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Subject: Undoing Racism Workshop, June 16th-17th

Greetings Park Board Members and Planning Commissioners,

The City of Shoreline is hosting a two-day training, Undoing Racism, by the [People's Institute](#), on Friday, June 16th-Saturday, June 17th at City Hall. The workshop requires a commitment of two full days (8:30 – 5:00). Deputy Mayor Robertson and myself, along with other Councilmembers and Leadership Team directors will be attending. We will also be extending the invitation to other staff and community partners. As we as leaders continue to grapple with what it means to make real the commitments of [Resolution 457](#) declaring Council's intent that Shoreline become an anti-racist community, we believe this training is key to that commitment. The training will help to create a common baseline of understanding of what racism is so we can then understand what it really means to be anti-racist; both as individuals and as an institution. Over the past several years, approximately 30 staff have participated in and highly recommend this workshop.

I would like to personally invite you to consider attending this training. The City is covering the cost of the training, but we ask participants to commit to attend the full training.

The following text from the Institute describes well the purpose and the value of the workshop they offer:

The fabric of racism is inextricably woven and constructed into the founding principles of the United States. Racism was done and it can be undone through effective anti-racist organizing with, and in accountable relationship to the communities most impacted by racism. The People's Institute believes that effective community, systems, and institutional change happens when those who serve as agents of transformation understand the foundations of race and racism and how they continually function as a barrier to community self-determination, self-sufficiency, and interdependency.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Pollie McCloskey at pmccloskey@shorelinewa.gov by May 31st.

Sincerely,
Mayor Keith Scully

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