

Max Rose joined radical activists when they called for the New York Police Department to be defunded.

In June 2020, Rose joined a march where the crowd chanted “defund the police,” “how do you spell racist... NYPD,” carried anti-police signs, equated cops with pigs and advocated for violence – soon after New York City defunded its police department:

- **VIDEO:** On June 5, 2020, Rose attended the Staten Island George Floyd March where participants chanted “Defund the Police.” (Staten Island George Floyd Protest, [Tracking Video](#), 6/5/20)
- **VIDEO:** On June 5, 2020, Rose attended the Staten Island George Floyd March where participants chanted “How do you spell racist... NYPD.” (Yum_onThese, [Twitter](#), 6/5/20)
- Rose walked alongside protesters at the Staten Island George Floyd March.



(Kristin F. Dalton, “Rep. Max Rose criticized by Malliotakis for marching in peaceful protest,” [Staten Island Advance](#), 6/6/20)

- Protesters at the Staten Island George Floyd March held signs reading “Defund the Police” and “No Justice No Peace.”



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George Floyd rally
Number grow in Concord as protesters get ready to march to the 122 Precinct in New Dorp. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)

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Rally to 122
Protesters march to the 122 precinct through Dongan Hills along Richmond Road. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)

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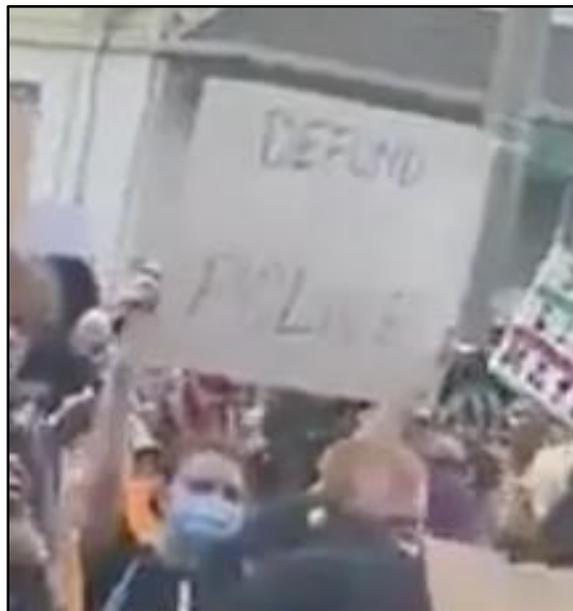
- **The chant, "No Justice No Peace" promotes rioting and political violence.** "On this reading, the chant means that as long as injustice prevails, acting peacefully is a moral impossibility. It is incumbent on citizens to rise up and demonstrate against injustice, and to do so vehemently, urgently, boldly, bodily, even violently. It means rioting. It means Molotov cocktails. It means rocking police cars and setting things on fire." (Steve Mazie, "What Does 'No Justice, No Peace' Really Mean?" [BigThink](#) 12/5/14)
- **Protesters at the Staten Island George Floyd March equated cops with pigs.**



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Protest to the 122nd Precinct
Demonstrators held signs to bring awareness to racism on Staten Island and around the United States. June 5, 2020 in New Dorp. (Staten Island Advance/Alexandra Salmieri)

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- **VIDEO:** On June 5, 2020, protestors at the Staten Island George Floyd March held a sign that read "Defund the Police." (Lonn Chalant, [Twitter](#), 6/5/20)



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- **VIDEO:** On June 5, 2020, protestors at the Staten Island George Floyd March held a sign that read "No More KKKiller Cops." (Jonmariansi, [Twitter](#), 6/5/20)



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- **VIDEO:** On June 5, 2020, protestors at the Staten Island George Floyd March held a sign that read “Blue Lives Murder.” (BlkMissFrizzle, [Twitter](#), 6/5/20)



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- **On July 1, the New York City Council cut \$1 billion from the NYPD budget.** “Facing pressure from thousands of constituents calling to defund the police, New York City slashed \$1 billion from the police budget. But some city lawmakers ~ and the protesters calling for change ~ think the cuts weren't sweeping enough. The City Council approved the \$88.9 billion 2021 budget late Tuesday night while hundreds of protesters, many of whom have camped outside City Hall for a week, waited to hear the results.”
(Kristina Sgueglia and Scottie Andrew, “New York Police Department's budget has been slashed by \$1 billion,” [CNN](#), 7/1/20)

Rose stated that he does not “regret” marching with defund the police protestors “for a second,” and “would do it again”:

- **VIDEO:** Rose stated that he does not “regret” marching with defund the police protestors “for a second,” he does not “regret helping to co-sponsor” the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and “would do it again.” “Max Rose marched with the defund crowd. Max Rose marched with them. It was disgusting. It was vile. And it really divided the community at a moment when we should have been coming together. When we could have been coming together. When we still can come together. So folks can say that’s why I lost. I don’t regret doing it for a second. Just like I don’t regret helping to co-sponsor the leading police reform bill before Congress in a generation. I don’t regret that either. I would do it again.” (Hot 97, "Max Rose On Policing, Congressional Race, NYC Mayor Race + Rosenberg's Twitter Debate w/ His Sister," [YouTube](#), 12/16/20)

Rose admitted that when critics say he marched with “the defund crowd,” “looters,” and “BLM,” he says, “You caught me... What are you gonna do?”:

- **VIDEO:** Rose admitted that when critics say he marched with “the defund crowd,” “looters,” and “BLM,” he says, “You caught me... What are you gonna do?” “What I often heard or at least sometimes heard was ‘Oh Max, you marched with them. You marched with the defund crowd. You marched with those looters. You marched with BLM,’ to which I and there’s actually video of this to which I respond, ‘You caught me. Like what, what are you gonna do?’” (Hot 97, "Max Rose On Policing, Congressional Race, NYC Mayor Race + Rosenberg's Twitter Debate w/ His Sister," [YouTube](#), 12/16/20)

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