



CITY OF
West Linn

February 14, 2020

Billy J. Williams
United States Attorney
1000 SW Third Ave Suite 600
Portland, Oregon 97204
via email

Dear Mr. Williams,

As the representatives of the citizens of West Linn, we have an obligation to hold those within city government accountable, including ourselves. To that end, we are moving forward on several fronts to respond to the concerns raised about the West Linn Police Department and the City in relation to the investigation and arrest of a Portland man in 2017.

We believe it is imperative for any law enforcement agency to have the full confidence of the citizens it serves. To achieve that, we are committed to finding answers and join our community, state leaders, federal representatives, and our current Police Chief in calling for a thorough outside review by the Department of Justice into the actions of the City of West Linn and the West Linn Police Department in this case.

The case is complicated and concerning. It involves multiple decisions over the last three years that need to be fully evaluated. We are committed to transparency, and in that spirit, are dedicated to providing any information required to complete a thorough investigation.

It is our hope that by fully addressing the concerns of our community, we can begin to rebuild the trust that has been compromised by this case. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

West Linn Mayor Russell B. Axelrod
West Linn City Council President Teri Cummings
West Linn City Councilor William Relyea
West Linn City Councilor Richard Sakelik
West Linn City Councilor Jules Walters

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