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Shareefah Hoover, Chair
Vancouver NAACP Legal Redress Committee

Dear Chair Hoover,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting the Sheriff's Office to remove the "thin blue line" and "blue lives matter" insignia and decals from Sheriff's Office buildings, uniforms, and vehicles. The County Council agrees that displays of the "blue lives matter" and "thin blue line" iconography are not appropriate for display on public property. As such, the County Council strongly supports Sheriff Atkins' decision to remove all "thin blue line" and "blue lives matter" items from Sheriff's Office buildings, uniforms, and vehicles.

The County Council is committed to taking meaningful action to eliminate hate, bigotry, and racism in our county. As a county government, we must lead by example. We thank you for raising this important issue, and also thank Sheriff Atkins for removing the "thin blue line" and "blue lives matter" insignia.

We believe this action on the Sheriff's part represents a good-faith effort to remove a barrier to productive discussion, demonstrating the positive effects of a collective effort. Eradicating racism from our county will require concerted effort. We look forward to building on this good work in the days, months, and years ahead.

Sincerely,

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