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October 23, 2019

Tabatha Blacksmith Compliance Coordinator Public Disclosure Commission pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Re: Case No. 58353 (Dow Constantine)

Dear Ms. Blacksmith:

We write in response to Chestine Edgar's complaint against Dow Constantine in Case No. 58353. We represent Mr. Constantine. As explained below, the allegations in the complaint are unsubstantiated. There is no basis to find that Mr. Constantine or any other elected official or public employee used or authorized the use of King County facilities to assist or oppose a campaign, candidate, or ballot measure. No violation has been committed and no further action is warranted.

A. Factual Background

Ms. Edgar's complaint arises from a press conference organized by the King County Executive Office and held in the City of Burien. By way of background, in early 2017 King County drafted a value statement titled King County Inclusive Communities Pledge ("Pledge") that committed participating elected officials to (among other things) promote safe, welcoming, and inclusive communities, reject discrimination and hate, and support fair treatment and equal protection of the law for all residents regardless of immigration status. *See* **Attachment A** (Pledge). The Executive Office sent the Pledge to elected officials (mayors, city council members, etc.) in King County and each of its 39 cities and asked them to sign on to values expressed therein. Elected officials in many of those cities, including Burien Councilmembers Austin Bell and Lauren Berkowitz and Burien Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta, signed on to the Pledge. *See* **Attachment A** (list of sign-ons).

On Thursday, October 26, 2017, anti-immigrant organization Respect Washington circulated fliers to thousands of Burien residents. The fliers listed the names and purported addresses of undocumented immigrants, described crimes they had allegedly committed since

2008, and included a map showing where undocumented immigrants allegedly lived. The King County Sheriff and several Burien community leaders immediately denounced the fliers as inflammatory, inaccurate, and a threat to public safety. Consistent with the values expressed in King County's Pledge and after hearing from numerous concerned members of the community, Mr. Constantine determined that an immediate regional response was necessary. Accordingly, the King County Executive Office organized a press conference to occur in Burien the following Monday, October 30, 2017, with the sole purpose to respond to and denounce the fliers and the anti-immigrant rhetoric contained therein.

Given the very short timeline for organizing and finding speakers for the event (less than four days, with most of the work occurring the day before), Executive Office staff worked quickly to identify and reach out to elected officials at all levels of government who had connections to Burien and who had previously expressed support for the Pledge and/or the values expressed in the Pledge. Staff also reached out to local community members and groups who had taken similar positions consistent with the purpose of the event. Staff ultimately compiled the following lineup of speakers:

- King County Executive Dow Constantine, who represented Burien as a King County Councilmember from 2002 to 2009 and had signed the Pledge.
- Then-current Burien Councilmember and Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta, who had signed the Pledge.
- King County Council Chair Joe McDermott, who represented Burien in the Washington State Legislature from 2001 to 2010 and had signed the Pledge.
- Sandy Restrepo, co-founder and attorney at Colectiva Legal del Pueblo, an
 organization that provides legal services to undocumented immigrants in Burien.
 Ms. Restrepo also collaborates with the Washington Immigrant Solidarity
 Network ("WAISN"), a coalition of immigrant and refugee-rights organizations
 and individuals across Washington.
- Rich Stolz of OneAmerica, an immigrant and refugee advocacy organization based in Washington State.

See Attachment B.

Executive Office staff also invited additional elected officials and community members to attend the event in a non-speaking capacity, including State Representatives Joe Fitzgibbon and Mia Gregerson, State Senator Karen Keiser, Burien Councilmembers Austin Bell and Lauren Berkowitz, City of Seattle Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez, and representatives from the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and WAISN, among others. Every non-County individual invited to attend the event had represented Burien at the state level, had signed the Pledge, and/or

¹ See https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/inflammatory-respect-washington-flier-raises-concerns-in-burien/ (last accessed October 22, 2019).

had reached out to the County to convey concerns about the fliers or otherwise publicly denounced them.

During the planning process, the Executive Office's Director of Communications raised the issue whether the press conference should reference the upcoming November 7, 2017 election. The explicit answer was "no." Specifically, the Executive Office noted that "the purpose is to call out the hateful, anti-immigrant, divisive rhetoric and say 'Not here, not anywhere." See Attachment C. The Executive Office also emphasized that every speaker should be reminded that the event was an "official side event, so comments re election must reflect that," speakers should focus on the "main reason we're having the event and...share things from their perspective," and speakers should be reminded that "this is an official event." See id. Consistent with that determination, speakers and invitees were informed that the purpose of the event was to "stand[] with King County Executive Dow Constantine and other regional and community leaders to denounce the hateful, anti-immigration 'Respect Washington' mailer sent to Burien residents." See Attachment D (example emails to speakers/invitees). Proposed speakers were asked if they were "willing to say a few words against hate" at the press conference. Id. The Executive Office also sent an advisory to the media stating the date, time and location of the press conference and its purpose: "King County Executive Dow Constantine and other elected and community leaders denounce the recent anti-immigrant flier intended to divide Burien and the region." See Attachment E.

At the last minute on the morning of the press conference, Sandy Restrepo was unable to speak at the event as planned. Ms. Restrepo sent Kerri Gibbard Kline and Hugo Garcia of Burien Represent, a local community organization whose mission is to give voice to historically marginalized and disenfranchised groups, to speak in her place. Given the very rushed nature of putting on the event and the last minute substitution, the Executive Office had no opportunity to talk to Ms. Kline and Mr. Garcia before the event.

The October 30, 2017 press conference took place in downtown Burien, was open to the public, and lasted 17 minutes and 42 seconds. The entire purpose of the event was to condemn Respect Washington's distribution of anti-immigrant fliers in Burien, denounce discrimination and hate, and encourage residents to create a welcoming community. Mr. Constantine introduced the event and emphasized that purpose. Indeed, Mr. Constantine's comments were entirely consistent with the written notes prepared for his use during the event. *See* **Attachment F**. At no time did Mr. Constantine espouse or even mention any candidate or campaign.

Ms. Tosta spoke next. Similar to Mr. Constantine, Ms. Tosta focused on community diversity, condemned Respect Washington's message of division and hate, and encouraged community members to stand up to hate. Ms. Tosta was followed by Mr. McDermott, who emphasized Burien's diverse and welcoming community, condemned Respect Washington's fliers, and urged the community to reject fear and division. Neither Ms. Tosta nor Mr. McDermott advocated for or mentioned any candidate or campaign.

Next, Kerri Gibbard Kline and Hugo Garcia spoke on behalf of Burien Represent. The majority of Burien Represent's presentation addressed the same topics covered by Mr. Constantine, Ms. Tosta, and Mr. McDermott. But Burien Represent on its own made a statement endorsing certain candidates in the November 2017 election. The statement encompassed only 8 seconds of the more than 17-minute press conference. Mr. Constantine and King County Executive Office staff were surprised by Burien Represent's statement, had no control over it, did not anticipate or invite it, and lacked the ability to address the statement in the moment given how quickly it occurred.

After Burien Represent, Mr. Stolz on behalf of OneAmerica similarly condemned the fliers and called on the community to hold Respect Washington accountable. Mr. Stolz did not mention any candidates or campaigns. Finally, Mr. Constantine gave brief closing remarks and thanked elected officials for their attendance.

B. Discussion

Ms. Edgar alleges that Burien Represent's use of King County press conference equipment (specifically, a podium, microphones, and related electronic equipment) and participation in the press conference organized by the King County Executive Office violated RCW 42.17A.555. That statute provides in relevant part:

No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of a public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

RCW 42.17A.555 (emphasis added). The statute "was enacted to ensure that public resources are not used to provide advantages [or disadvantages] to a particular candidate or ballot measure..." *Herbert v. Pub. Disclosure Comm'n*, 136 Wn. App. 249, 264, 148 P.3d 1102 (2006). Under the plain language of the statute, two types of actions may constitute violations: (1) an elected official or public employee's **actual use** of public facilities **for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate**, campaign, or ballot measure, or (2) an elected official or public employee's **authorization** of such use by others.

No violation of RCW 42.17A.555 occurred here. The plain language of the law requires that the use of public facilities must be done "for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate" in order for a violation to occur. The press conference had no such purpose. Rather, as shown by the numerous communications surrounding the event, the purpose of the press

conference was to respond to Respect Washington's distribution of anti-immigrant fliers in Burien, **not** to support or oppose any particular candidate or campaign. The Executive Office did not program or script any political activity, nor was any planned or intended. Indeed, the Executive Office specifically recognized that the press conference was an official side event and informed speakers and invitees of that limited purpose. Speakers and invitees were invited based on their connections to Burien and their having previously expressed positions consistent with the purpose of the event, not for political reasons. And neither Mr. Constantine nor any of the other elected officials at the event did or said anything related to politics or campaigns.

There is no basis to find that Mr. Constantine or any other elected official or public employee organized the press conference for the purpose of assisting or opposing a campaign, or actually used or authorized use of King County facilities for that purpose. Burien Represent's spontaneous statement advocating for certain candidates does not change the purpose for which Mr. Constantine and his staff organized the event. Burien Represent was a last-minute addition to the lineup of speakers invited by Ms. Restrepo when she unexpectedly could not attend. No elected official or other public employee authorized Burien Represent's statement. To the contrary, this statement was unscripted, unplanned, and contrary to the purpose of the event. It came as a surprise to Mr. Constantine and staff.

Moreover, Burien Represent's statement comprised only 8 seconds within a more than 17-minute press conference. It was over almost as soon as it began. The remainder of Burien Represent's presentation was consistent with the purpose of the event. Perhaps if Burien Represent had been allowed to use extensive time to express their support for certain candidates, then a violation could occur. But that is not what happened here. We encourage the PDC to watch the video of the press conference in its entirety as doing so makes clear that Burien Represent's brief statements were inconsistent with the broader context of the press conference.²

In conclusion, no violation was committed here. Any use of King County facilities for campaign purposes was not intended, invited, or authorized by Mr. Constantine or his staff. The complaint warrants no further action. Mr. Constantine therefore respectfully requests that Ms. Edgar's complaint against him be dismissed.

Sincerely,

PACIFICA LAW GROUP LLP

Gregory J. Wong

² Regardless, even if Burien Represent's statement could be considered a violation of RCW 42.17A.555, it was so brief and inconsequential within the context of the entire press conference that no further PDC action is warranted.



King County Inclusive Communities Pledge

As an elected official in King County I make the following commitments to the people of my community:

I will promote safe, welcoming, and inclusive communities — regardless of a person's immigration or refugee status, race, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, housing status, veteran status, political ideology, ancestry, or any other social identity.

I will honor and uphold the dignity, equality, civil and human rights of all people.

I will support policies, programs, and services that benefit all members of my community and foster positive community participation.

I will not deny services or the equal protection of the law to any resident based on immigration status.

I will support fair treatment by our law enforcement officers of all residents regardless of their immigration status.

I will support actions and efforts to inform all immigrants and refugees about their rights and obligations.

I will not tolerate discrimination, harassment, expressions of hate, or any behavior intended to promote fear, intimidation, or isolation.

I will not support directives or policies inconsistent with the values of my community.

I will use my platform as an elected official to promote fairness, equity, and equality.

I will take actions to help residents who are on a path to citizenship.

I will continue to embrace the proposition that being a welcoming jurisdiction is foundational to building a strong, collaborative, prosperous region, and that the plurality of backgrounds, perspectives, and lived experiences of our residents enhances the cultural fabric, vibrancy, economic vitality and growth of our communities.

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EVENT BRIEFING FORM FOR EXECUTIVE CONSTANTINE

Press conference to denounce hateful mailer in Burien **EVENT:**

DATE: Monday, October 30, 2017

TIME:

Event time: 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Program starts: 12:00pm 12:00pm Dow speaks at: 11:55am Arrive by:

Location: Burien Town Square

> 400 152nd SW, Burien, WA 98166 Address:

> > (Address is for City Hall, adjacent to Burien Town Square)

Outdoor event Room name/number:

Seating plan/table number: N/A N/A

Green room: N/A Parking:

Dow's Role:

Dow opens press conference delivering 2-3 minutes of remarks

Event Details:

Yes Podium/lectern: Microphone: Yes Visuals/slides: No

Event setup: Outdoor press conference

Meal: No

Run of Show:

Suggested (need confirmation):

Dow opens press conference 12:00pm

12:04pm Burien CM/Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta KC Council Chair Joe McDermott

12:08pm

Sandy Restrepo, director of Colectiva Legal del Pueblo 12:12pm

Rich Stolz, executive director of OneAmerica 12:16pm

12:20pm Dow closes

Audience:

You are hosting this event to denounce the hateful, anti-immigration, divisive Respect WA mailer that recently went to Burien residents. You have invited other community and regional leaders to join you in calling out this hate speech.

Other key participants:

KC Council Chiar Joe McDermott

KC Councilmember Dave Upthegrove

Burien CM/Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta

Burien CM Austin Bell

State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

State Representative Mia Gregerson

State Representative Tina Orwall (tentative)

State Senator Karen Keiser

SEA Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez

Rich Stolz, Exec Dir., OneAmerica

Jorge Baron, Exec. Dir., NW Immigran Rights Project (tentative)

Representative from WA Immigrant Solidarity Network (tentative)

Varisha Khan, Comms Coordinator, CAIR-WA

Media:

Media invited:

Yes

Social Media:

Suggested tweet/s for Dow's personal Twitter account:

in development in development

Suggested tweet/s for the KC News Twitter account: Social media handles:

checking

Social media coordination with stakeholders:

in development

Background:

Event Contact:

Name:

Lauren Craig

Work Ph: Cell Ph:

Exec Staff on site day of:

Name:

Calli McDermott &/or Lauren Craig

Cell Ph:

Security on duty day of: TBD

Name: Work Ph: Cell Ph:

Briefing form prepared by: Dylan Ordoñez

From: Ordonez, Dylan

Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Putney, April; Carlson, Diane

Cc: Fryer, Alex; Smith, Rachel; Huston, Jennifer; Craig, Lauren; Knight, Calli; Lewis, Chad;

Braddock, Shannon; Valenzuela, Matias; Gheisar, Bookda

Subject: RE: Burien Press Conference, Noon tomorrow

Attachments: 30-BF Burien Press Conference.docx

I've attached a draft briefing form. Five things:

1.) Locking the run of show. I've suggested the following in the briefing form. We'll move forward with this if there are no objections:

12:00pmDow opens press conference

12:04pmBurien CM/Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta 12:08pmKC Council Chair Joe McDermott 12:12pmWAISN Representative 12:16pmRich Stolz 12:20pmDow closes

2.) Once we're on the same page about the Run of Show, these folks need to actually be asked to speak. I can handle coordinating that once we set the Run of Show. As a refresher, here is who all will be present:

KC Council Chiar Joe McDermott

KC Councilmember Dave Upthegrove

Burien CM/Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta

Burien CM Austin Bell

State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

State Representative Mia Gregerson

State Representative Tina Orwall (tentative) State Senator Karen Keiser SEA Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez Rich Stolz, Exec Dir., OneAmerica Jorge Baron, Exec. Dir., NW Immigran Rights Project (tentative) Representative from WA Immigrant Solidarity Network (tentative) Varisha Khan, Comms Coordinator, CAIR-WA

- 3.) Social media Calli, thanks for putting together suggested material for social media for stakeholders. Please send around what you've got.
- 4.) Coordinating talking points between Dow and other speakers. I think we simply have speakers focus on the main reason we're having the event and they share things from their perspective. To April's point, we also need to remind folks that this is an official event.
- 5.) Finally, I'm handing the reins on this over to Lauren as I am incredibly sick and won't be in tomorrow (and probably not Tuesday at this point).

Will still check email for a little bit, then tuning out. Reachable by text if necessary,

Thanks.

From: Ordonez, Dylan

Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 3:13 PM

To: Putney, April; Carlson, Diane

Cc: Fryer, Alex; Smith, Rachel; Huston, Jennifer; Craig, Lauren; Knight, Calli; Lewis, Chad; Braddock, Shannon; Valenzuela,

Matias; Gheisar, Bookda

Subject: RE: Burien Press Conference, Noon tomorrow

Thx, April. Go Sounders!

From: Putney, April

Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 3:00 PM To: Carlson, Diane; Ordonez, Dylan

Cc: Fryer, Alex; Smith, Rachel; Huston, Jennifer; Craig, Lauren; Knight, Calli; Lewis, Chad; Braddock, Shannon; Valenzuela,

Matias; Gheisar, Bookda

Subject: RE: Burien Press Conference, Noon tomorrow

I'm officially in Vancouver now so not going to be thoroughly following emails.

All legislators have the location details and I have no new attendance updates. I have not asked Mia to speak because it doesn't look confirmed? I definitely think Deputy Mayor Tosta should be invited to speak. Every speaker should be reminded that it's an official side event, so comments re election must reflect that.

From: Carlson, Diane

Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 2:20 PM

To: Ordonez, Dylan

Cc: Fryer, Alex; Smith, Rachel; Huston, Jennifer; Putney, April; Craig, Lauren; Knight, Calli; Lewis, Chad; Braddock,

Shannon; Valenzuela, Matias; Gheisar, Bookda

Subject: Re: Burien Press Conference, Noon tomorrow

Thanks Dylan. This is helpful. Deputy Mayor Tosta would be able to speak if you want her to.

Diane

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Sent from my iPhone

- > On Oct 29, 2017, at 2:09 PM, Ordonez, Dylan < Dylan.Ordonez@kingcounty.gov > wrote:
- > The purpose is to call out the hateful, anti-immigrant, divisive rhetoric and say 'Not here, not anywhere.' I recommend removing even the mention of city council elections in the advisory. Some of the invitees may be sensitive otherwise.
- > Jorge is a maybe. Though, he also recommended Sandy. Matias, would you please reach out to Sandy and invite her to attend tomorrow? For now, I'd like to hold off on pinging WAISN, as our original thinking was that we did not want to have a lot of people present beyond the speakers and others already invited.
- > From: Fryer, Alex
- > Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 1:00 PM
- > To: Ordonez, Dylan; Smith, Rachel; Huston, Jennifer; Putney, April;
- > Carlson, Diane; Craig, Lauren; Knight, Calli; Lewis, Chad; Braddock,
- > Shannon; Valenzuela, Matias; Gheisar, Bookda
- > Subject: RE: Burien Press Conference, Noon tomorrow

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> I'll let the political brains determine the speakers.
> Question: Is this press conference exclusively to denounce the mailer? In the NOTES, I mentioned the Nov. 7 local
elections. Should other speakers focus harder on that?
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> Alex Fryer
> Director of Communications
> Office of the Executive Dow Constantine
> D: 206-477-7966
> M: 206-419-5789
> From: Ordonez, Dylan
> Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 12:13 PM
> To: Smith, Rachel < Rachel. Smith@kingcounty.gov>; Fryer, Alex
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> < Matias. Valenzuela@kingcounty.gov>; Gheisar, Bookda
> < bgheisar@kingcounty.gov>
> Subject: Burien Press Conference, Noon tomorrow
> Importance: High
> Thanks, all for your help in pulling this together. To recap:
> Dow is hosting press conference tomorrow to denounce recent hateful mailer that Burien residents received.
> 12:00pm, Monday, Oct 30, Burien Town Square. Draft advisory below and draft remarks attached. Draft briefing form
coming shortly.
> We need to determine who we want to speak and make those asks today. Alex, thoughts? I'll throw out the following
for consideration: Dow, Burien CM, Rich, Joe McD &/or Dave, maybe Mia, and Jorge if he is able to make it.
> Confirmed attendees:
> Dow
> CM Joe McDermott
> CM Dave Upthegrove
> Burien CM Nancy Tosta
> Burien CM Austin Bell
> Rep Joe Fitzgibbon
> Rep Mia Gregerson
> Sen Karen Keiser
> Rich Stolz
> Varisha Khan (CAIR-WA Comms Coordinator) Rep Tina Orwall (tentative)
> CM Lorena Gonzalez (tentative)
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> Still waiting to hear:
> Rep Eileen Cody
> CM Lauren Berkowitz
> Jorge Baron
> Alex/Chad, if we want the podium, would one of you please coordinate with FMD to make that happen?
> What else?
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> From: Fryer, Alex
> Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 9:59 AM
> To: Ordonez, Dylan
> Cc: Jackson, Celia
> Subject: Draft ADVISORY and speaking notes Here is draft ADVISORY.
> Also, I attached speaking points. Let me know edits/feedback.
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> [News from Executive Dow Constantine]<a href="http://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine.aspx">http://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine.aspx</a>
>
> Oct. 29, 2017
>
> Contact: Alex Fryer<mailto:Alex.Fryer@kingcounty.gov>, 206-477-7966
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> ADVISORY: Executive Constantine and regional leaders denounce racist flier in Burien
> King County Executive Dow Constantine and other elected and community leaders denounce the recent anti-
immigrant flier intended to divide Burien on the eve of City Council elections.
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> WHAT: Press conference
> WHERE: 400 SW 152nd Street, Burien WA 98166
> WHEN: Noon, Monday, Oct. 30
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Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:27 PM

To: Topp, Gina

Subject: FW: Tomorrow's Press Conference in Burien

From: Lauren Craig lauren.l.craig@gmail.com Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 7:43 PM

To: Craig, Lauren < Lauren. Craig@kingcounty.gov> **Subject:** Tomorrow's Press Conference in Burien

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Thank you for your leadership at this critical time in our history.

-Lauren

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DOW CONSTANTINE NEWS

King County Executive



Oct. 29, 2017

Contact: Alex Fryer, 206-477-7966

ADVISORY: Executive Constantine and regional leaders denounce racist flier in Burien

King County Executive Dow Constantine and other elected and community leaders denounce the recent anti-immigrant flier intended to divide Burien and the region.

WHAT: Press conference

WHERE: Burien Town Square, 400 SW 152nd Street, Burien WA 98166

WHEN: Noon, Monday, Oct. 30





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Burien "Respect Washington" Press Conference

Oct. 30 at noon | Burien City Hall 400 SW 152nd Street, Burien

Audience: News media

We are here today to shine a spotlight on hate in our community, and to tell out-of-town groups:

- stay out of <u>Burien</u>,
- stay out of <u>King County</u>,
- You are the ones who are not welcome *here* or *anyplace* in America.

We are here to call attention to the outrageous flier mailed to thousands of Burien residents by the phony **Respect Washington**, the biggest funder of which is a known *hate group* out of Michigan.

This letter demonizes local immigrants and recklessly includes names and addresses.

Fearmongering and intimidation – it's straight out of Trump's playbook, and I am furious.

This is personal.

I represented Burien in the House, the Senate, the County Council and now as County Executive. I know these Trump values are not Burien values - last fall, more than 75 percent of voters in Burien rejected Trump and his politics of hate.

America should be a beacon of freedom and opportunity,

but this right-wing hate group is willing to risk innocent lives for votes.

Together, we will stand for the true meaning of America and show that discrimination and hate will be given no quarter here in Martin Luther King County.

We have a particular responsibility to our young people, who are growing up in an age with so much division.

At Kent-Meridian High School, racist graffiti was discovered just a few days ago. To the students who say: "Threats against Muslims have no place our school" – we are with you.

Today we stand united. United for our common values of tolerance and equality. United in the belief that prosperity for all grows when opportunity is expanded.

Division and **hate** and **scapegoating** only serve only to weaken our community.

Let us start today – let us start here in Burien – to create an America of equity and opportunity, a place where we are all are *welcome*, and where we all *belong*.

Introduce Burien Councilmember and Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta...

Outro: Thank...
Burien CM Austin Bell,
Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon,
Rep. Mia Gergerson,
Rep. Tina Orwall,
Sen. Karen Keiser,
Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez