

I have been a resident of the Waverly and Better Waverly neighborhoods since 2013. I strongly oppose the Johns Hopkins Private Police Force because Johns Hopkins has been an adverse force to my community. I have been concerned with the issue of JHU Private Police for over two years now and attended several protests against it. I view this as a continuum of gentrification methods pursued by JHU that have and continue to push out my community of independent artists and the queer community plus many others from their homes and neighborhoods.

JHU has refused to listen to its concerned students and faculty members, as well as the community members for months during the sit-in protests and have repeatedly mocked the action. I do not believe the administrators of this institute have our best interest in mind. The JHU private police force will be a menacing presence to local residents and bring more cops into an over-policed city. Not to mention, local residents do not deserve to be exposed to the surveillance methods of a police force that does not serve them.

The nation is moving towards defunding and reducing the power of law enforcement institutions. There is nothing more anachronistic than to establish a private police force that will be less accountable for their actions than public law enforcement.

Thank you,

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