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Public Comment

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Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 11:54 AM

To: City Council <citycouncil@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Leana Kinley <leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us>, Scott Anderson <scott.anderson@ci.stevenson.wa.us>

Hello all,

I would like to submit a public comment in regards to Agenda item 9 g.

Many community members, including myself are eager to see anti-bias training, education and professional development for those who live in this community. As representatives in leadership positions, I feel it is your duty to serve the community from an anti-racism lense. To do this, I feel it's imperative to enact training for those who sit on the City Council, the Mayor and including those who work for the city.

This training needs to specifically address widespread inequities, systemic racism, and forms of racism (whether it be overt or covert) in an inclusive, equitable, transparent, and sustainable manner with measures for accountability.

I am dismayed by the inadqueat action and progress towards eradicating racism and other types of identity-based discrimination thus far. We all have work to do in eradicating racism in our community, as a member of society I feel it is my duty to also participate in this type of work. I am actively pursuing education materials and ways to become anti-racist personally.

I am asking for training, education, and professional development to be implemented promptly at a city wide level for all leaders and employees. It is needed in this community. These training sessions are beneficial to the community as a whole and I feel can lead others to follow suit. This will also show community members who are looking for leadership at this time that our representatives are willing to become a part of the solution rather than the problem of inequalities we are seeing today. Providing such training will further Stevenson's success, particularly for people of color who have been traditionally marginalized, underserved, neglected, and vulnerable.

Thank you for your time!

Cheers,

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Please excuse my typo,

I am dismayed by the inadqueat, it should read: **I am dismayed by the inadequate**

Cheers,

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