

Hinkfuss Defended Calls To Defund The Police And Claimed “We Are Over Allocating Funds And Exhausting Our Police To Deal With The Most Fragile And Vulnerable Parts Of Our Society.” ([Hinkfuss Twitter Profile](#), Posted 6/19/20)

Since George Floyd’s death, we have heard many campaigns to “defund the police.” The phrase can sound scary to many people, but we must understand the meaning behind the slogan. Our police are in our communities to ensure law and order. However, this begs the question of law and order for whom? **We are over-allocating funds and exhausting our police to deal with the most fragile and vulnerable parts of our society.** It is time to look at a variety of services that provide support and build up a community. It requires our legislators and government officials to think outside the box and work together to create a transparent and accountable system to help those who are vulnerable. This takes work, takes commitment, and is a cultural shift that our younger generation is demanding. We must listen, and we must be part of the change. This is not about pushing against the police. I support the work of our police force, and I mourn the officers that have lost their lives on the line of duty. This conversation is about 400 years of oppression and racism. This is about respecting the basic dignity of all human beings.