From: <u>Lorraine Blacklock</u>

To: KCC - Committee Assistants (Email Group)

Subject: Sheriff

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Council Members,

My name is Lorraine Blacklock. I live in unincorporated Maple Valley.

Having attended the Sheriff's Citizens Police Academy, I believe the Sheriff's department is doing an exceptional job in its current status. I would say more funding for all our first responders is in order.

As for the position of Sheriff, I am adamant the Sheriff remains an ELECTED position! I DO NOT want my sheriff beholden to anyone but the citizens of our county! The sheriff needs to be free to uphold the state and national constitutions and the laws of Washington and King County in any and all situations **without fear of interference.** I believe if the sheriff is appointed our sheriff will have their hands tied.

Thank you, Lorraine Blacklock 24661 SE 224th St Maple Valley, 98038 206-909-5030

"He tends His flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart ..."

Isaiah 40:11