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Hello,

My name is Aylen Bonel and I'm a resident of Apple Valley. I would like my comment read for the record and item #11. My comment:

Due to current events, I highly encourage you to rethink how the police is running currently. First, any police officer with any history of misconduct especially brutality should automatically be put under investigation and should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Police officers should not be immune to the laws. The use of a gun and excessive force by police officers should be the last, last resort. If the culprit is in handcuffs, outnumbered by the police, or unable to cause harm, then there is no point to use excessive force. Furthermore, we should try to reduce the need for police intervention instead of increasing it by giving more and more funds to the police. I have noticed in the 2019/2020 budget that 47% of the funds are for Public Safety while 4% is for community/economic development. I also have noticed that from the demographics from 2018-2019 which show that a fourth of households make less than \$25,000 a year in Apple Valley. People need more mental health resources, drug rehabilitation centers, job opportunities, daycares, etc. rather than criminalization. There are other alternatives to over-policing areas of high rates of crime. I urge you to spend more money on community/economic development rather than policing which doesn't fix the underline problem. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Aylen Bonel