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Attachments: [20170123 SR - Equitable and Safe Community Resolution - Attachment A.pdf](#)

Rich –

I hope that you are doing well. I received your e-mail on my personal e-mail, but given that your concerns were in regard to Resolution No. 401, that will be considered by the City Council on Monday night, I wanted to respond via City e-mail.

I appreciate your comments and want to provide some clarification that I hope will be helpful.

Resolution No. 401 is in response to a request from several Councilmembers. I think it important to point out that the resolution does not declare Shoreline to be a “Sanctuary City”, in fact there is no reference to sanctuary city in the resolution. It is my understanding that the term “sanctuary city” does not provide any additional legal protections or provide a special legal status and therefore this was specifically avoided in the resolution. In fact I have been told that there are those in the immigrant community who are concerned that cities who refer to themselves as a “Sanctuary City” may mislead members of the community into a false sense of safety/protection.

What Resolution No. 401 does do, is specifically reinforce the values and practices that the City has followed for many years to ensure that Shoreline is an equitable and safe city for all. I’ve attached the Resolution for your reference, which you may have already read. You will notice from the resolution that it is reaffirming the values of the City to uphold individual rights, to treat all fairly with respect and dignity and condemns any act of harassment, bullying, intimidation, violence or other acts of hate that are based on immigration status, faith, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, age, ability, ethnicity, housing status, economic status, or other social status. The resolution does make it clear that the City will continue to support the policy and practice of King County that prohibits sheriff’s office personnel from requesting specific documents relating to a person’s civil immigration status for the sole purpose of determining whether the individual has violated federal civil immigration laws. This policy has been in effect for many years so it is not new or a result of the recent election. The resolution also reinforces the City’s practice of prohibiting any inquiries, unless required by law or by court order, by Shoreline officers and employees into the immigration status of any person, or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status of any person. Quite frankly we have no reason to do so.

I hope that this is helpful. I can provide you with copies of the King County policies if that is helpful.

As far as timing of the resolution, I do know it is in response to much of the rhetoric

that has occurred during the federal election process. We have had some reports, luckily very few, of issues of hate incidents in Shoreline and concerns have been raised by individuals residing in Shoreline that are worried that their individual freedoms will be infringed upon. The Resolution is one method in which the City Council has chosen to assure all residents in Shoreline that our city will continue to treat all residents with fairness and dignity.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

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