

WHEREAS *The recent murder of George Floyd shows once again the generational impacts of systemic racism, shining a light on hundreds of years of racism and injustice that has haunted our past and present.*

WHEREAS *There have been black and brown people killed by police here in Seattle. John T. Williams, Che Taylor, Charleena Lyles and so many more. Their lives have been cut short due to the unfortunate interactions with the police.*

WHEREAS *Our collective failure to address racism and inequality is not just in policing in America. It is in housing, health, education, and economic opportunity.*

WHEREAS *Millions around the world are expressing their dismay in the streets by continuing to center community through peacefully protesting and calling for an end to police violence and the systemic structures that perpetuate it.*

WHEREAS *This is a moment that summons the City of Seattle to do more and to do better. The City can build true, intentional, and sustainable justice and change. The City has opportunity to build on the lasting systemic changes that can transform policing and the department. The City must bring the same intensity, commitment to serving the people, and commitment to cure the illness of racism that we have brought to COVID-19.*

WHEREAS *The Black community wants their voice heard and centered.*

WHEREAS *The City of Seattle must be intentional in investments that will make a difference in the lives of people of color in our city, support resilient communities, and undo systemic and structural racism. The City of Seattle needs to adjust priorities and must do that with our dollars.*

WHEREAS *The City of Seattle will develop a plan with community for a new police budget. The City of Seattle will change how we think of policing. The City will invest in programs like our civilian Community Services Officers, our Crisis Intervention Team, and the Community Policing Bureau.*

WHEREAS *The City is committed to identifying at least \$100 million to invest in neglected communities. The City will invest in community-based and community-driven programs that invest in black youth and adults, employment programs, black owned businesses and providing alternatives to arrest and incarceration.*

WHEREAS *The East Precinct, located at 1519 12th Avenue, Seattle WA is located in the heart of Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, a neighborhood known for its diversity and social activism. This precinct houses Seattle Police officers who patrol Seattle's Central District neighborhood and has been seen as a symbol of police oppression in one of Seattle's historically Black neighborhoods. This property is valued in excess of \$5,000,000.*

WHEREAS *Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County is a grassroots, volunteer-run, social-justice nonprofit organization focused on the empowerment and liberation of Blacks and other people of color through advocacy and direct action. BLM Seattle centers leadership on Black femmes, women, and queer people organizing and taking direct action to dismantle anti-black systems and policies of oppression. The core activists and organizers of BLM Seattle King County is a group of Black and other people of color focused on dismantling anti-black systems and policies of oppression.*

NOW THEREFORE:

The City transfers permanent use of/ownership of 1519 12th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122, also known as the East Precinct to Black Lives Matters Seattle-King County Chapter, effective July 1, 2020.

The City of Seattle agrees to vacate the property and remove all law-enforcement materials and police-related facilities, such as holding cells and all police insignia, from the building before vacating.

The City of Seattle commits to the ongoing maintenance of the building as needed, to be determined to Black Lives Matters Seattle-King County Chapter.