

Here's another example of a letter that was sent from a neighbor.

Sent to police chief via email as their form only allowed 2000 characters!!!!

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Mr. Ledford,

I am a white citizen of Shoreline and participated in the Black Lives Matter Shoreline Protest at City Hall yesterday.

I came out to support our black community and our black youth who experience blatant racism in their neighborhood. I wanted them to know that I stand with them; and wanted to listen to what they had to say.

About 5 or so minutes after the program started, 2 white Christian fanatics (joined later by a third) approached our group of protesters with banners and a loud speaker, clearly with a goal of disrupting the protest and program the black youth had planned.

All of a sudden at least one third of the crowd was consumed with containing these disrupters who were absolutely violent in their persistence. In particular one guy had to be contained by multiple people to not make his way to the stage. I was part of a group who linked arms to protect the youth and the program. Twice I went to a man who said he is with the city and I asked him why the police wasn't here to get these guys out of the way. Twice he said they are on their way. Well, they came and all they were concerned about was the safety of the disrupters who were asked by the officers to move from the street to the parking lot. They were not told to leave. They were not taken in custody for their violent behavior (yes, the guys' words and attempts to push himself towards the podium were violent). The guy continued to spill his ugly content that no one was there to hear while 3 (or 4) of your officers just stood there doing nothing. Yesterday I witnessed what it means to not be protected by those whose job it is to protect. Our black community experiences this ALL THE TIME. The black youth experienced once again that their lives don't matter. That is unacceptable. You and your police force need to do better. Your leadership sets the tone. You have the power to change things around. I urge you to use your power and protect black lives just like you protected these fanatic white Christians guys' lives. That's what you are paid to do. And I am feeling sick to my stomach that I even have to write this letter.