

Item - #2 – Padric Gleason Gonzales

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The proposed cuts to the LBPd, while they represent movement in the right direction, are simply insufficient for the moment. Your constituents are crying out for you to take bold action by dramatically redirecting the city budget toward community-based organizations and programs. No single public department should receive nearly HALF of the city's total expense. That's corruption of the public purse, pure and simple. Police RESPOND TO crime, but they don't PREVENT crime. Most crime is the result of economic depravity, so huge efforts should be made to lessen inequalities and raise the floor for our most vulnerable residents. Stop spending on cops salaries and pensions and start spending on our environment, housing, and educational opportunities for students.

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