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First name (required)	Isabelle
Last name (required)	Reynolds
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	2022 Budget Adjustments
Date of meeting	Nov 22, 2021

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The police do not provide a visible benefit to our communities, and in fact have caused extreme harm and division due to their use of continuous extreme and unwarranted violence against Black and Indigenous people, and their association with right wing extremist groups. I do not want to see any investment in the police whatsoever. I want to see a plan for the entire police budget to be reallocated over max 5 years, towards actual crime prevention and community support networks. In no particular order, this includes investment in:

- 1- family and community services
- 2- social workers as first responders and community support resources
- 3- reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- 4- civic education initiatives
- 5- affordable housing (including free housing for those who can't afford housing), parks, and green space
- 6- recreational facilities
- 7- working towards free transit for all
- 8- safe injection sites and harm reductive, community based, addiction programming
- 9- Indigenous-led resource and community centres, programmes, and organizations

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First name (required) Savannah

Last name (required) Poirier

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) City Budget allocations

Date of meeting Nov 22, 2021

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Please invest in the following:
family and community services
social workers
ghg emission reductions
affordable (GOOD) housing/parks and green spaces
recreational facilities
low income transit passes

I do not want further investment in police - we should focus on root causes of community safety issues by investing in providing basic needs for everyone i.e.; food, clothing, shelter, mental health support



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First name (required) Victoria

Last name (required) White

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Property taxes

Date of meeting Nov 8, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Zero increase on property taxes, I've had one pay raise in 8 years, you must spend within your limits, City included



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First name (required)	Kenna
Last name (required)	Kelly-Turner
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Budget Adjustment Deliberations
Date of meeting	Nov 22, 2021

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Dear Council,

I find myself writing again to ask that in looking at the budget for CPS, you think about how money could be best spent to prevent crime and protect citizens. Money spent on affordable housing, mental health supports, supervised consumption sites, crisis de-escalation, recreation facilities, and transit have far more likelihood of making a positive impact on the well-being of our community. We know that approximately 30% of police calls involve vulnerable persons, but instead of investing the money in making those people safe and supported, we continue to cycle them through the "justice" system.

There is no other public service where the ongoing abuse of power, unnecessary violence, systemic racism, and failure to improve would be addressed with increased funding and minimal oversight. This last election signalled a major shift in the mindset of Calgarians. We do not want the same old, same old. We are looking for change and it begins with this enormous piece of the budget. Do not increase police funding. Fund programs that actually support our citizens.

Thank you,

Kenna Kelly-Turner

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First name (required) Victoria

Last name (required) Lee

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) No increase to police budget.

Date of meeting Nov 8, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Please do not increase the police budget. They are not trained in dealing with mental health issues. And I am willing to bet that a large portion are mental health related calls. People do not trust the police and many are afraid of them. They need to gain the trust of the Calgarians again before we can trust them with more money and guns.



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First name (required)	James
Last name (required)	Foster
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Budget

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	No more money for police.
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First name (required)	Deb
Last name (required)	Baldwin
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Property tax hike
Date of meeting	Nov 9, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I'm a bit concerned on the possible increase to property taxes. Although it is projected to be less than 1%, I feel like juggling our winter utility bills, rising gas prices, and the inflation in grocery costs, we do not need another bill to go up in price. Especially while our economy is weak and our wages remain the same.
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First name (required)	Sid
Last name (required)	Tolchinsky
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	2022 Tax Adjustments
Date of meeting	Nov 9, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am extremely disappointed that today, Nov 8th, just a few short weeks after being elected, our new city council is even considering a tax increase for 2022. Even a small increase makes absolutely no sense to me. The argument that we have to increase taxes to meet inflation plus growth demands doesn't hold water when for so many years our residential tax increases far surpassed the CPI for Calgary plus growth.

Has the city looked at every dollar spent to ensure:

1. it supports a service that the city **MUST** provide (note **MUST** provide not a nice to have)
2. determined the service level for the service that **MUST** be provided
3. determined the best way to provide each and every service (i.e., publicly provided, contracted to the private sector or a combination)

Until this has been done, I don't believe the city has the moral authority to keep increasing taxes on its already over taxed citizens.



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First name (required)	Teresa
Last name (required)	McComish
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Calgary 2022 Budget
Date of meeting	Nov 9, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

No increase to police budget. If there is an increase, focus on root causes of community safety like basic needs, food, clothing, shelter, mental health.

Investment in family and community services, social workers, greenhouse gas emission reductions, civic education, affordable housing, parks and green spaces, recreational facilities, affordable transit passes, multilingual mental health resources,



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First name (required)

Last name (required)

What do you want to do? (required)

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)

Date of meeting

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I am curious about using this as an opportunity to discuss moving toward more police reform, allowing the police service to focus on policing & dedicating more resources to social and community services and supports. Instead of dedicating more money to the police service as they've requested, could you explore directing that funding to further community supports?

Best of luck exploring all the complexities in this process,



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First name (required)	Zoe
Last name (required)	Pruss
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Municipal budget
Date of meeting	Nov 22, 2021

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I would like to see the city reduce spending on police, both as a total sum and as a proportion of the municipal budget.

I would like to see increased funding for affordable housing, specifically aimed at our houseless population. I would like to see increased funding for social services and affordable recreation opportunities, investment in urban agriculture and food forests, and increased urban tree canopy, particularly in lower income communities.



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First name (required) Daniel

Last name (required) Dave

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Special Meeting of Council on Nov. 22

Date of meeting Nov 22, 2021

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Reference: City's statement in [https://pub-calgary.escribemeetings.com/ FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=185596](https://pub-calgary.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=185596): "This is a modest tax rate increase relative to current inflation rates, growing demand for City services..."

My Comment: Since tax rates are in percent (and not in absolute amounts), increasing them on the basis of inflation doesn't make sense. This is because with inflation, the prices of commodities (including real estate) go up - this is the meaning of inflation - and, because of tax being applied as a percent of the real estate price, this will automatically result in an increase in the tax amount for the individual.

If, by any chance, inflation in real estate is significantly lower than the general inflation, and for a significant time, a percent-wise increase in the tax can be justified - but only on a strictly temporary basis - with the note that when the real estate prices catch up, such percentwise increase will be reversed. Otherwise, the individual will suffer a double tax-increase - one because of the percent-wise increase, and the other because of inflation.

Thank you.



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First name (required) Evangeline

Last name (required) M

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Tax increase

Date of meeting Nov 10, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Do not use the tax increase to raise salaries for council and mayor.



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First name (required)	Devon
Last name (required)	Guzzi
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Taxes
Date of meeting	Nov 11, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Don't feel pressured when raising the taxes, as we already have one of the lowest tax rates in Canada.
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First name (required) Richard

Last name (required) Coyle

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Taxation and expenditure

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

You're claiming reduced taxation rates in 2022 when what the truth is the increase is not as large as previously approved. Council continues to seek cost savings from Police and Fire Coverage. Calgary Public School Board offices and processes need to be reviewed with a lean approach to remove waste and ensure that funding is going to the children's education and not administrative processes and lavish office space. School board administrators salaries and expenses, and office lease space and terms all require critical review to reduce non-value added costs



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First name (required) Katharine

Last name (required) Heimbigner-Tenor

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) City of Calgary 2022 Budget - Erosion of public services

Date of meeting Nov 22, 2021

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Speaking on behalf of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good. The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is a non-partisan and non-profit alliance of congregations, unions, school and community groups in Calgary representing more than 35,000 people. These organizations came together to form the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good in order to organize the power of our communities to shape a just and compassionate city. <https://www.calgarycommongood.org>



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First name (required) Elmita

Last name (required) Lobo

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) No more tax hikes please!

Date of meeting Nov 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Raising taxes in this economy is completely unacceptable. No...full stop.



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First name (required)	Ed
Last name (required)	Ajram
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	No more increase to taxes, we can't afford to live anymore.
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	No to increase taxes. No to climate emergency



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First name (required)	Nisha
Last name (required)	John
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Affordable housing

Date of meeting

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As a young adult residing in Calgary, affordable housing is the number one thing on my mind as well as my friends' minds. Young adults want to live in Calgary and invest in housing but we can't do so as housing and living costs continue to rise. Investing into affordable housing options and trying to reduce urban sprawl in Calgary are of utmost importance. We need to invest in this now, and need to prioritize this. Housing is a public health issue, and investing into it helps everyone: reducing poverty, homelessness, improving mental health and quality of life. We can build a better Calgary by providing means for people to live here.



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First name (required) Christopher

Last name (required) Gordon

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) City of Calgary budget planning and adjustments

Date of meeting Nov 22, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Snow and Ice Clearing (SNIC) is very important to me. As a person with sight loss who walks a lot, having clear, walkable sidewalks is just as important to me as clear roads are to drivers. Clear sidewalks and paths of travel include clearing the snow and ice where a sidewalk meets a back lane, and where sidewalks meet the road at intersections. Too often, a sidewalk will be mostly clear of snow and ice until I come up to a back lane, which no one seems to take responsibility to clear, leaving an often slippery, dangerous space for me to traverse to get to the sidewalk on the other side of the lane. When city crews, or city contractors plow streets, there is often a windrow left on the corners of intersections. The windrow left behind is an obstacle for all pedestrians, some of whom have mobility or balance issues. The windrows create an even bigger, more dangerous obstruction for users of wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and people pushing strollers or pulling personal grocery baskets on wheels. Drivers in Calgary would never tolerate large windrows being left in the middle of a road or in the middle of an intersection, which is why the city does a very good job of clearing roads. I urge all Councillors to remember that many tax-paying Calgarians get around on foot or other forms of mobility devices, and we deserve clear paths of travel just as much as road users do.

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