

I do not want Hopkins University to have its own police force. Baltimore's problems will not be solved by throwing more police at them; we've tried this, and it doesn't work.

Furthermore, JHU does not require police at all. Campus security should suffice. The kinds of (non-white collar) crimes that happen on campus - petty theft and sexual assaults - are not typically prevented by police. At best they will take your statement and add it to a file somewhere. Check their clearance rate - the regular police can take a statement and do nothing just as well as a private police force.

I believe the real reason that the University wants armed police on campus is to brutalize and arrest protestors on campus exercising their first amendment rights.

If Hopkins were really concerned about crime, they would follow the advice from leaders at their own Health Policy school and invest in the mental and physical health of whole communities.