



**Seattle
Women's Commission**

The events that took place over the weekend, have taken place before, and continue to take place are the results of years of systemic oppression, racism, violence, and trauma.

The Seattle Women's Commission joins those who call for justice in George Floyd's death. We join with those who call for justice in Tony McDade's death. We join with those who call for justice in Breonna Taylor's death. We join with those who call for justice in Nina Pop's death. We join with those who call for justice in Ahmaud Arbery's death. We join with those who call for justice in the deaths of Charleena Lyles (6/18/2017) and Che Taylor (2/21/2016). We join with those who call for justice for all who came before. Black Lives Matter.

To our community members and organizers:

We hear you.

We see you.

We support you.

The Seattle Women's Commission's mandate is to identify areas of concern, recommend actions, and act as a liaison between womxn of Seattle and our City government. We are standing with you in the fight for justice and equity.

We are committed to dismantling racism and combating systemic oppression. We will work to hold The Mayor's Office, Seattle City Council Members, City of Seattle Police Department, and City of Seattle Departments accountable for actions that harm Black and Brown people and Indigenous communities, through policy and action.

We will continue to, alongside community partners and members, call on the City to leave the Consent Decree in place and, at a minimum, codify and enforce the Police Accountability Ordinance passed by Council and signed by Mayor Durkan in 2017.

We join the Seattle LGBTQ Commission in their calls for action along with calling for these actions:

- The Mayor and City Council need to expand investments in services that will make our communities safe -- safe, affordable, accessible housing, affordable and quality childcare, domestic violence and sexual assault survivor support, and mental health care, among others.

- Disciplinary action for the Officer who sprayed a young person in the face with pepper spray.

The Women's Commission will be by your side to take action against injustice. We are also ready to assist with the challenging conversations needed in our city, so that we can take steps forward together.

In solidarity,

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