt City, MSP, and myself as the only representative from our agency. In that time the amount of jokes for which I have been the laughing stock can't be imagined. The brunt of the jokes are typically focused on pay and benefits/perks that our fellow agencies have that we lack. While all in good fun, there comes a time when it really makes you think and reflect. When the news of our new contract surfaced, the jokes stopped dead in their tracks. Within no time I've already begun hearing the buzz that AACoPD, the agency that people would once lateral FROM for higher pay and better benefits/perks, will now become the agency where officers will want to later TO if the contract passes for countless reasons. This contract will not only build pride and lift morale by those of us who stand the line every day...but it will make us stand out and attract quality officers and recruits, which is a win-win for our great agency, and the citizens of Anne Arundel County. For the first time I feel like my fellow AACoPD Brothers and Sisters in Blue will now be looked at as equals among those with whom we serve in the State of Maryland. In closing, I thank all who took the time to hear my words, and thank you to all who have toed the line and represented us in negotiations.
Kimberly Willis	3568 Loch Haven Dr	Edgewater MD 21037	Disappointed to see this council continue to take from our pockets when so many are financially struggling right now. Not only do you continue to suppress our rights and freedoms as citizens and business owners in the midst of a politically driven pandemic, your greed now goes even further to take from those already down. You should be ashamed.
John T Kunkel	7981 E. Riverside Drive	Pasadena	During these difficult times that we all find ourselves dealing with, it is imperative that the AA County executive and the County Council do everything in their power to keep the county budget as low as possible over the next couple years. The Federal Reserve Chairman just yesterday, 6/10/20, testified that full recovery from this Covid 19 virus may well take 3 years extending to 2023. All citizens are sacrificing, some more than others, to get through these challenging times. The citizens of Anne Arundel County expect the same from their elected county government officials. Do the financially prudent sound decision and keep the county budget as low as possible. We will remember come election time. Thank you for your consideration.
Jennifer Spieth	8495 Veterans Highway	Millersville, MD 21108	I have been an Anne Arundel County Police officer for 17 years. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of the county executive's budget for police. During my time with this department I have watched us lose too many good officers to competing local and federal police agencies due to higher pay and better benefits offered elsewhere. I can say in the past I have told some possible applicants to apply to other agencies who will compensate them better. I have been an instructor at the police academy and I know firsthand this county spends an incredible amount of money to train new officers, only to lose them to competing jurisdictions within 2-3 years. The county executive's budget finally makes us competitive with other local police agencies! It's also important to my family that we receive your support, particularly during this troubling time. Thank you for your time.
Christina Dove	1203 Hillside Rd	Pasadena	Why are we giving people raises right now? No one needs to be getting a raise when there are so many people out of work! I do not approve of any of the board members getting a raise, especially. Ridiculous!