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COMMUNICATION: *Email dated April 19, 2021 from Mamta M.*

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Subject: Written submission - Ottawa Police Services Board meeting

Good evening,

I am submitting written comments regarding the upcoming Ottawa Police Services Board meeting.

This weekend I saw the Board released a statement about the new provincial policing powers, which stated that OPS will not be conducting "random" stops to assess if individuals are following the Stay-at-home order.

However, I have read some social media posts describing residents who were going to work or with children, being stopped and questioned by OPS. I believe these incidents need to be looked into and it needs to be made clear what is expected of the public and OPS with this third wave and expansion of police authority.

I strongly believe that we cannot police our way out of this pandemic, and the majority of residents are following public health rules. We do not need to be further causing stress and harm to those most vulnerable in our city with these police checks.

As Chair Deans said in the statement "There is no evidence to suggest that expanding police enforcement will result in better health outcomes," and OPS should be held to this standard.

Thank you,
Mamta M.