

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

August 3, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Meeting Location:

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or Seattle Channel online.

Committee Website:

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1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2020)

[July 27, 2020](#)

2. President's Report

9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.

3. Presentation on proposed Council Bill 119840, prohibiting the questioning of juveniles unless legal counsel is provided.

Presenters: Anita Khandelwal, Director, King County Department of Public Defense;
Sean Goode, Executive Director, CHOOSE 180

9:35 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

[Council Bill 119840](#)

[Presentation](#)

4. Preview of Today's City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

(All Councilmembers)

9:55 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Council Briefing Minutes (2020)



Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

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Monday, July 27, 2020, 9:30 AM

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Meeting Start Time: 9:33 a.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President González

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

Present: 8 - M. Lorena González , Teresa Mosqueda, Lisa Herbold, Andrew Lewis, Tammy Morales, Alex Pedersen, Kshama Sawant, Dan Strauss

Excused: 1 - Debora Juarez

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 1584 Council Briefing Minutes (2020)

The Council Briefing Minutes of July 20, 2020 were approved.

2. President's Report

3. Preview of Today's City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

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4. Executive Session on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation and Labor Negotiations*

**Executive Sessions are closed to the public*

At 12:15 p.m., the Council moved into a 45-minute Executive Session regarding Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation, and Labor Negotiations. At 1:00 p.m., the Executive Session was extended by 30 minutes.

The Executive Session concluded at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Linda Barron, Sr. Executive Assistant



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Presentation on proposed Council Bill 119840, prohibiting the questioning of juveniles unless legal counsel is provided.

MiChance Dunlap Gittens Youth Rights Ordinance



In theory –

The Constitution Protects the Right to Remain Silent and the Right to Counsel

MIRANDA WARNING

1. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
2. ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW.
3. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK TO A LAWYER AND HAVE HIM PRESENT WITH YOU WHILE YOU ARE BEING QUESTIONED.
4. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, ONE WILL BE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT YOU BEFORE ANY QUESTIONING, IF YOU WISH.
5. YOU CAN DECIDE AT ANY TIME TO EXERCISE THESE RIGHTS AND NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR MAKE ANY STATEMENTS.

WAIVER

DO YOU UNDERSTAND EACH OF THESE RIGHTS I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU?
HAVING THESE RIGHTS IN MIND, DO YOU WISH TO TALK TO US NOW?



In practice –

Youth in Seattle Tell a Different Story:

“They try pressuring you to talking to them and the next thing you know you’re saying yes to something you didn’t do.”

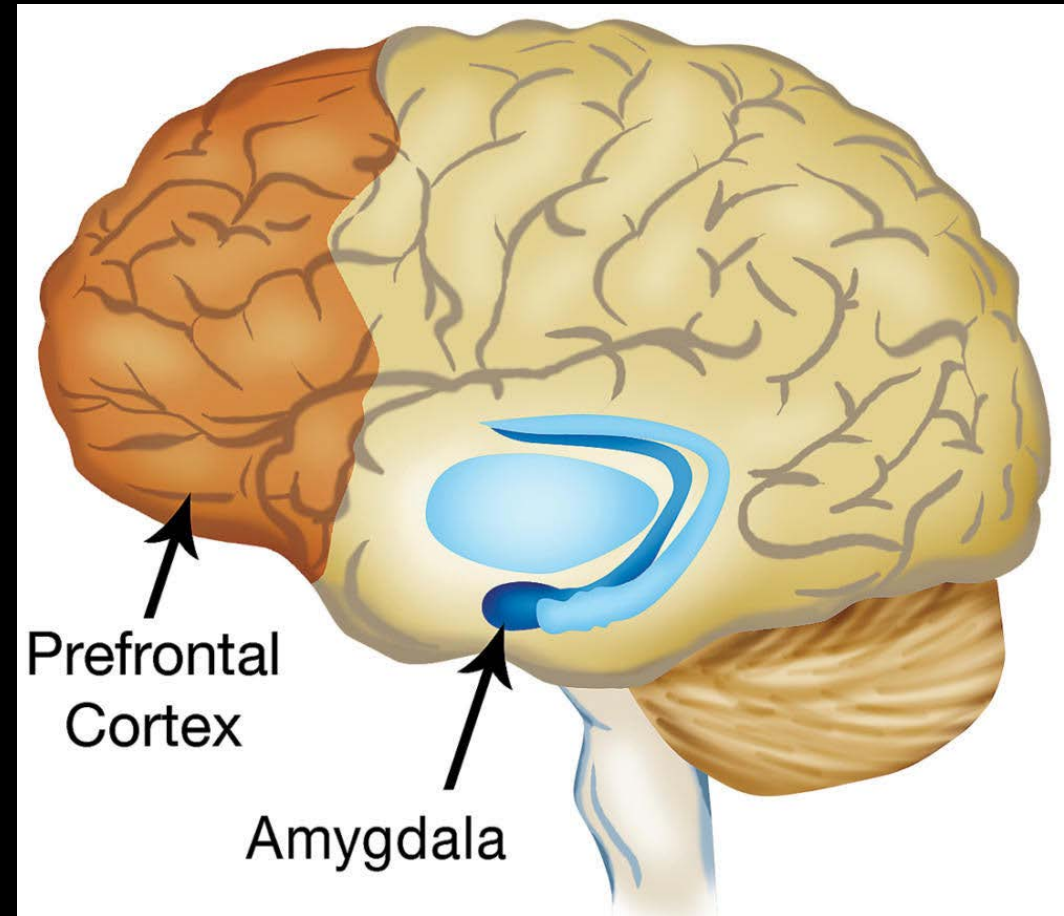


Right to counsel is critical for young people:

- Youth often do not **understand** legal rights and protections
- **Power dynamics are coercive and limit meaningful consent**
- **Racial bias** undermines trust between youth and police
- **Procedural justice** improves public safety
- **False confessions** drive systemic injustice
- Existing **case law** fails to protect youth

1. Lack of understanding

- Adolescent brain science
- *Miranda* is confusing
- Knowing whether you can refuse police request to search is confusing





Power dynamics

- Less than 10 percent of youth suspected of committing a crime assert their *Miranda* rights when stopped by the police.
- Children questioned by adults and authority figures are more likely to feel pressure to respond.
- Police interrogation is inherently coercive.
- Police can lie to youth during interrogation with impunity.

“I...used a ruse by telling him...”

I spoke with the first male who was later identified as [REDACTED]. I advised [REDACTED] of his Miranda Rights from a department issued code book since he was not free to leave and I was questioning him. He stated yes to understanding my questions and yes to answering them.

[REDACTED] said he was coming from his friend [REDACTED]'s house and that he was going to [REDACTED]'s house to pick up his school binder. I asked [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] was and he said he did not know his last name. I asked him who [REDACTED] was and he said it was the other kid he was with and motioned over to the individual Ofc Jones was talking to. I asked [REDACTED] many times about breaking into an apartment in different ways and he denied it.

I then spoke to [REDACTED] and used a ruse by telling him [REDACTED] said that it was all [REDACTED]'s idea and that [REDACTED] was the master mind of it all. At first [REDACTED] like [REDACTED] denied it all, but after they were both positively identified by the victim [REDACTED] said he wanted to give his side of the story. I told him that Ofc Ross would take his statement and that it would be in his best interest to tell the truth.



Structural Racism

- Nationally, police officers are more likely to arrest Black youth than white youth:
 - In 2016, Black youth accounted for 15% of U.S. children yet made up 35% of juvenile arrests that year.

Locally, police stop Youth of Color (BIPOC) at a disproportionate rate

- In 2012, the arrest rate for African Americans in King County was 1 in 38 in 2010, while the arrest rate for white suspects was 1 in 200.
- In 2019, approximately 20 percent of the youth referred to the juvenile legal system were referred by SPD and 22 percent of the filings were from SPD referrals.
- 72.4% of the youth charged in the juvenile legal system in 2019 were Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color.
- In 2019, 86.1% of the youth incarcerated in King County were Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color.

The MiChance Dunlap Gittens Youth Rights Ordinance will make our community safer

“The [Jeff Adachi Youth Rights Ordinance], now fully implemented in San Francisco, makes our community safer and has not diminished my office’s ability to prosecute serious and violent crimes.”

– Chesa Boudin, District Attorney, San Francisco



Procedural Justice

- Adopting the MiChance Dunlap Gittens Youth Rights Ordinance will reduce racial bias and lead to safer communities
- Youth are more likely to comply with the legal system when they feel the system and its actors are not violating their constitutional protections.
- Patricia Lee, Managing Attorney of the Juvenile Unit of San Francisco Public Defender's Office, states that since the Jeff Adachi Youth Rights Ordinance passed – “ I believe that my clients distrust the system less because they understand their rights and how to exercise them.”



“You can’t erode what doesn’t exist”



False confessions threaten justice goals

- Youth feel pressure to respond to police officers' questions.
- Body cameras do not prevent false confessions.
- Courts are biased in favor of the police.

“Existing case law and constitutional provisions do not adequately protect the rights of youth, especially those youth experiencing poverty or who are Black, Indigenous and Youth That anachronistic case law largely ignores what the science tells us about developing brains and pretends that young people and law enforcement are on equal footing in any interaction.

- Chesa Boudin, District Attorney, San Francisco



Current law falls short of protecting youth

- Even when the law requires courts to consider a young person's age, in practice courts rarely identify age as a relevant factor.
- The “Jeff Adachi Youth Rights Ordinance” rectifies this problem by considering both the brain science and the power dynamics between youth and law enforcement interaction. The Ordinance makes young people's constitutional rights meaningful by connecting them to a lawyer who can help them understand these rights. - Chesa Boudin, District Attorney

The Ordinance:

1. Police may not subject youth to questioning after administering *Miranda* warnings.
2. Police may not ask youth to consent to the search of their body, property, abodes, or vehicles -



--- WITHOUT PROVIDING ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL.



King County

**Department of
PUBLIC
DEFENSE**



What the Ordinance does not do:

- Does not apply when officers want to ask questions during, for example, “Terry stops” or welfare checks.
- Does not stop officers from questioning youth if they reasonably believe the information sought is necessary to protect life from an imminent threat.
- Does not require the exclusion of any evidence in court.



What the Ordinance does do:

- Provides youth with access to a public defender.
- Provides 'on call' legal representation 24/7 through The King County Dept of Public Defense.
 - DPD already has an 'on call' service that law enforcement regularly accesses
- Protects the dignity, integrity, and safety of youth in King County.



“The police are really scary.
I wish I had known my rights.”

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City Council Agenda (2020)



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Monday, August 3, 2020

2:00 PM

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M. Lorena González, President

Lisa Herbold, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Andrew J. Lewis, Member

Tammy J. Morales, Member

Teresa Mosqueda, Member

Alex Pedersen, Member

Kshama Sawant, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Lorena.González@seattle.gov

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Submit written comments to all Councilmembers at

Council@seattle.gov

Sign-up to provide Public Comment at the meeting at

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>

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<http://www.seattle.gov/council/watch-council-live>

Listen to the meeting by calling the Council Chamber Listen Line at 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 586 416 9164

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS**D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL****E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR**

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

[IRC 266](#)

August 3, 2020

Attachments: [Introduction and Referral Calendar](#)

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

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H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

These are the only Bills which the City Charter allows to be introduced and passed at the same meeting.

[CB 119837](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of July 20, 2020 through July 24, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [Appt 01589](#) Appointment of Simha Reddy as member, King County Regional Homelessness Authority Implementation Board, for a term to July 15, 2023.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

2. [Appt 01590](#) Appointment of Paula Carvalho as member, King County Regional Homelessness Authority Implementation Board, for a term to July 15, 2024.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**K. OTHER BUSINESS****L. ADJOURNMENT**