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September 22, 2020

Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht
King County Sheriff's Office
516 Third Avenue, W-116
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Community Representatives for IIT Investigations, per Initiative -940

Dear Sheriff Johanknecht:

The City of Shoreline is starting a process to create a pool of five to seven community representatives from which we would expect the Sheriff's Office to utilize in meeting the requirements of Initiative 940, now known as the Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act (LETCSA), for any Shoreline incidents.

It is important to the Shoreline City Council and our community that the intent of I-940 to have non-police community representatives as part of an Independent Investigation Team (IIT) in response to any Shoreline officer involved shooting or significant use of force incident. It is also important that the community representatives be Shoreline residents and that they have been selected through a Shoreline process.

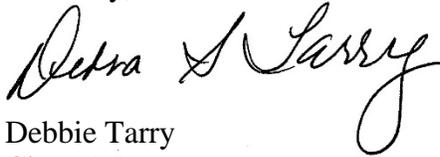
I understand that there may be a preference that this process be led by the Sheriff's Office, but independence is important to the Shoreline community. Our experience in July, following an officer involved shooting incident, was that the request to provide two community representatives was made to Chief Ledford. In the future we would like to ensure that we have a pre-established pool of Shoreline community members that would be utilized for this purpose.

We plan to move forward with a process to solicit potential candidates in the next couple of weeks, with a goal of completing a process to appoint five to seven individuals by the end of October. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have about our process.

I would be interested in understanding the Sheriff's Office process for determining what agency and/or individuals will serve on the IIT for the Sheriff's Office. I would also like to discuss how we could coordinate independent training for the pool of community representatives that may serve as part of these teams in the future.

I sincerely hope that we never have another incident that would require the use of the Shoreline community representatives to participate in the IIT investigation in the future, but I do want to be prepared if there is a police incident that would require involvement of Shoreline community representatives per the requirements of LETCSA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Tarry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'D' and 'T'.

Debbie Tarry
City Manager
City of Shoreline

cc: Shoreline City Councilmembers
Chief Shawn Ledford