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KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES
INQUEST PROGRAM

IN RE INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF
ALBERT WAYNE FREDERICKS JR.

No. 17IQ427069

CITY OF SEATTLE’S RESPONSE TO THE
FAMILY’S MOTION TO WITHDRAW
FROM INQUEST

The City of Seattle (“City”) does not object to the Family’s request to withdraw from this Inquest. The City does, however, object to the various inaccuracies and mischaracterizations contained within the Family’s motion to withdraw concerning the facts of the incident and the inquest proceeding. Throughout this proceeding, the City has fully complied with its duties and responsibilities as defined by the Executive Order, has transparently conducted discovery, has cooperated with the parties, and has produced the trainings and policies identified by the Inquest Administrator as relevant to the Inquest.

The City objects to the Family’s numerous inaccurate, misleading, and/or out-of-context statements in the motion to withdraw, including but not limited to the following:

- That Mr. Fredericks died “during” a Seattle Police Department takedown (p. 3);
- That officers left the scene (p. 3);
- That Mr. Fredericks exhibited “agonal breathing” (p. 3);

- 1 • That the Force Investigation Unit’s investigation of the incident was not appropriate and
2 thorough (p. 4);
- 3 • That post-incident witness interviews were not appropriate and thorough (p. 5);
- 4 • That Detective Simmons’ report contained “factually inaccurate information” (p. 7);
- 5 • That valid legal objections challenging a confusing, inaccurate, and improper demonstrative
6 exhibit and the lack of foundation for a retained expert’s opinions, were somehow improper
7 or obstructive (p. 5-6);
- 8 • That the Seattle Police Department has “objected to nearly every effort of the Family to
9 investigate this case” (p. 6);
- 10 • That the Seattle Police Department objected to the inclusion of all de-escalation policies, crisis
11 intervention policies and use of force policies (p. 6);
- 12 • That the interview of Dr. Mazrim was “extremely contentious” (p. 7); and
- 13 • That Mr. Fredericks was treated improperly or “disregarded” by the Seattle Police Department
14 (p. 8).

15 The City of Seattle takes its role in this inquest seriously and has worked cooperatively and in good faith
16 with all the involved parties. Any suggestion to the contrary by the Family is inaccurate and without
17 merit.

1 DATED this 8th day of February, 2022.

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