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With all of the hundreds of incidents of police violence that have harmed countless people, we need to make sure that all citizens are safe from unlawful and brutal force, force that is most often unnecessarily used against peaceful and innocent persons. Violence from police officers does not solve any of our problems, it only exacerbates them and escalates situations. We have seen clearly that police do not treat citizens fairly and use excessive force when it is not needed, injuring and killing people. This has led to more violence overall, as we can see with the rise of shootings, as well as a distrust of the police force. When the police set the example of unethical violence, it leads people to act similarly or act out of defense and feeling unsafe. Nothing good comes of this, only harm. We all deserve to feel safe in our city. There are many constructive projects to fund instead that would support safety, health, equality, education.