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Hello,

My name is Emma McVeigh, and I live in District 4 (98109). I realize that I am too late for my comment to be read ahead of the meeting, but I am hoping it can be shared with the council members.

I would like to voice my support for Committee Chair Zahilay's 5 policy proposals, especially the de-militarization of the police and redirecting police department funding to community-based alternatives. Preferably, I would like to see a defunding, a significant funding cut to law enforcement and detention, and would like to see that money go towards black and brown communities. Studies have shown time and time again that police reform doesn't work. We have seen in the past few weeks how here in King County, our police have responded violently and antagonistically. If Minneapolis can defund their police, we can at the very least, de-militarize. We need to strip down the system and re-build with more community-based safety measures. Cops don't need tanks, rifles, riot gear, flash bombs, tear gas (a weapon of war, by the way).

Don't stand with Trump's call to use force to control our communities. Stand WITH us in community and help us get to peace through community, collaboration, and compassion, not violence, control, and racism.

Thank you,  
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