



To: Olympia City Council

June 22, 2026

Honorable Mayor Payne and City of Olympia Councilmembers,

On December 6, 2022 the Olympia City Council formally accepted the Reimagining Public Safety Recommendations. These recommendations were developed through an 18-month process led by a Community Work Group. Continued community involvement in this work remains important. The Social Justice and Equity Commission discussed the draft Reimagining Public Safety Progress report at their June 22, 2026 meeting. This letter is intended to share with you the Commission's discussions regarding the draft report.

The Commission's discussion centered around the following topics:

- Emphasis on juveniles within the criminal justice system is missing from the recommendations.
- Discussed what opportunities exist for accurate and comprehensive hate crime reporting.
- Would like the City to design and implement strategies and programs around restorative justice.
- Concern that the transition of jail services may have strayed from the original goals and intent.
- Discussed how to push/encourage the work forward and not allowing it to stagnate due to budget and resource constraints. Look for opportunities within the recommendations that can be prioritized that are not cost prohibitive.
- Ensure that the work is not performative by establishing a staff liaison or community work group dedicated to staying connected and moving the work forward.
- Goal 3 should be a focus of attention moving forward for work of Reimagining Public Safety. There is more work to be done in the healing and correcting of disproportionate impacts. The Social Justice and Equity Commission can be active in supporting this goal. (e.g.) the positive impacts of the Community Oversight of Law Enforcement process in furthering the strategies of Goal 1.
- Identify performance metrics to determine the success of these goals and values.
 - Success should also be measured by community feedback. Stories are a form of data communicating impact.
- Discussed how the federal climate may create a challenge in capturing the experiences of marginalized groups in our community.
- Establish and enhance community presence through communication and outreach:
 - Celebrate the work being done in the community.
 - Demonstrate greater transparency to build public trust.
 - Improve communication with the community about Reimagining Public Safety and using diverse tools like utility billing inserts, OlyTV3, in-person engagement, social media, etc.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Reimagining Public Safety Progress Report, provide community perspectives, and continue to support community involvement in the work of Reimagining Public Safety.

Best Regards,


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