Seattle Voices: Aaron Roberts

Item 8145

Speaker: Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata

[member of audience]: Who are you?

Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata: Oh, I'm Nick Licata, Seattle City Council

[members of the audience clap and cheer]

Licata: Okay, demand number one: um, it's a 'yes' to but yet to be defined. I don't want to pre-judge the officers and I don't think you do either. I want a real investigation [inaudible over crowd noise] ...and if they are found guilty, then they would be fired, the law, the full extent of the law should apply to them.

[members of the audience clap and cheer]

Licata: I would like to see an independent community review board. There are many different kinds of independent review boards throughout the country. I will look at all of them. I want one that can be established. I want one that will be able to have an independent designation. It's a [inaudible] it's come up before. And that means that you folks and I and other people have to work towards it.

[members of the audience clap and cheer]

[sound of poster board rattling]

Jeffery: Full adoption of the People's Coalition for Justice demands to end racial profiling?

Licata: Uh I do not full – I do not know what the full agenda is, but as the other council members have said as well, we recognize that racial profiling does exist and we need to stop it and we need to do it as fully as we can, using all of the resources – public resources that we have.

[members of the audience clap and cheer]

Jeffery: A redirect of funds to build a broad-based economic program for the community?

Licata: You know, if we can afford to put a half-billion dollars into a stadium...

[members of the audience clap and cheer]

Jeffery: Let's stand up for him! Let's show him some love! Show him some love! Thank you! You know, it took a lot of guts...it takes a lot of guts for you – for you to stand up and do the right thing.