



## **King County**

### **Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight**

401 Fifth Avenue, Room 131

Seattle, WA 98104-1818

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Dear Sheriff Johanknecht,

As you know, we are the appointed members of King County's Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight. As community representatives, we exchange information and perspectives with the public regarding the provision of police services in King County and advise OLEO on issues of police practices and civilian oversight and we advise both the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the Metropolitan King County Council on issues of equity and social justice. Our role as a committee helps build healthy relationships between the King County Sheriff's Office and the public it serves. Our collective vision for a healthy relationship between KCSO and the public it serves requires trust.

In June, OLEO presented a report from the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information at the University of Florida to the King County Council's Law and Justice Committee. The Brechner Report recommends proactive accountability measures when the Sheriff's Office communicates with the press and the public following police shootings and other critical incidents, including:

- Protocol for timely notification of families following critical incidents
- Requirements to rapidly, publicly, and transparently acknowledge and correct inaccurate or misleading information with an explanation of how the misinformation occurred
- Releasing the decedent's criminal history only when requested or other criteria are met
- Ensuring efforts are made to convey information to ethnic media serving non-English-speaking populations

We respectfully urge the KCSO to adopt these recommendations.

Communities need to trust law enforcement to protect and serve and officers need the trust of the public they serve. As committee members representing diverse communities of King County, we believe these reforms can be meaningful to building public trust during critical times for KCSO.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and for making a timely response, which may be sent to Committee Chair Tamika Moss at [OLEO7@kingcounty.gov](mailto:OLEO7@kingcounty.gov). We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

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At-large, Position 8

Sili Savusa  
Unincorporated, Position 5

Abel Pacheco  
At-large, Position 9

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At-large, Position 10

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