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WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

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8	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
9		)	Case No. 2:12-cv-01282-JLR
10	Plaintiff,	)	
11	v.	)	<b>CITY OF SEATTLE’S BRIEF</b>
12		)	<b>SUBMITTING SEATTLE POLICE</b>
13	CITY OF SEATTLE,	)	<b>DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY</b>
		)	<b>ENGAGEMENT REPORT</b>
	Defendant.	)	
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14 The City of Seattle, on behalf of the Seattle Police Department (“SPD”), submits the attached  
15 Community Engagement Program Report, the first of the “Outcome Reports” SPD will file during the  
16 compliance sustainment period. The report is available to the public on SPD’s website at  
17 <http://www.seattle.gov/documents/departments/police/reports/communityengagementreport2018.pdf>.  
18 SPD will also publicize the report after this brief is filed on the SPD Blotter  
19 (<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov>).

20 SPD’s Outcome Reports are a continuation of annual public reporting that it began several  
21 years ago as an outgrowth of Consent Decree work. The Consent Decree requires an annual public  
22 report on SPD’s uses of force. Consent Decree (Dkt. #3-1) ¶99. In 2015, SPD began publishing annual  
23 reports covering the core Consent Decree subjects of Crisis Intervention and Stops and Detentions.

1 Mar. 2, 2018 Memo. (Dkt. #444) at 11-12 (describing annual reporting since 2015). SPD agreed to  
2 continue publishing those reports during the sustainment period and to send drafts to the Monitoring  
3 Team and DOJ in advance for comment and discussion.

4 In addition to those Outcome Reports, SPD agreed to report on its community engagement  
5 efforts. Mar. 2, 2018 Memo. (Dkt. #444) at 12. That report is different from others in that it does not  
6 address metrics that might assist in assessing SPD's compliance with the Consent Decree or illustrate  
7 how Court- and Monitor-approved policies have impacted outcomes in the field. Nonetheless, one of  
8 the Consent Decree's foundational goals is to "promote[] public confidence in the Seattle Police  
9 department and its officers," and the Decree repeatedly recognizes the value of community  
10 engagement. *See* Consent Decree (Dkt. #3-1) Introduction, ¶¶4, 145. SPD shares that goal and hopes  
11 this report will serve the community by increasing awareness of SPD's initiatives and serve the Court,  
12 Monitor, and Department of Justice by showing SPD's efforts to achieve that goal.

13 The Report contains an overview of organized community engagement efforts at SPD,  
14 including its digital outreach efforts. It also summarizes efforts to recruit officers who reflect the  
15 communities that SPD serves. Finally, it highlights partnerships with outside researchers and others  
16 who are evaluating SPD's community engagement work.

17 After reviewing a draft of the report, the Department of Justice and Monitoring Team asked  
18 SPD to address the extent to which the initiatives described in the Report have reached the  
19 community, whether by noting the number of participants in various programs or the number of  
20 attendees at various events. Although SPD neither tracks attendance and participation nor wishes to  
21 send the message that it does, it has collected information to address the question that Department of  
22 Justice and the Monitoring Team raised. Below are rough indicators of participation in some of SPD's  
23 community engagement efforts this year and in recent years.

- 1 • SPD's Demographic Advisory Councils (Rep. at 3) have held more than 40 meetings  
2 involving more than 140 SPD officers.
- 3 • In 2018, 15 SPD officers are serving 18 immigrant families in SPD's Immigrant Family  
4 Institute (Rep. at 4); in 2017, 8 officers served 15 families in the Institute.
- 5 • SPD's Summer Youth Employment Program (Rep. at 4) served almost 20 youth in 2016, and  
6 more than 30 in 2017 and in 2018.
- 7 • Another youth-oriented program, SPD's Police Explorers (Rep. at 5) has 44 current  
8 participants.
- 9 • The first and second sessions of SPD's Community Police Academy (Rep. at 5) served 35  
10 and 48 community members, respectively. A one-day academy served more than 15  
11 community members.
- 12 • SeaPAL (Rep. at 5), which promotes safe and engaged communities with youth recreation  
13 programs led by SPD officers, served 160 children in its flag football program in 2018 (up  
14 from 140 in 2017) and 120 in its basketball program (up from 80 in 2017). The baseball  
15 program served 50 children in 2017 and another 8-week program is set to begin this summer.  
16 Three SeaPAL day camps in 2017 served about 250 kids, and three more are scheduled for  
17 this summer. SeaPAL currently serves 240 youth in a program at the Van Asselt Community  
18 Center in Georgetown.
- 19 • SeaPAL's mentorship program (Rep. at 6) paired 28 youth with SPD officer mentors in 2017,  
20 and 55 in 2018.
- 21 • SPD continues its long-running support of National Night Out (Rep. at 7) and has already  
22 signed up around 1100 block parties for this August's event.
- 23 • More than 3000 neighborhood captains have signed up for SPD's Block Watch program (Rep.  
at 7).
- Since SPD established its Navigation Team (Rep. at 7) in February 2017, its members have  
contacted more than 2200 homeless people.
- Living Room Conversations (Rep. at 8) brought SPD officers to community members' homes  
18 times in 2017 and 5 times this year.
- Detective Cookie's Chess Club (Rep. at 9) reaches about 720 students every year with its  
afterschool chess program. Its Saturday chess and anti-violence programming reach about 960  
people every year. It also provides anti-violence presentations in Seattle schools reaching  
about 270 students every week, plus another 300 each year in various in-school presentations.

- SPD’s best estimates for the crowds for its annual Precinct Picnics (Rep. at 9) are 250 community members in the South Precinct, 350 in the East Precinct, 420 in the North Precinct, 125 in the West Precinct, and 450 in the Southwest Precinct.

SPD expects that this engagement work bears dividends every day, and hopes that efforts by the Monitor, CPC, and others to assess community sentiment about SPD reflect those benefits. Nonetheless, SPD will continue to support these efforts, most of which are unfunded programs that succeed based on the enthusiasm and dedication of the SPD officers who volunteer their time to support them.

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