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Snohomish County Council Passes Resolution in Response to the Death of George Floyd

Today the Snohomish County Council passed resolution 20-013 in response to the death of George Floyd, condemning racism, and supporting peaceful protests in Snohomish County. Public comment provided during the council meeting was overwhelmingly supportive of the resolution as a first step toward action in Snohomish County.

"The killing of George Floyd was an unacceptable tragedy and we must all demand justice," said Council Chair Nate Nehring. "I support the right for individuals to peacefully protest and condemn the hatred we have witnessed through racism, violence, and property damage. My prayers are with the Floyd family and all those who are hurting in our communities."

"We must meet this challenge head on, to listen to these voices crying out in frustration and pain, to learn from what they are saying, and to improve ourselves as individuals and as a community," said Council Vice-Chair Stephanie Wright. "Everyone should be equal in the eyes of the law but in practice that is too often not the case. We must shine the light on systemic racism and address it wherever and whenever it is found."

The council mourns the death of George Floyd and joins the call for justice. The council also supports those who wish to protest peacefully without fear of intimidation, does not support returning hate with hate or violence with violence, condemns acts of violence and damage to public and private property, commits to finding actionable ways to make our system more just for everyone, and stands proudly for racial equality, and condemning any and all hate-based organizations that are counter to this mission.

“Speaking with one voice against racism and injustice, we must unite and take action to make our community welcoming, inclusive, and a safe place for all—now more than ever,” said Councilmember Sam Low.

“It is time to take responsibility and work to change our policies, acknowledge the need to improve and make positive change which is imbedded in the leadership of impacted frontline communities and responsible officers ready to have tough conversations,” said Councilmember Megan Dunn. “Equal justice under the law is not a reality for all Americans and families in this County.”

“It is our collective duty to make sure we do not allow the loudest voices in the room to be the voices spewing hate. And we will no longer stand idly by knowing there are injustices in our system within our power to fix,” said Councilmember Jared Mead.