

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION 20-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, REGARDING  
PROTESTS, RACE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, protests across the country were sparked after the death of George Floyd; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country, many protests resulted in the use of tear gas, flash bangs, rubber bullets, and pepper spray; and

**WHEREAS**, areas of the country where officers prepared for riots were met with riots; and

**WHEREAS**, areas of the country that did not militarize their police did not have violent occurrences; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country we saw horrific acts of violence against peaceful protestors; and

**WHEREAS**, the killing of George Floyd was simply the final straw of years of built up anger at the oppression and racism in our unequal justice system which led to these mass demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS**, people of color are disproportionately killed by law enforcement officers across the country<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase in violence against officers across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers has made proposals regarding our criminal justice system which are partially or wholly supported by Snohomish County Prosecutor Adam Cornell and Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has been actively looking into their policies and procedures to address concerns related to use of force policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has already changed some of their policies as a result of these recent events;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Gold Bar as follows:

**Section I      Action by the City Council**  
**Section II     Severability**  
**Section III    Effective Date**

### **Section I, Action by the City Council**

The City of Gold Bar supports law enforcement refraining from the use of chemical weapons, such as tear gas, against protestors, especially during a pandemic that affects the lungs.

The City of Gold Bar supports those who wish to peacefully protest without fear of intimidation or violence.

The City of Gold Bar mourns the death of George Floyd and other people of color who have lost their lives to unnecessary uses of force by law enforcement officers.

The City of Gold Bar mourns the death of Officer Jonathan Shoop of the Bothell Police department and other officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The City of Gold Bar recognizes that tensions are high between communities of color and law enforcement.

The City of Gold Bar commits to listen actively to historically marginalized people of color.

The City of Gold Bar urges the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office to continue to actively review their policies and procedures to ensure maximum safety for citizens and officers.

The City of Gold Bar supports the policy of body cameras proposed by Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and supported by Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney.

The City of Gold Bar recognizes that Chief Hess, Deputy Gort, Deputy Brown, Deputy Hand, Deputy Doersch, and Deputy Smarr have served, and continue to serve, the City with honor.

The City of Gold Bar recognizes that Chief Hess, Deputy Gort, Deputy Brown, Deputy Hand, Deputy Doersch and Deputy Smarr should be recognized for being exemplary models of what citizens should expect from law enforcement officers.

The City of Gold Bar recognizes that supporting Black Lives Matter and Good Law Enforcement Officers are not mutually exclusive.

### **Section II, Severability**


This resolution is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

### **Section III, Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect from, and after, its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Resolved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

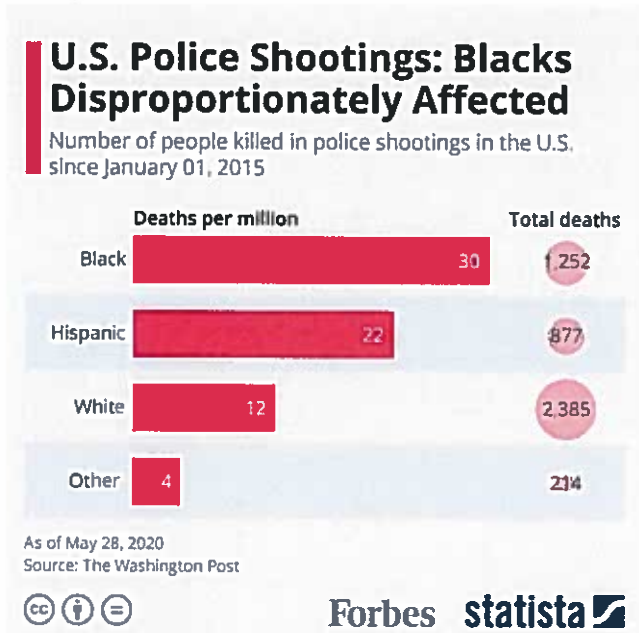
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