## Public Comment Letter Provided by Karislua@aol.com Regarding Item 4.13

**Subject:** FW: Questions for Council Meeting 4/12/2021 Police Station

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**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 3:16 PM **To:** 'karislua@aol.com' <karislua@aol.com>

Subject: RE: Questions for Council Meeting 4/12/2021 Police Station

## To karislua@aol.com,

Thank you for your email. Your email will be provided as part of public comment for tonight's meeting (Item 4.13).

Thank you, Teresa Vargas City Clerk

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I as a resident of Lathrop never got asked what community needs should be the first step in deciding whether to create a new police department.

What are the crime problems and public safety needs of the community? Are they changing?

Our current police force is meeting our community needs? So why are we dumping them out of nowhere. The way Lathrop Officials and all City council is acting like there was a hidden agenda all this time and where waiting for the right moment to push something that hasn't been planned or addressed in our community.

Will the analyses include assessing data on current service demand and delivery, including response times, style of policing, and other issues.

Has our city manager review a range of options for policing your community. Since it seems the city manager is the one proposing this move. Why isn't our mayor speaking out on his thoughts or what's best for the city. He should be in the front lines asking for the city that voted for him. How can a city manger have so much power. I wasn't aware the city manager had the authority to purpose such a big expense on our city. Lathrop became a city in 1989 has the city manger position been revised?

Lathrop officials never meet with the current police service provider to voice community concerns.