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Good morning! Dr. James White and/or Dr. Terresa White would like to make comments during the Social Justice Committee meeting today. Please see attached. Thanks!

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For this meeting:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
OCTOBER 26, 2020 (11:30 AM– 1:00 PM)

Please pass Council Member Dennis's ordinance that will create a 15 member task force with the goal of creating better relationships between the police and the community.

We need everyone to have confidence in the system of justice so grievances are settled and authentic peace is created.

We must examine the values associated with the current system that pits the police against local communities.

Legislation is needed to prevent the police from using chokeholds and other forms of excessive force against the people they are charged to protect and serve.

We need legislation that will strengthen procedural protections when the police seek to search a person's vehicle, home, or property and LIMIT the situations in which both non-deadly and deadly force can be used.

Thank you,
Susan Aertker
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The rest is for reference only.

Meeting Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Please join the meeting by 11:20 AM
Meeting ID: [992 3086 4543](#)
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The below is from a friend of mine. He made these suggestions for his city but we need them here also.

From a Christian perspective, Scripture describes one of the intentions of a system of justice is to be a means of healing for society as a whole. This happens when all people, regardless of any social, political, cultural, or economic barriers imposed on them, have access to fair and equal justice.

The result of justice should be that none are left out, none are marginalized, and all people have access to happiness.

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We need everyone to have confidence in the system of justice so grievances are settled and authentic peace is created. Legislation is required to prevent the police from using chokeholds and other forms of excessively force against the people they are charged to protect and serve.

We must examine the values associated with the current system that pits the police against local communities, particularly communities of color.

We need to invest in our communities to enhance the quality of life. Quality of life, in turn, will result in a decrease in crime, which will dramatically reduce the spaces for police to be involved in peoples' lives.

We need affordable housing, accessible healthcare, available mental health services, quality education for all students, and a secure safety net for vulnerable people

We do not want to perpetuate the over-reliance on policing as the answer to our problems, calling the police not only in emergencies, but also in response to white people's fears or annoyance in many situations where people of color are simply trying to live their lives. Police occupy far too many areas of our lives including the schools our children attend. It should not be surprising that our current system of policing can exacerbate conflicts.

For the full article:

<https://www.festivalcenter.org/blog-3/testimony-in-support-of-the-comprehensive-policing-and-justice-reform-amendment-act-of-2020>

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This is a great idea. Please pass this ordinance:

Dennis' bill would create a 15-person committee, with one JSO liaison and 14 others appointed by each member of the 14 City Council districts. The main task of the board would be to evaluate closed JSO cases and bring policy recommendations to the City Council. Dennis said his hope is the committee would advocate for both the community and JSO. "It's not an adversary board," Dennis said. "It's a board to have second eyes, third eyes, fourth eyes on a closed investigation to foster accountability, transparency and communication, and I can't see why anyone will be against it.

The 15 person committee should benefit the police and the community. It isn't about MORE policing. It's about prevention techniques that improve everyone's well being.

I found police officer Steve Zona's comments on FB and twitter extremely troubling. We need our police to forge a partnership with the community. For Zona to use the hashtags #NoMercy #NoSympathy regarding someone with schizophrenia is extremely troubling.

I realize that being a police officer is a difficult job but we give them a lot of power.

The way some of the police treated some of the peaceful protesters is also troubling. In federal court, an attorney submitted videos captured by protesters and bystanders that he said showed officers "slamming citizens on the ground onto concrete who were in no way resisting." We have a right under our First Amendment to peacefully assemble and petition our government.

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