

1 **Amendment to Resolution 31850**
2 **Sponsored by Councilmember Sawant**
3 **Deleting the 8th and 9th Recital**

4 **CITY OF SEATTLE**
5 **RESOLUTION __ 31850**

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7 WHEREAS, systemic racism implicates all facets of society, and history has shown deep racial
8 disparities in policy and the criminal justice system; and

9 WHEREAS, numerous reports reflect that black men aged 15 to 34 are significantly
10 overrepresented in police shootings relative to other demographic and age groups; and

11 ~~WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department has led the nation in implementing reforms on its use~~
12 ~~of force, particularly in the area of crisis intervention; and~~

13 ~~WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department has reached “full and effective compliance” under a~~
14 ~~consent decree with the Department of Justice and continues to seek best practices in the~~
15 ~~investigations and reviews of officer involved shootings and other uses of force; and~~

16 WHEREAS, the current standard under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.16.040 to
17 determine whether a law enforcement officer is criminally liable for using deadly force
18 requires proof of “malice”; and

19 WHEREAS, Washington is the only state that requires the extremely high “malice” standard for
20 criminal liability in use of deadly force; and

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