

All-City Email DRAFT

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City colleagues,

Today, I'm writing you not only as your mayor, but as someone who shares in the grief that so many of us are carrying right now. [Yesterday's shooting](#) was a profound tragedy. We are grieving for those whose lives were taken, those who were injured, and everyone who loves them. We also recognize how deeply an act of violence like this affects all of our colleagues, our families, and the community we serve.

I appreciate how our city stepped up yesterday. Our first responders, including at SPD, SFD and CARE's 911 center acted swiftly and courageously, and employees across city government including our Seattle Center staff worked under extraordinarily difficult circumstances to help our communities. I am deeply grateful to every city employee who helped protect lives, care for those affected, support the response, and keep essential services running.

Even as we recognize that response, this tragedy is a painful reminder of how much work remains to end gun violence, in Seattle and across the country. That work is already underway here, and will continue and deepen. Addressing gun violence requires all of us, at all levels of government, to work collectively toward a safer city and country.

Please take care of yourselves and one another in the days ahead. If you need help and want to talk to someone, please review our [Employee Assistance Program](#), ComPsych (Web ID: SeattleEAP), or call 1-800-858-6715. TRS users can dial 711 for 24/7 Mental Health Support. Some additional [Mental Health Resources](#) are available based on your health insurance provider as well as through mental health organizations.

We will honor those affected not only through our words, but through our continued service and determination to build a safer community. Thank you for everything you do for our city and for one another.

With gratitude,

Mayor Katie B. Wilson