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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Action on Shoreline's history of SPD institutional racism
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Dear Ms. Tarry:

The members of our community advocacy group deeply appreciate this response and the action items outlined to respond to this data on disproportionate ticketing of Black drivers in Shoreline.

We believe that these steps respond to our requests and honestly and openly confront this unacceptable community history.

When your 2021 Police Services Report is presented to the City Council on August 8, we suggest this: that the Council make a statement at that meeting, acknowledging this history and offer a public apology to Black Shoreline residents.

Further, it would expand the focus on the police department moving forward if the acting chief of police was in attendance on the 8th, helping increase accountability for the future.

Although it is a vital step forward having this data and statement in the police report, that does not ensure that it will receive full public exposure unless it is addressed verbally by the Council.

I am copying Mayor Scully on this note so this request is made explicitly to the Council. I will also contact him to discuss this suggestion.

By these actions, Shoreline will demonstrate leadership in addressing racism in the other communities in King County where the data on disproportionate ticketing reveals the same pattern.

Modeling this leadership would warrant a future statement from the City Council to the KCSD and other communities that contract with the sheriff's department for police services. Wider action is badly needed.

Thank you again, Ms. Tarry, for your enlighten response and your leadership on this matter - another important step in moving Shoreline towards its stated goal as an anti-racist community.

Sincerely,

Bruce Amundson, MD
Representing this anti-racist Shoreline community group.

Mr. Amundson -

Thank-you for your e-mail. I wanted to again thank you, Ms. Hauge and Mr. Schnall for meeting with Interim Chief Abbott, Christina Arcidy, and me in June. The time and research that you, and others included on this e-mail, have spent reviewing Shoreline's historical ticketing data is appreciated and bringing this information to our attention is important as the City Council has made a commitment to Shoreline being an anti-racist community.

As we discussed in June, our research of officer-initiated tickets for 2020 and 2021 confirmed the data that you brought to our attention. For both years, Shoreline's ticketing data showed a disproportionate number of Black individuals received tickets when compared to both the King County and Shoreline census data for Black proportionate share of the population. We believe that this is reflective of prior year trends also. Below is a summary of the information from 2020 and 2021 that we shared with you at our June meeting:

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At our June meeting, we shared that we would be including our research results in our 2021 Police Services Report to the City Council. The 2021 Police Services Report will be presented to the City Council on Monday, August 8, 2022. The Council packet with this staff report will be issued on Monday, August 1, 2022. As we shared, we will send you a link to the packet once it is issued.

At our June meeting I committed that we would publicly acknowledge, as part of this report, that the data shows that Black individuals have disproportionately been ticketed in Shoreline and we acknowledge that this has caused disproportionate harm to our Black community members. The Interim Police Chief and I (and it would be my expectation of a permanent chief) are committed to taking steps to change this trend going forward as we recognize that continuing to follow the same practices and policies would reinforce the historical complicity in maintaining and perpetuating structural racism. We will hold ourselves accountable by continuing to review future ticketing data to determine if policy and practice changes are effective at eliminating such disproportionality, and if not, implement others with the intent to end the disproportionate ticketing of Black individuals in Shoreline.

As previously stated, we will be sure to send you a link to the full staff report once it is issued which I anticipate will be on August 1, 2022. I will include in that e-mail how members of the public can attend, watch and/or make public comment for the August 8, 2022, City Council Meeting.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Awaiting your response

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Dear Ms. Tarry:

It is now more than a month since the delegation from the Shoreline community group focused on institutional racism in the SPD met with you.

We sought that meeting because we had not received a response to our March letter requesting several action items dealing with this chronic racial justice issue.

In concluding that discussion on June 14 you indicated that you would acknowledge the history of racism in the SPD and the data supporting it, in a report you have planned for the city council and in a letter of response to our community group. You also reiterated support for involvement of community members in the upcoming recruitment process for the new chief of police.

We have been awaiting your response to our repeated requests for public acknowledgment that

specifically acknowledges institutional racism in the SPD.

Because you agreed this was important, and that you would respond to our letter, we expect a response to our communications.

We believe the public acknowledgment is critical before the hiring process proceeds or is completed to help ensure change in the department's leadership.

Winona Hauge

Bill Schnall

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