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Councilmember Herbold,

I hope this note finds you well and that spring has arrived in Seattle.

I wanted to advise on the upcoming budget deliberations in the Public Safety and Human Services Committee.

The Court and the Monitor are increasingly concerned about the reduction of funding to the Seattle Police Department. In particular, SPD is currently at risk of not being able to deliver key management and operational requirements, as personnel have been allocated to fulfill critical patrol duties due to separations of officers. In addition, key policies and practices such as improved training (for example ABLE , crowd management, and use-of-force), professional standards, and analysis and auditing are understaffed, which has a corrosive effect on organizational performance and culture.

The City is in a legal agreement with the Court to ensure the its police department is functioning at an exceptional level and that it has positive relationships with all its communities (Settlement Agreement para 17). In order to sustain compliance the City is responsible for providing necessary support and resources to SPD in order to fulfill its obligations under the Settlement Agreement (para 221). Now is the time to allocate resources to SPD at levels that will enable the City to close-out the consent decree efficiently, effectively, and sustainably.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and deliberation.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

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