

Miller, Kylissa

From: Robert Murray
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:48 PM
To: County Council
Cc: Charlie Williams; Pat Goodwin; Jim Hunter
Subject: Question for Count Council

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Given that you have had a month to digest the information that Lisa presented at the last meeting, have you formed a committee to formulate plans to move forward with programs to benefit those among us with the most needs? If not, when do you plan to do so?

Bob Murray
Executive Director, Taxpayers Association of Vigo County
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Office email: taxtopics@taxtopics.org

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Miller, Kylissa

From: Jana's Mail [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:16 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public Comment

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Hello, I have a public comment for the for Vigo County Council meeting tomorrow afternoon.

I have heard that there is money sitting in our coffers that is earmarked for help with social issues in our community. As a former social worker for the Department of Child Services, I can assure you that the social issues in our community DO exist. Why are these moneys not being given to agencies working to solve these problems?

Janet Wall-Myers
529 S 17th St,
Terre Haute, IN
47807

[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Jim Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] County Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Question for Count Council

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Excellent questions!

On Monday, June 8, 2020 Robert Murray [REDACTED] wrote:

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Bob Murray
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Miller, Kylissa

From: Kit Gambill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:27 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public Comment: Use of LIT funds for public safety

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It has recently come to my attention that the county is likely to develop a surplus as a result of the Public Safety Local Income Tax. As a resident and taxpayer in Vigo County, I ask that you please use these funds to reinvest in our community through mental health treatment programs, social services for those experiencing addiction and substance abuse, and those experiencing homelessness. These issues are directly related to public safety. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and investing in these programs is just such prevention.

Kit Gambill
1601 S. 6th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Miller, Kylissa

From: Donna Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Miller, Kylissa
Subject: Public Comment Tues. June 9, 2020

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Kylissa,

Please submit this question during public comment and thank you for all of your hard work. Please let me know if I haven't followed the guidelines for submission.

Q. Given the needs in our community, what do you think the best use of the extra LIT funds would be, to truly make a difference?

Donna Williams
51 E. Long Ridge Rd.

Sent from my iPhone

Miller, Kylissa

From: Donna Fullhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:12 PM
To: County Council
Subject: RE: Local Income Tax Fund

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2521 S. 11th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

[REDACTED]
Donna Fullhart

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 11:18 AM, County Council
<County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov> wrote:

Please provide your home address and a contact number.

Thank you,

Kylissa



Kylissa Miller
Council Administrator

Vigo County Council
127 Oak Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Off: (812) 231-5638
kylissa.miller@vigocounty.in.gov
www.vigocounty.in.gov

From: Donna Fullhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:02 PM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Local Income Tax Fund

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We have an issue with homeless youth. We need a day shelter that is equipped to handle their needs. There needs to be charging stations, gender neutral bathrooms, laundry facilities and a resource center.

When teens are homeless they couch surf from place to place, if they don't have safe places to spend their time they discover that the people willing to open their doors to them are usually the ones most likely to use or abuse them.

Donna Fullhart

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From: Joseph Lane [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:01 PM
To: County Council
Subject: LIT funds

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Hello. My name is Joseph Lane. I have heard we currently have a large amount of local income tax available, yet no definite plans for it's use. Right now our community is struggling in many ways. Many are in need of mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation services. Many families are dealing with homelessness and domestic violence. There are many fine local agencies that could do a lot of good with some extra funding. We need a plan for these funds. We need to be spending on helping our community and keeping our people safe. I hope to hear good news following your meeting. Thank you!

Miller, Kylissa

From: Wright, S. Beth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:17 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Re: Public Safety investments - use of funds

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908 Shady Oak Ct
Terre Haute, IN 47802
[REDACTED]

S. Beth Wright, SP
[REDACTED]

"Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a precondition for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance." --- Kofi Annan

"I do not believe that just because you're opposed to abortion, that that makes you pro-life. In fact, I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? Because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not pro-life. That's pro-birth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is." Sister Joan Chittister

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Kylissa

From: Wright, S. Beth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:44 AM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Public Safety investments - use of funds

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County Council - Please share publicly your plan for spending public safety funds on care, not cages, to make our community safer for everyone. These funds need to be used toward behavioral health care, drug treatment and rehabilitation, homelessness intervention, diversion programs - services that will keep people out of jail.

Thank you,

S. Beth Wright, SP

[REDACTED]

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From: Christine Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:59 AM
To: County Council
Subject: LIT Comments for June 9th, 2020 Meeting

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Dear Council,

With the recent increase in our Local Income Tax, Vigo County has become one of the highest-taxed counties in Indiana. When we recently contemplated a move to Illinois, relatives were alarmed that we might move to such a high-tax state. They were surprised to hear, then, that Indiana's taxes along with our local Vigo County taxes are the same rate as the community we were considering in Illinois.

The taxes are high, especially for such an impoverished community. We are now hearing that there is a large amount of money, collected from our citizens, with NO PLAN. Please, if we are going to be taxed at such a high rate, let's make this money amount to something! Please consider the ways that this money can be used to bolster those most in need in our county and offer a hand up to citizens. We need to use this money to become a model for other communities in Indiana, particularly in mental health services, drug rehabilitation, and services for the homeless. We need a PLAN for these tax dollars.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Taylor
111 Gardendale Road
Terre Haute, IN 47803
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Anne Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:56 AM
To: County Council
Subject: Council Meeting Comments (June 9, 2020 Meeting)

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Dear Vigo County Council Members:

As a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana, I know firsthand how many needs our city and county have. From a lack of drug treatment and rehabilitation programs to how many people struggle with homelessness in our communities, you as our leaders need to do more. It is shameful that the Vigo County Council has a surplus of funds not being used to better our county and assist residents in need. Use the millions of dollars in surplus for public safety.

I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility and the utility of a rainy day fund. However: the needs of our county require funded intervention. Use your power to do something positive with those funds. Willfully letting them sit there ignores (and indeed, worsens!) the dire situations many Vigo County residents face. Dire situations, might I add, that could be addressed by adequately funding important social service programs that better the county for everyone.

Do your jobs. Use your surplus funds to improve this county. Your constituents are watching.

Sincerely,
Anne Johnson
2126 College Avenue
Terre Haute, Indiana 47803

Miller, Kylissa

From: Emma Crossen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:09 AM
To: County Council
Cc: Miller, Kylissa
Subject: Public Comment June 9 2020

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County Council,

I urge you to hear the people of this community who are poring into the streets, begging you to invest in true public safety instead of funding the punitive policing and incarceration that ruin lives and make our community less safe.

Please do your job and make a plan to spend Vigo County's growing public safety LIT funds on care, not cages, to invest in more mental health services, drug treatment and rehabilitation, and other programs that will make our communities safer, healthier, and more prosperous.

Respectfully,

Emma Crossen // 2151 Crawford Street, Terre Haute, IN 47803
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Margaret Roby [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:19 AM
To: County Council
Subject: untapped LIT funds

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Dear Council Members,

I encourage development of a plan to use untapped LIT funds for preventive measures that will reduce incarceration rates and contribute to keeping the public safe. Specifically, can the funds be used to address problems of homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health?

Margaret Roby
699 Hollowbrook Ct, Terre Haute, IN 47803
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Nathan Royce [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:40 AM
To: County Council
Subject: Public Care

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Hello County Council,

Just wanted to comment on the events unfolding around our country and hope that you all will take a look at what is not only being done to further civil rights of people of color in other communities but also look at the inequity of our own neighborhoods. I do not know in my mind what exactly needs to happen, however there are a lot of great people, some I am happy to know personally, that are trying to give examples and make clear what they want to see done. I support these people and hope that you will see and hear what they have to say and put to action plans that can only make our county and Terre Haute "A Level Above" as we say we are.

Nathan Royce
2512 N 13th ½ St
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Tina Simons [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:44 AM
To: County Council
Subject: Council Meeting Comment

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Dear Vigo County Council,

My name is Tina Simons. I am writing this email in place of being in person at your meeting to beg you to prioritize investing our tax dollars directly in the people of our county. We need it desperately.

On March 25 of this year, I founded Vigo County Mutual Aid. I started this group to create a central place where our residents could ask for and offer support to each other during the COVID-19 crisis. I foresaw there being a great need here as people lost their jobs and income. Since then, over 200 people have requested help by completing a form. Approximately 90% of the requests for help have been related to immediate food needs. I've spoken to every single one of them, and their stories are heartbreaking. I have talked to countless families who have not eaten for multiple days. I have cried with mothers who do not have food for their children's dinner that same night. I have worked with families who do not have a stove or microwave to cook the food they receive from Catholic Charities. Many people have expressed shame and guilt for having to ask for help, and almost every person has said they are scared and don't know what to do next. I wish I could tell them that it is going to be okay, that their babies will be fed and safe, that they're community is with them. I can't honestly tell them this. It's not okay, their babies are not safe, and their community is failing them.

According to the US Census Bureau 2018 data, the rate of poverty in Terre Haute is 25.6 percent. That is 1/4 of our residents. The national average is 11.8 percent. Our residents experience substantially higher rates of poverty than the rest of the nation. We are doing something wrong. While I don't have access to data on how poverty or food insecurity has increased this year due to the pandemic, I guarantee it is worse than ever. I am seeing the terrible consequences every day in Vigo County Mutual Aid. What are we doing about this? I will continue to fight for people's basic needs to be met through VCMA. But as a Master of Social Work student, I am learning that individual advocacy must be met by legislative action in order to be effective. We NEED our local government to support the wellness of our community through legislation and funds. It is the only way our county can effectively aid those who are most vulnerable here.

In addition to poverty, we must also act to address racism and disproportionality in the treatment of our Black community members (if you have not already done so, PLEASE take time to watch the videos of the Community Talk Back event that took place last Thursday, where our Black brothers and sisters shared their experiences of racism in this county - they can be found on the Wabash Valley in Solidarity Facebook page). We must act to enhance mental health and create resources for individuals facing addiction and trauma. Poverty, racism, mental health, and addiction are SYSTEMIC issues that require systemic solutions. There is only so much individuals and agencies can do to address these; we absolutely need legislative action and funding to address the broken systems we have here. It is the only way we will see systemic change that is so needed in our county.

Please be the change we need by funding programs that will contribute to growth, not oppression. Please spend our tax dollars like our residents' lives depend on it - because they do. Please invest in eliminating oppression in our county not by contributing to the currently broken systems, but by investing in the wellness of our most vulnerable people - those in poverty, those who experience the consequences of racism every single day, and those who face mental health impacts. This is how we change Vigo County for the better.

Sincerely,

Tina Simons
MSW '21, Indiana State University
Vigo County Mutual Aid Founder

1303 S Center Street
Terre Haute, IN 47802

[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Andreas Kummerow [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:56 AM
To: County Council
Subject: Public Comment for 6-9-20 County Council Meeting

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The following is intended for the public comment portion of the 6-9-20 County Council meeting.

The increase in the local income tax (LIT) which was passed by the county council two years ago has steadily been accumulating funds. It has been reported that there will be a \$28 million surplus over the first 6 years it is collected and 2 of those 6 years have already passed. There was certainly a great deal of controversy when this tax was passed and 4 of you were present and supported the tax when it was passed by the council. Based on the analysis presented by Councilwoman Spence Bunnett, it appears that there is a significant portion of these taxes that are being collected without a specific plan for what to do with them. By the end of 2020 it appears that there will be \$4 million dollars sitting in the Public Safety portion of the LIT without any specific expenses. My question to you, and in particular to those of you who voted for this tax increase, can these funds be directed towards programs such as recovery, homelessness, or mental illness which will reduce incarceration rates, and do you specifically support the use of a significant portion of these funds for these purposes?

Andre Kummerow
2129 North 11th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47804
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:20 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Question regarding local income tax

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Good afternoon,

I would please like to know more about the county's plan(s) to spend the surplus local income tax dollars. Given today's political climate, a robust and transparent plan is extremely warranted.

Thank you,

Stephanie Poland
3100 Ohio Blvd. TH, IN 47803

Sent from my iPhone

Miller, Kylissa

From: Lisa Baer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:14 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Tax surplus in the Public Safety Local Income Tax (LIT)

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To the County Council:

As Lisa Spence-Bennett stated in her June 5th article in the Tribune Star:

*“Our problem-solving courts are some of the finest assets in our local criminal justice system. These entities in particular must report activities and results; this means that they have **data to show whether they are meeting their goals**. This aspect — showing that goals are being met — is important to me, and to taxpayers: we can tell whether or not people are being helped, and how many. We can understand whether programs are working or not. And we can change direction if they are not.”*

I agree that decisions made with regard to the tax surplus in the Public Safety Local Income Tax (LIT) should be evidence-based.

Respectfully,
Lisa Baer
10 Ft. Harrison Pkwy, Terre Haute
[REDACTED]

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From: Andy Howard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:43 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Surplus LIT funds

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I read with interest the Tribune Star commentary on the surplus LIT funds. It is important that the council put these funds to good use on services such as mental health care, drug treatment and rehabilitation, and homelessness intervention and diversion programs, and not just more incarceration programs that do nothing to address the underlying issues in our community. What is the council's plans for these LIT funds?

Andy

Miller, Kylissa

From: Dominique Morefield [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:00 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care Not Cages

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Hello County Council,

My name is Dominique Morefield and I would like to advocate as a Terre Haute citizen and native, for the use of our public safety dollars to go toward programs to keep people out of jail.

Among these programs are mental health services, drug rehabilitation, diversion, and homelessness intervention. I believe our public safety dollars would do more good for the community if used to help those in need, rather than locking them up.

I believe in care, not cages.

Thank you,

Dominique Morefield
714 S. 8th st, 47807
You may reach me by email at [REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Ralph Leck [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:24 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Council Question: Human Rights Violations and Institutional Racism

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Would each of the Council persons answer the following question:

The Co. Council has an opportunity to invest in the future of our community by reducing our bloated rate of incarceration. Our new MEGA-jail will hold about 500 inmates, and our county population is roughly 100,000 residents. By comparison, many countries have an incarceration rate of 60 people per 100,000. Our rate is roughly 8 times higher! This is a costly embarrassment and an insult to international standards of human rights. Prisons, however, are also our nation's most pervasive example of institutional racism. The African-American rate of incarceration in the Vigo Co. Jail, for example, is routinely 3 times higher than their percentage of the population.

Will you, Council persons, reverse our legacy of incarceration and institutional racism by devoting any additional monies made available to the Council to programs that reduce incarceration rates?

Ralph Leck
725 Maple Ave
TH, 47804

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From: Collin James [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:29 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care Not Cages

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Hello County Council,

My name is Collin James and I would like to advocate as a Terre Haute citizen and native, for the use of our public safety dollars to go toward programs to keep people out of jail.

Among these programs are mental health services, drug rehabilitation, diversion, and homelessness intervention. I believe our public safety dollars would do more good for the community if used to help those in need, rather than locking them up.

I believe in care, not cages.

Thank you,

Collin James
1401 Bolton Rd, 47885
You may reach me at [REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Tea Homemaker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:32 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public Safety Funds

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My name is Tisha Cox. I live at 1044 Edgebrook Ave, Terre Haute, IN. 47804

I am writing today to ask The Vigo County Council to make use of the public safety funds for their intended purpose. Our community deserves to have these funds invested into it. Through mental health care, drug treatment and rehabilitation, affordable housing, education, and diversion programs, our community will become a safer place and less people will end up in jail/prison. I would like to see these funds used specifically in the areas most vulnerable, those greatly affected by poverty. It should be our goal as a society to use jailing as a last resort, and instead help people through public programs, which can rehabilitate and heal community members, allowing them to lead productive, enriched lives.

Thank you.

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From: Katie Niehus [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:38 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care Not Cages

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Hello County Council,

My name is Katie Niehus and I would like to advocate as a citizen and graduate student in Terre Haute, for the use of our public safety dollars to go toward programs to keep people out of jail.

Among these programs are mental health services, drug rehabilitation, diversion, and homelessness intervention. I would particularly like to stress the need for programs in mental health services. I have worked as a therapist in Terre Haute for 3 years and can personally attest to the fact that several members of our community who are most in-need are not aware of the mental health resources that are already available. I believe if more money went into outreach in our at-risk community, people would seek the mental health care they need. I believe our public safety dollars would do more good for the community to help those in need, rather than locking them up.

I believe in care, not cages.

Thank you,

Katie Niehus
550 Antioch Circle West.,
Terre Haute, IN 47803

You can reach me through email at [REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Martland, Sam [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:45 PM
To: County Council
Subject: RE: Care not cages

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Sure!

2708 Crawford St.
Terre Haute, IN 47803
[REDACTED]

Thank you Kylissa.

Samuel J. Martland

From: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Martland, Sam [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Care not cages

Please provide your home address and a contact number.

Kylissa

From: Martland, Sam [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:39 PM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Care not cages

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Dear County Councilors,

Please move quickly to appropriate the millions of dollars accumulated from the public safety income tax to pay to expand mental health care, help people with drug additions, get homeless people into homes, and get low-level offenders out of the path to prison and onto a path to rehabilitation. We don't need more policing right now; we need less crime and less human suffering. Reduce interactions between addicts and mentally ill citizens and the police; it will help all those groups. Invest in community services that will help keep us all safer, instead of spending more money reacting to crime.

In addition, if revenue shortfalls force the county to cut its budget in the coming months or years, please cut at least the same proportion from the law enforcement budget as from the rest of the budget. Our county needs county services for people – public health, parks and recreation, roads all keep us safer and all help citizens to live crime-free lives.

Samuel J. Martland
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Miller, Kylissa

From: Claire Craigmyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:49 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Re: Care Not Cages

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My home address is 2743 College Ave and my phone number is [REDACTED] Also I should clarify that my legal name is Olivia Craigmyle but everyone calls me Claire.

Thank you

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 2:47 PM County Council <County.Council@vigocounty.in.gov> wrote:

Please provide your home address and a contact number.

Thank you,

Kylissa

From: Claire Craigmyle [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:46 PM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Care Not Cages

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Hello,

My name is Claire Craigmyle and I am a life-long resident of Terre Haute. I am emailing you because I want to encourage you to consider using the funds discussed today for programs that will help keep people out of jail.

A lot of crime sprouts from needs not being met. I think the money would fight crime better if it went to actually meeting the needs of our community. I hope you will think about putting the funds into drug rehabilitation, mental health services, and homelessness intervention.

I urge you to invest in care, not cages

Thank you,

Claire

You can reach me by this email 

Miller, Kylissa

From: Jessica Fox [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Miller, Kylissa
Subject: Re: Care not cages

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[REDACTED]

2257 5th Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020, 2:52 PM Miller, Kylissa <Kylissa.Miller@vigocounty.in.gov> wrote:

Please provide your home address and contact number.

Thank you,

Kylissa

From: Jessica Fox [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:46 PM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Care not cages

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To the council of Vigo County

My name is Jessica Fox and I would like to urge you instead of implementing our public safety dollars to go towards arresting our citizens, to redirect these funds into preventative programs. Such as drug rehabilitation, mental health services, services for the homeless, and other examples of care. I believe in care not cages.

Miller, Kylissa

From: Brittany Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:13 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public Safety Funds

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Vigo County Council,

As a resident of this community I would like to voice my concern about public safety funds and their intended use.

It would seem to me that it was much more beneficial to use a portion of these funds towards more treatment support programs for those afflicted with addiction diseases. I believe our first approach should always be treatment as opposed to punishment in these cases, and especially when so many of these non-violent drug cases directly and disproportionately affect our black community. Secondly, I also ask that you move for more of our public safety funds to be used directly with helping our homeless communities throughout the county. Lastly, our community has a direct need for more mental health support and easier access to such. Allowing for more mental health support would have a significant positive effect on a community who feel as though options and programs for assistance are limited.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider these ideas for our public safety funds.

Brittany Hall
[REDACTED]

814 Lincoln Street Apt 1
Terre Haute, Indiana 47802
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Julie Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:24 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care not Cages

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Good afternoon County Council,

My name is Julie Campbell-Miller and I have been a vigo county resident since 2011. I am writing to show my support and advocacy for using public safety dollars toward programs to keep people out of jail. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Indiana and have provided mental health and behavioral health care for individuals over the last 4 years. I have experience working with individuals through recovery programs to support sobriety from substances and to recover from mental health related issues.

I would like to encourage you all to research the benefits of such programs throughout the state of Indiana and throughout our country. I would also like to encourage you all to research the impact trauma and various mental health issues have on decision making. If citizens can receive proper care before, during and after their involvement with the legal system, we will see a decline in incarcerated people. Among these programs are mental health services, drug rehabilitation, diversion and homelessness intervention. Please consider investing public safety dollars to the citizens of vigo county.

Furthermore, I would like to advocate for providing face guards/masks to individuals who are currently incarcerated along with proper sanitizing stations and properly sanitized "Cells".

I believe in care, not cages.

Thank you,

Julie Campbell-Miller, LCSW

Miller, Kylissa

From: Sapphire Gardocki [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:24 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Re: Care Not Cages

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[REDACTED]
1746 Cobblestoneway South
Terre Haute IN 47802

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020, 4:00 PM County Council <County.Council@vigocounty.in.gov> wrote:

Please provide your home address and contact number.

Thank you,

Kylissa

From: Sapphire Gardocki [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:28 PM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Care Not Cages

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To whomever it may concern,

My name is Danielle Gardocki, and I am a citizen of Terre Haute. I was born and raised in this community and wish better for it. The following are my recommendations as a citizen who witnesses the struggles of our people firsthand.

The public safety dollars that my and my fellow citizens provide to this council for distribution should be better allocated in order to actually help our community. We need mental health programs, drug rehabilitation programs, and homelessness intervention programs in order to address the roots of the problems our community is facing.

With these programs in place I'm certain we will all see the positive impacts on our community almost immediately. Thank you for your time.

-A concerned citizen

Danielle Gardocki

Miller, Kylissa

From: Isaac Wonderlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:34 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care Not Cages

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Hello!

My name is Isaac Wonderlin, I live at 720 Walnut St, Terre Haute, IN 47807 and you can reach me at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am emailing about the surplus in tax dollars we will have in the coming years and how I think it would be appropriate to spend this money on ways to keep people out of Jail instead of keeping them in it. We should be spending this money on rehabilitation facilities, mental health clinics, and to address the homeless in our county. Instead of locking people up, let's treat these issues at their roots. We cannot hope to make our city safer unless we make mental health services available to all citizens.

Furthermore, it's important that we work to rehab those in our county that have become addicted to drugs. Our country is suffering from opioid addiction, and we must provide facilities where people can recover. Throwing someone in jail is no more than an extended bought in time out. It does nothing to address their addiction, or help them to recover from it. We must invest in rehabilitation facilities in Terre Haute Indiana in order to serve the public and not punish them.

Thank you for your time,

Isaac Wonderlin

Miller, Kylissa

From: Stephanie Percy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:08 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Re: Public Safety Spending

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Stephanie Percy
2169 Stonecreek Ln
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Jun 9, 2020, 4:01 PM County Council <County.Council@vigocounty.in.gov> wrote:

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Thank you,

Kylissa

From: Stephanie Percy [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:36 PM
To: County Council <County.Council@VigoCounty.IN.Gov>
Subject: Public Safety Spending

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County Council,

What's your plan for spending public safety funds on care, not cages, to make our community safer for everyone? We need to take a more proactive stance on public safety to better serve our community.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Percy

Miller, Kylissa

From: Shay Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:43 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public safety funds

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Dear Vigo County Council,

What's your plan for spending public safety funds? Spending money on community support resources, such as mental health care, drug treatment and rehabilitation, homelessness intervention, and diversion programs, will help make our community safer for everyone. Jails do not make us safe. Use our public safety dollars on care, not cages.

Sincerely,
Shay Phillips
2626 Park St.
Terre Haute, IN 47803
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Uzziah Hutchinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:53 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care not Cages

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Good evening County Council,

My name is Uzziah Hutchinson, and I would like to petition that our public safety dollars go towards programs that help keep the people of Terre Haute out of jail.

These programs include, but are not limited to: mental health services, drug rehabilitation, homelessness intervention, and diversity. As a Terre Haute native, I believe refocusing our public safety dollars in these areas, rather than throwing people in jail, will greatly benefit our community as a whole.

Actually bringing effective change to our community will create job growth and make our city more attractive to people considering Terre Haute as a new home. Help us make Terre Haute a wonderful place to live by making smart choices on where and how we spend our money.

I believe in care, not cages.

Thank you for your time,

Uzziah Hutchinson
440 S. 17th Street Apt. 1
Email address: [REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Jessica Livingston [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:54 PM
To: County Council
Subject: comment for tonight's meeting

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During the discussions about building a new jail, the public was vocal about the need for more preventative measures to keep people out of jail such as drug treatment, mental health care and assistance for the homeless. I have not seen any local news articles about increased funding for such initiatives. Please direct funds for public safety investments to social services such as these and share the plan with Vigo County.

Jessica Livingston
84 Monterey Ave
Terre Haute, IN 4783

Miller, Kylissa

From: Jackie Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:57 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Care not Cages

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As a citizen of Terre Haute, I would like to see Vigo County dollars going toward mental health services, drug rehabilitation, homelessness intervention and other humanitarian needs in the county.

I would rather see people lifted up and helped back on their feet than to see them go to jail.

In many cases, I believe in "care, not cages." There are those that can profit from rehabilitation and in turn, become more productive for themselves and consequently less burden on their community.

Thank you for hearing my voice.

Jackie Mitchell
714 S. 8th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Miller, Kylissa

From: Grace [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:58 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Money for our communities

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County Council,

My name is Grace Clay and I live in Terre Haute. I have become aware of the funds you hold, literally millions, that were slated for public safety. At this time in this country it is time for leaders to change their ways that are not working and to invest in real measures that keep our communities actually safe, most especially the Black community which is the target of so many ills, like access to housing, access to mental health treatment, access to addiction recovery, a community center for the Black community, education and job training. We do not need to expand Vigo County Jail, but to examine all of the societal factors that land people there in the first place and address those needs with compassion and dignity for those being served. We demand you have a diligent and transparent conversation with those in Vigo County about what those needs are, and accountability for the use of those funds to truly keep people in Vigo County safe.

Grace Clay
1313 1/2 Wabash Ave.
Terre Haute, IN 47807
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Lain Mathers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:07 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public safety funds

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Dear Vigo County Council,

I would like to know your plan for spending our community's public safety funds. As a member of the Terre Haute community, I think these funds should go toward community resources, not jails and policing. Spending money on community support resources, such as mental health care, drug treatment and rehabilitation, homelessness intervention, and diversion programs, will help make our community safer for everyone. Also, these programs should operate in a way that does not lead to increased policing through these programs. Jails and policing do not make us safe. Use our public safety dollars on care, not cages.

Sincerely,
Lain Mathers
2626 Park St.
Terre Haute, 47803
[REDACTED]

Miller, Kylissa

From: Ana Vaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:26 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Public safety funds

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Dear County Council,

My name is Ana Vaz and I am writing to express my desire that the appropriated public safety funds be directed to humane and compassionate uses. Cages, and you will hear this many times tonight, reflect a society that is broken. Any community that must use violence to enforce what it claims to be order has strayed from its moral foundation. Investments on education, housing and food security, mental health and health services can improve the wellbeing of our community, creating a safer environment for generations to come. As elected officials you must act to correct our horrible current situation.

My address is 146 Monterey Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47803 and my phone is [REDACTED]. Feel free to contact me to further discuss my concerns.

Best regards,
Ana Vaz

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Ana Carolina Vaz
Assistant Scientist
Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science
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Miller, Kylissa

From: Paul Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:30 PM
To: County Council
Subject: Your moment

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Vigo County Council Members,

My name is Paul Christensen and I am a professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. I am writing to express my desire that the funds to be allocated at this evening's meeting, as well as the majority of future funding for public safety, be directed to humane and compassionate uses. Cages, and you will hear many times tonight, reflect a broken society unwilling to confront its shortcomings. Any community that must use violence to enforce what it claims to be order has lost its moral foundation. As elected officials you must act to correct this horrible situation. You have been given a unique moment to begin rectifying centuries of abuse and injustice. Investment in mental health services, affordable housing, health care, and numerous other programs that help provide lives of dignity and worth to Vigo residents will do so much more for the safety and well-being of our community than jails, weapons, and aggressive policing.

My address is 146 Monterey Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47803 and my phone is [REDACTED]. Feel free to contact me to further discuss my concerns.

Paul

Miller, Kylissa

From: Jessica Masterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:36 PM
To: County Council
Subject: public comment

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Hello,

My name is Jessica Masterson and I reside at 2126 College Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47803. I wish to make a public comment to the Vigo County Council regarding the use of funds for public safety. I understand that there are significant resources available to the county, and I would urge you to use these in support of programs that will improve the overall health of our community: mental health programs; drug treatment and rehabilitation programs; homelessness intervention programs; etc. Rather than bulking up police departments, which lack the sensitivity and training to adequately deal with an ever-growing majority of problems they are called to address, I suggest that you divert these funds toward community-backed organizations and programs that will substantively improve the quality of life for Vigo country residents.

Thank you,
Jessica

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Jessica E. Masterson

She/her/hers (what's this?)

[REDACTED]

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From: Chris Gambill [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:57 PM
To: County Council
Subject: LOIT Safety Tax

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Greetings Council,

I would encourage you to explore uses for this tax revenue beyond our traditional view of public safety. Our community needs to invest in rehabilitation and educational services as a priority for reducing crime and empowering the helpless/hopeless who are lacking resources to climb above their circumstances.

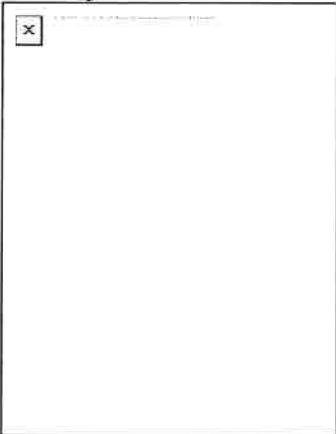
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s Gambill

Respectfully

Chri

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