

CITY OF SALINAS		
Virtual Community Meeting Chat 3-24-2021		
Time	Name	Comment
2:03:39	Michael Gonzalez:	FULLY FUND SALINAS PD DROP THIS DEFUND POLICE CRAP
2:04:45	Jason Pineda:	i cant hear..are they speaking?
2:05:14	Staff-G#2 Note Taker Eric Sandoval:	Yes
2:05:37	Jason Pineda:	thanks fixed
2:05:40	D Gonzalez:	I can hear anything!
2:06:56	Jason Pineda:	had to check to volume control..there's a seperate slider for Zoom
2:09:38	Mitchell Huerta:	93907
2:09:45	Andrea Rocha:	93906
2:09:50	Christine Duncan:	93907
2:09:55	Sharee Armstrong:	Please show question #2 on the screen.
2:09:57	Zaira Hernandez:	93905
2:10:19	iPhone:	93907
2:10:33	JV:	93933
2:10:41	Councilmember Orlando Osornio:	93905
2:11:33	Karla Lobo:	The community
2:11:39	Mitchell Huerta:	My wife lives here
2:11:57	Michael Gonzalez:	The GREAT POLICE DEPARTMENT
2:11:58	Sharee Armstrong:	No multiple choice? :-)
2:12:24	Jason Agpaoa:	My parents immigrated here from the Philippines, and I was born here
2:14:06	Michael Gonzalez:	FULLY FUND SALINAS PD DROP THIS DEFUND POLICE CRAP
2:14:24	Israel Villa:	Refund the community!
2:14:27	Erin Peck:	After the comments earlier on facebook I see the polls are trying to cancel out those that don't live in Salinas but Salinas affects us all in Monterey County!! Many also work in Salinas and if we buy things in Salinas we pay taxes and should not be silenced!
2:15:21	Elena:	My parents immigrated here from Mexico in 1969, and became my home.
2:15:34	Michael Gonzalez:	Israel villa citizens need to invest in their own communities
2:15:56	D Gonzalez:	Take that inflated police budget and use it to fix the sidewalks streets and also build a pedestrian crossing bridge at Alvarez High School, before the Covid the traffic is bad! once this pandemic is over the traffic at Alvarez is going to be bad! we need that pedestrian crossing bridge!
2:16:07	Jason Pineda:	Michael Gonzales exactly, their communitites not the police
2:16:10	Noemi (she/her):	fund the schools!!!!
2:16:20	Nancy Chavira:	^
2:17:00	Jason Pineda:	fund their communities not fund the police

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2:17:52	Christine Duncan:	We also need to be safe and cannot be without a fully funded police department. Police not only enforce law but act as first responders wearing quasi social work hats. Never recognized.
2:18:10	Charlene Blackwell:	^yes
2:18:31	F. A.:	Those jobs should go to actual social workers who are trained in dealing with specific human crises.
2:18:56	diego puga:	provide money for our communities , if the money is going to be funded towards police , at least train them properly. give them the proper training and provide the proper requirements to handle situations safely and efficiently. so much hatred rooted in our system and within our PD
2:19:03	Mamie Robinson:	We need to invest in our youth and offer more enrichment programs to them.
2:19:08	Christine Duncan:	Agree and that is why more recognition and funding for multi layered role of police is recognized.
2:19:29	Roberto Mendoza:	I agree with diego🙏
2:19:31	Melanie:	many friends, family members and business owners want and need our Police!
2:19:52	Elena:	We also need to be safe, the police department needs their full budget.
2:21:01	diego puga:	we need to provide the money to our youth , so many individuals going with out the correct utensils and technology
2:21:46	Becky:	Yes we need accessibility to wifi (aka education and Information) for all - not just those in certain zip codes.
2:21:47	Ela Godoy:	The presence of police actually increases the amount of violence that people are subjected to; especially people of color. We talk about Salinas as a whole as if the east side of Salinas is not completely different from the South side. These conversations need to be addressed. Especially since there is the misconception that police help communities to keep them safe.
2:21:51	Jason Agpaoa:	Ethnic Studies should be incorporated into all aspects mentioned in the chat! Police officers need Ethnic Studies training!! Schools need Ethnic Studies curriculum!!
2:22:04	Daniel:	our safety does not simply depend on a fully funded police budget
2:22:09	D Gonzalez:	we need honest cops not corrupt ones we need Frank Serpico in the force! I am already supporting law enforcement with my tax dollars! I don't support the Blue Lives Matter bandwagon! sorry not sorry!
2:22:14	Jason Pineda:	if people don't want the police they shouldn't have to have them. its democracy. love it or leave it
2:22:19	JV:	@Erin - yes! the city of Salinas does not exist in isolation.
2:22:22	F. A.:	Well said @Ela Godoy

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2:22:49	TechShop Member:	Crime is down, streets are peaceful thanks to police. Don't "reorganize" the budget, don't defund the police! Learn from Seattle, learn from Portland. WE DON'T NEED THAT HAPPENING HERE!!!!
2:23:01	diego puga:	we need to focus on the education of future
2:23:19	diego puga:	crime is down cause we're in a pandemic, ain't nobody going outside
2:23:23	F. A.:	I learn that those cities also have a lot of people power <3 you're so right!!
2:23:25	Becky:	Exactly. I live in the South Side, grew up in the North, and my parents grew up in the East. The dialogue is loaded with innuendoes. And it's frustrating for those of us who love all of Salinas.
2:23:27	Melanie:	agree with TechShop. learn from Portland, Seattle and Minneapolis!!
2:23:27	diego puga:	🤔🤔🤔
2:23:29	Shawna McNutt:	Check out the data - in cities that de-funded police, they are seeing large percentage increase in homicides, shootings, gang activity
2:23:55	Amanda Gonzales:	Fund our communities not the police. We need better invested programs for Individuals and families. We need equitable housing for ALL. As a teacher making a decent salary- I can't even afford to live here. That's a big problem. In my neighborhood there are five families to a home. Our youth and families deserve so much better.
2:24:02	Juana:	Youth are our future and we must invest into their success
2:24:26	Blanca:	The Youth is our future, giving them what they need for education should be a priority. Many student homes don't have the technology needed to school.
2:24:38	diego puga:	so much money being used in unnecessary technology for our police youth that are falling behind ,
2:24:59	Alex :	We need more public works funding. Our roads are deteriorating
2:25:00	Erin Peck:	How many personnel work for the city? And how many live in the same city?
2:25:01	TechShop Member:	Education starts in the home
2:25:09	Juan Peres:	Hi 😊
2:25:21	Shawna McNutt:	We already spend so much on education and the public education system is failing. How much money is it going to take?
2:25:31	F. A.:	Huh??? Lmao
2:25:33	diego puga:	education starts at home and is continued through out in our schools
2:25:37	Daniel:	education also continues out in the world. does not just start and end at home
2:25:44	diego puga:	exactly daniel !
2:25:47	Amanda Gonzales:	We don't spend money on education compared to police 🤔🤔🤔
2:26:10	Vanessa Robinson:	The city spends NO money on education.
2:26:12	Staff-G#5 Facilitator – Jose Arreola:	Please put your questions in the chat.

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2:26:19	Becky:	We are not a large urban center. Why are you comparing us to large cities.
2:26:21	TechShop Member:	Get to know your officers. I did, they are human.
2:26:33	F. A.:	We spend so much on the police and there is still crime. hOw much is it going to take???
2:26:34	Daniel:	I don't want officers' Starbucks to be in the budget
2:26:35	diego puga:	clearly it was not started in your home tech shop, check your grammar
2:26:40	Blanca:	Education fund> police fund.
2:26:40	Zaira Hernandez:	If the education system is failing then maybe take a look at the problem of the system instead of thinking that taking away funds will fix it
2:26:41	Melanie:	Does education funding come from the state and not city?
2:26:57	Becky:	Exactly. Funding Schools reduces crime. Look up that data!
2:27:12	Vanessa Robinson:	Yes education funding comes from the state.
2:27:15	Jason Pineda:	probably both Melanie also other places
2:27:16	Sue:	Schools in Salinas are receiving so much money from all the new grants. Check it out. You need to check out the revenue for schools before making comments that are not true.
2:27:27	Vanessa Robinson:	Does that absorb the community in investing in supplemental supports?
2:27:39	Yolly:	Nobody said officers aren't human. The problem is they treat some of us like we aren't humans depending on what side of town we live in.
2:27:51	diego puga:	exactly yolly!
2:27:52	Becky:	It is true that funding education reduces crime. Regardless of where money comes from.
2:27:57	Blanca:	Agreeing with Yolly!!!!
2:27:57	Jason Pineda:	sue you are not a moderator
2:27:59	Iris Rivas:	I would like to make a public comment
2:28:00	Lolita Murillo:	continue funding our police department
2:28:14	Alejandro:	Education starts in the home? Say that to poor living conditions. Not everyone has the same privileges @TechShop
2:28:30	TechShop Member:	Obviously the police budget would be larger, they have more staff, duh
2:28:38	Becky:	Exactly. How can you have home school w out a computer or wifi.
2:28:48	Amanda Gonzales:	Thank you Becky! Also look at the data for Stockton CA and the initiatives they're doing. Crime is down 41%... and not because of the police department
2:28:50	Maribel Gutierrez:	We need to fund more money into helping youth succeed in education they are the future of Salinas invest in the streets they walk on in order to get to school invest in transportation students use in order to get to school invest in wifi and internet students need in order to succeed during these hard times for their education

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2:29:00	Blanca:	There are more students than staff members :)
2:50:27	Iris Rivas:	Ready...
2:51:26	Maria Carmen:	buenas tardes! invertir en espacios para más educación temprana!
2:51:31	Jason Pineda:	I wanted to make a comment in the breakout #1: The most important issue the city needs to work on is improving the economic lives of everyday people.
2:51:52	Jason Pineda:	economic opportunities
2:52:45	Maria Carmen:	Más recursos y programas para jóvenes! currículos de sanacion cultural
2:52:51	Cesar Lara:	'defund the police' — and why it doesn't mean 'no police'.
2:52:53	Cesar Lara:	https://www.marketwatch.com/story/john-oliver-explains-defund-the-police-and-why-it-doesnt-mean-no-police-2020-06-08
2:53:25	Erin Peck:	Hi second that Jason. The City of Salinas employees seem to be just fine. The money needs to go back into the residents of Salinas!! Not into salary increases or personnel other than employing people that need it like homeless residents!!
2:53:27	F. A.:	Allocating more money for other important things in our city does not mean there won't be a police dept anymore. Idk where this correlation is coming from
2:53:45	Julian Olson:	^
2:53:50	Christine Duncan:	Defund the police?? Then what??Lawlessness.
2:54:03	Alex :	Salinas public roads need repair.
2:54:03	F. A.:	Literally, by definition, no
2:54:11	Vanessa Robinson:	^^
2:54:15	Maria Carmen:	Early childhood education and parents leadership
2:54:17	Hector Juarez-Vargas:	"Lawlessness" please, stop fear mongering
2:54:22	Vanessa Robinson:	Thank you @F.A.
2:54:33	Erin Peck:	East side needs street lights and paint on the road also!!
2:54:33	Sue:	We Salinas residents need to improve our city and not always expect others to fix it. We need to find a way to fix it ourselves. If we want a beautiful city, we should create one. Why do residents always assume it is someone else's job to creat the city we want. If we want less violence, less trash, more beautiful parks then band together to make this happen. Quit the blame game and help the city and departments make it what you want.
2:54:57	F. A.:	That is exactly what we are doing :) great idea
2:55:03	Vanessa Robinson:	@Sue residents create the government, therefore, why we are here
2:55:16	Vanessa Robinson:	2nd @F.A.
2:55:21	Erin Peck:	The city holds the funding the money should be for the community. No one is blaming anyone for anything.??

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2:55:27	Chelsea:	Didn't have a chance to share, but want to reiterate what so many are saying. Improving Salinas looks like investing more directly into the people not just police officers. As far as education being state funded, cities can still fund childcare programs, after school, recreation, tutoring to supplement our schools. When we OVER fund police, we do not put those badly needed resources into food, housing, and childcare. When 45% of budget is eaten up by reactionary policing, we aren't doing anything to PREVENT safety issues. Invest directly in communities with highest needs.
2:55:37	Amanda Gonzales:	We do and we are banding together to clean our parks.
2:55:39	Andrea Rocha:	@sue citizens pay taxes that hopefully go towards community investment and improvement
2:55:50	Iupita:	Economical opportunities, school counselors instead of POs, affordable housing, homelessness advocacy, youth academic resources, programs that help the youth not fall into crime. We can make this city the best city if we have advocacy to the community, the public. There are countless community members trying to make this possible. Please help us help you
2:55:53	Vanessa Robinson:	2nd @Andrea
2:56:05	Omar:	Fund the Alisal vibrancy plan and the parks and rec master plan. Di-vest from the police department reinvest it in the these plans
2:56:32	Vanessa Robinson:	A, C, & E
2:56:47	D Gonzalez:	once again, we need our sidewalks fixed in North Salinas neighborhoods of Village Heights and Santa Lucia Heights wheelchair ramps on the corner streets and also a pedestrian crossing bridge at Alvarez High School
2:56:55	Jason Pineda:	its more than one sadly
2:56:56	Drea and Dani:	I agree
2:56:57	Cesar Lara:	@Omar - Your right
2:56:59	Aquontis Garlington, REALTOR®:	Unfortunately, people incite fear around defunding the police because people think it means no police, which in so many situation it has been explained that this doesn't mean no police. People tend to fear change, even when it can improve our lives as a whole.
2:57:02	andres canseco:	i would like if you can please allocate more funds to fix our streets and sideiwalks. i live in south filice really need a little t if work.b
2:57:04	Marc:	Homeless problem
2:57:06	Jason Pineda:	can't just vote one..i wrote other
2:57:06	Jason Agpaoa:	Ethnic Studies Youth Programming!!

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2:57:09	Matt Huerta:	Being impactful on affordable housing means we need to align resources with what the data shows... The City has completed several important plans, especially the Salinas Valley Farmworker Housing Study Action Plan which showed addressing overcrowding by creating more housing affordable to farmworker families was the #1 goal (5,300 homes in the next 10 years). Meeting this need will relieve our underlying health conditions, improve health outcomes, and economic development by stabilizing the largest component of our workforce (1 in 4 households in Monterey Co has an ag worker). This requires much more investment than what we are doing now.
2:57:29	Sue:	I am just tired of hearing residents complain about the city and police. It's easy to blame and just complain. It takes a community to make a beautiful city so work with the departments instead of blaming them for things that go wrong.
2:57:34	Israel Villa:	They are all very relevant towards public safety.
2:57:37	Bernie Gomez:	Its a gross derelict of duty by the city to increase a budget to an entity that already takes up 45% of this funding. Especially during this pandemic while families are struggling to find financial security and housing stability
2:57:45	F. A.:	Sounds like you're the only one blaming....
2:57:59	Devon Talavera (she/her):	Where is the transparency for the police budget like there is for the city budget? As the SPD consumes almost half the total budget for the city, it is more than warranted.
2:58:08	Iris Rivas:	All can fall under.
2:58:22	Amanda Gonzales:	@Sue what are you doing then to help the most vulnerable populations in our city?
2:58:41	Emma Garcia:	Somethings to fix in the community: 1. Reinvest/Beautify North and East with more trees/roads etc. as much as the City of Salinas has invested in South Salinas. 2. Build more affordable housing through out Salinas and not just in one area (ex: we continue to build affordable housing near china town, which doesn't help family get out of property is they are surrounded by drug and violence. 3. More funding to support our mental health and our homeless population. The solutions we have now are not working. I would strongly suggest parting with agents of 831 when coming with solutions to support our homeless population. 4. Reform within SPD
2:58:42	Iris Rivas:	Salinas is in need.
2:58:50	Sue:	Heavily volunteering and making great contacts
2:58:53	Karla Lobo she/her/ella/they/them:	Echoing again defunding the police and reallocating this money to education, youth, social/emotional support, homelessness and much more. When we OVER fund police, we do not put those badly needed resources into food, housing, and childcare. When 45% of budget is eaten up by reactionary policing, we aren't doing anything to PREVENT safety issues. Invest directly in communities with highest needs.
2:58:54	TechShop Member:	PD has the most employees, of course the budget is bigger!!!

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2:59:11	Iris Rivas:	We're not trying to defund anything!
2:59:19	Iris Rivas:	dismantle...
2:59:25	Jason Pineda:	if wages were higher maybe people could help themselves
2:59:30	Iris Rivas:	is not what it's about
2:59:33	Julian Olson:	agree with Karla
2:59:44	Iris Rivas:	reallocate
3:00:00	Devon Talavera (she/her):	The cries of "Defund the Police" come from a place of deep grief in this city, and we need a considerate response from our leaders. We do not need more obstinance.
3:00:08	D Gonzalez:	@iris right!
3:00:29	Laura Galindo:	Question: when does the online survey close?
3:29:56	Laura Galindo:	when does the survey close?
3:32:16	Zaira Hernandez:	I'll add it here: CPTED should be an organization that should be involved when it comes to where funds are allocated because we are residents and youth who see city problems first hand and we will continue to see these issues as we will continue to live here and want to see these issues fixed
3:33:17	Cesar Lara:	Whats CPTED?
3:33:38	Zaira Hernandez:	Crime prevention through environmental design
3:33:52	jason butorac:	definitely focus on fixing the streets and sidewalks. I recently tripped and fell on Lincoln and broke my neck
3:33:54	Christine Duncan:	Social aspect of policing severely underestimated.
3:34:16	Gabriela Manzo:	CPTED interns with Building healthy communities :)
3:39:03	Emma Garcia:	What time are all these meetings?
3:39:12	Emma Garcia:	*those
3:39:17	Debbie Ramos:	Luxury Apartments just means super expensive, crappy apartments.
3:39:35	Staff-G#5 Facilitator – Jose Arreola:	City council meetings start at 4:00 pm.
3:39:36	Charlene Blackwell:	Yes (what time) and will there be links sent to us through email?
3:39:44	Jason Pineda:	can the city still change its vote on the police budget?
3:40:31	Staff G#6 Facilitator- Monica Gurmilan:	https://salinas.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx , for meeting times and agendas :)
3:41:15	Karla Lobo:	Echoing again defunding the police and reallocating this money to education, youth, social/emotional support, homelessness and much more. When we OVER fund police, we do not put those badly needed resources into food, housing, and childcare. When 45% of budget is eaten up by reactionary policing, we aren't doing anything to PREVENT safety issues. Invest directly in communities with highest needs.
3:41:46	Staff-G#3 Facilitator Elizabeth Soto:	City Council 4:00 p.m.; Measure E & G are both at 4:00 p.m.
3:42:16	Staff-G#5 Facilitator – Jose Arreola:	Thank you to everyone for your outstanding participation tonight!

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3:42:43	Corina De La Torre:	Salinas coalitions and orgs are requesting for an independent audit of the Salinas police department. Learn more, sign the petition and join us in solidarity for transparency and accountability of the Spd TINYURL.COM/SPDAUDIT2021
3:42:51	Omar:	Reallocate funds from the police and fund the Alisal vibrancy plan and the parks and rec master plan
3:43:07	F. A.:	I would like to see an independent audit of the police department budget
3:43:12	Jason Agpaoa:	Support Salinas AAPI Community Sunday March 28th @ 12:00pm 940 North Main Street Sherwood Gardens Rodeo Grounds #stopAAPIHate
3:43:20	Vanessa Robinson:	^^
3:43:24	Vanessa (she/her) Ortega:	thank you corina for the link
3:43:25	Corina De La Torre:	Tinyurl.com/SPDAUDIT2021
3:43:44	F. A.:	Did you just mute her?
3:44:00	Karla Lobo:	Isn't this a public forum to do so
3:44:03	F. A.:	How else are we supposed to make sure we're not being ignored
3:44:13	Emma Garcia:	I would like to allow her to speak
3:44:17	Karla Lobo:	Verbal comments should be allowed!
3:44:27	Omar:	Let her speak
3:44:31	David Hernandez:	Let her speak
3:44:33	Jason Pineda:	can the city council still reverse its vote from last week decision to increase police wages?
3:44:35	Karla Lobo:	Not only through break out rooms because we are not being represented
3:44:37	Evelyn:	Let her speak
3:44:41	Manny Gomez:	I wanted to hear her out
3:44:42	Emma Garcia:	I would be fine allowing her take the rest of the time
3:44:42	Karla Lobo:	Or our views fully
3:44:44	Jason Agpaoa:	Let her speak!
3:44:50	F. A.:	Silencing your own constituents? Isn't this to hear from us?
3:45:11	Sue:	No she should speak. We have processes to follow
3:45:17	Iupita:	Let her speak!
3:45:28	D Gonzalez:	Sounds like Fascism!
3:45:28	Sue:	Shouldn't speak. It's not her turn
3:45:33	Nick Musni:	poor connection: Iris
3:45:37	Jason Pineda:	just mouth off in the chat
3:45:38	Emma Garcia:	Allow her to take the rest of the time
3:45:40	Paul Farmer (Salinas Valley Chamber):	They have said she can speak, but it should be within the chat. I support that decision.

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3:45:48	Raquel Martinez:	can you please share what specific options the city has for housing. also please note at the bottom is city safety (aka police funding)
3:45:49	Karla Lobo:	This is suppression of our rights to speak in a public forum that is suppose to be for us to speak
3:45:54	David Hernandez:	Allow her to speak, We don't mind
3:46:13	Manny Gomez:	I'm sure the majority of us would like her to speak instead
3:46:14	F. A.:	I would like to know exactly what the police department is spending their money on
3:46:18	Nick Musni:	still wanted to speak because I want my voice heard
3:46:31	aime:	LET. HER. SPEAK they literally allowed her to and then supressed her input.
3:46:47	F. A.:	Again?
3:46:51	F. A.:	Muting more people I see
3:46:56	D Gonzalez:	looks like fascism!
3:46:57	F. A.:	Y'all don't see anything wrong with that?
3:47:04	Sue:	Change the "ME" agenda. It's not always about you.
3:47:08	Manny Gomez:	"Cutting off"
3:47:09	Amanda Gonzales:	Okay but we want ALL of these programs... not just three. They are all a priority
3:47:25	Emma Garcia:	Please allow her to speak
3:47:34	F. A.:	Silencing women y'all got me sick
3:47:37	Staff - Brett Godown:	Hello everybody, please put your comments in this chat. The Chat will be saved and responded to.
3:47:40	Emma Garcia:	We would like to end with the women who was cut off
3:47:40	David Hernandez:	This meeting was 45 minutes of public speaking and 1 hour and 15 mins of staff speaking
3:47:41	Nick Musni:	my concerns don't apply to one
3:47:50	Nick Musni:	ALL
3:47:58	Nick Musni:	reallocate
3:48:03	Nick Musni:	not dismantle
3:48:05	JDiaz:	can't have people interrupting the meeting. breakout session was for input
3:48:13	David Hernandez:	1 hour 15 min of staff speaking and 45 minutes of public speaking.
3:48:15	Manny Gomez:	Great representation of what the city council is ACTUALLY like. Pretend to care but really just mute us out and do whatever they want
3:48:18	Fernando:	There where rules at the beginning.
3:48:21	Amanda Gonzales:	We shouldn't be voting we should be talking about reallocating funds and listening to community input/concerns
3:48:28	F. A.:	Y'all some bootlickers

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3:48:36	Sue:	Thank you city council for listening to the residents and for keeping the time and processes.
3:48:36	Jessica C:	It would be great to allow for public comments as a collective built into the agenda every time to allow people to freely express their feelings
3:48:51	David Hernandez:	How can you say this was a public session when the staff talked more?
3:48:51	JDiaz:	Follow the guidelines, not hard to do.
3:48:52	Bernie Gomez:	Of course a white man would silence a constituent
3:48:55	Nick Musni:	I hope you as city leaders will review well
3:48:57	F. A.:	We didn't even get to talk to the supervisors themselves
3:48:59	Nick Musni:	before voting
3:49:03	TechShop Member:	follow the rules people
3:49:04	F. A.:	Public input my derriere
3:49:12	D Gonzalez:	Fascist ideology
3:49:15	Nick Musni:	because this is unfair
3:49:19	Sue:	People should speak their feelings as long as they are not attacking the city and it's departments
3:49:27	Manny Gomez:	Its*
3:49:32	David Hernandez:	45 minutes of input in a 2 hour session. Very fair?
3:49:34	Nick Musni:	when will you vote?
3:49:52	Jason Pineda:	what what where you trying to say Nick?
3:49:58	Maria:	we need a stronger police presence in east salinas
3:50:00	Jason Pineda:	I'm sorry Nick
3:50:04	Bernie Gomez:	We still have 9 minutes
3:50:05	Manny Gomez:	No we don't maria