

Good morning Mayor, City Council,

Thank you for allowing me to take Cathy Morris' place at testimony this morning.

My name is Annette Stanhope, and I am the chair of Parkrose Neighborhood Association. While I am not officially representing the neighborhood association this morning, I am familiar with concerns and issues that come up at our neighborhood association and also at the Parkrose Business Association.

Crime and safety is one of the more popular topics in our neighborhood, and I hear many accounts of how residents feel disappointed and angry in how things are handled (or aren't handled) by the police bureau. Many realize that their frustrations stem from the short staffing in the police bureau, so I am speaking today to ask you to prioritize staff increases in the police bureau. My understanding, based on information from Public Safety Action Committee meetings, is that we have 100 fewer officers than 20 years ago but have nearly 300K more residents. This, combined with the large size of our precincts and the amount of ground officers have to cover, is spreading our police too thin.

One anecdote that illustrates this: one Parkrose neighbor called police after a man came to her door and tried to force his way in. She managed to push him outside, but had to wait 15 minutes anxiously while the man lurked on the

premises. When the officer finally arrived, he was brusque, dismissive and did not offer to take a police report. While she was frustrated with this interaction, she also observed, "he looked completely exhausted and overworked."

Mayor, and City Council, we need to staff our police bureau to levels where they can do their jobs competently. Not only this, but if we have enough officers, they can take the time to do community policing, walk beats, and build relationships with those in the community, something I hear residents would like to see. When police are able to build relationships in the community, they know more about the people living there, feel vested in the community and have more success in their work. I've seen examples of this success when police have been able to work closely with neighbors to secure vacant houses that had been the source of chronic criminal activity.

I am sure you have heard this request before; I am merely adding emphasis to our need for better police staffing. Thank you for listening.

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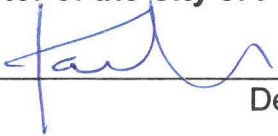
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