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7. To the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and members of Shoreline City Council:

I have been a resident of the Ballinger Commons in Shoreline for four years now, and I must say that I have been very impressed with the positive environmentally and socially responsible actions I have seen from the City of Shoreline. I have also been very impressed with how the deadly COVID-19 virus situation has been handled and the actions that have been taken to combat and control this pandemic.

Unfortunately, I feel I must call your attention to the actions of our neighbors in the city of Seattle--specifically the mayor of Seattle, Jenny Durkan, and the Seattle Police Department--in recklessly endangering and harming the lives and livelihoods of its citizens.

The Seattle Police Department is clearly out of control. It has had numerous occasions to demonstrate restraint and level-headed responses to large groups of peaceful protesters, and instead has repeatedly provoked and physically attacked unarmed demonstrators. There is nationally-circulated footage of the Seattle Police Department shooting directly at CNN journalists. Jenny Durkan has deliberately and bald-facedly lied to her constituents, saying that the use of teargas on her own citizens would be banned. There is no trust whatsoever in any reform policies that she could enact at this juncture.

I have read the minutes of the upcoming council meeting to be held tonight, and while I understand that events in the neighboring city have unfolded rapidly, and that they are happening in Seattle and not Shoreline, I would very much like to see some statement from the Shoreline City Council and the office of the Mayor that the City of Shoreline will not follow in the footsteps of the City of Seattle. Specifically, I would like to know what steps are being taken to ensure that Shoreline City Police will not contribute to the violence and mayhem currently being enacted on the residents of the city of Seattle; I would like to know what measures will be considered to redirect funding from an already overfunded police department into areas that would actually help the citizens of Shoreline, such as community housing, food relief, and mental health services; and

whether the Shoreline City Council will take a public stand denouncing Jenny Durkan's unprofessional and undemocratic handling of this situation, and renouncing the almost comically heavy-handed, inept, and inflammatory methods currently in use by the Seattle Police Department.

I will be watching the Council Meeting tonight with great interest. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
-- Erin Lynn

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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