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**Subject:** [EXT] - City of Seatac; Letter; Southwest Youth and Family Services  
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Good evening,

My name is Muna Abubakar and I'm writing this letter to the City of Seatac. After High School, I joined AmeriCorps because I wanted to make a change in my community, specifically in the low income communities in Seattle. AmeriCorps assigned me to work with Southwest Youth and Family Services in Seatac, Washington in the Summer of 2017. It was my ever first job. Working at SWYFS has definitely changed my life for the best. Aftwr working with AmeriCorps for the course of the summer and being at New Futures, I got offered a position to be a tutor for the Youth Program. It was the best decision I've ever made, from helping the Youth with their homework, to doing larger projects like being apart of a panel to the book "The Hate You Give", doing community building and outreach to also starting a Empowerment group within the Organization for girls of color in the Seatac community. I've been with SWYFS for two years and it has helped me develop my character tremendously and it also made me realize the love I have for working with kids. It has given me so much experience. I'm in the Bachelors Program for Early Learning and if I wouldn't have had the great experience at Southwest Youth and Family Services then I would've never known what career path I would've took. So please take into consideration the huge impact Southwest Youth and Family Services has on low income communities. They are the voice and the leaders of our community and I can't thank them enough. Thank you.

Best regards,

Muna

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [EXT] - Council members city of SeaTac  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Peter Kwon](#); [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearingcomment@seatacawa.gov](mailto:publichearingcomment@seatacawa.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Cuts to SWYFS  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:49:24 PM  
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Hello,

My name is Riley Todd. I am writing this email representing my own personal values and community, not any current or past employer. I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration in hearing the news that the Seatac City Council is cutting budgets to human services – Specifically the harmful impact it will have to Southwest Youth and Family Services (SWYFS). Currently I work as program manager in Highline School District Alternative Education network. My previous position was a High School Reengagement Case Manager for King County Superior Court. For more than six years now Southwest Youth and Family Services has been a core partner in my work – acting as the final safety net to catch and support high school students slipping through the cracks. SWYFS has been uniquely effective at engaging, retaining, and graduating students that traditional comprehensive schools have failed to support. They are leaders in supporting students experiencing extreme poverty, gang violence, trauma, and teen pregnancy. Every student that fails to earn their high school diploma adds a lifetime of financial burden to tax payers. Not only will drop-out students earn less money (impacting tax revenue) throughout their lifetime, there is an increased chance of requiring subsidized food, housing, medical care, and justice system costs. It is always cheaper to prevent problems today than it is to repair them tomorrow – if nothing else this is the value that SWYFS brings to the SeaTac Community.

Beyond the fiscal benefits to tax payers – cutting programs like SWYFS perpetuates a concentration of poverty and inequity in SeaTac’s communities of color. BIPOC communities in SeaTac continue to have less representation in institutions across multiple sectors. When these vulnerable and struggling community’s needs are considered non-essential, the harm caused is greater than it is to those communities with more resources and representation.

If you want to see a reduction in gang violence, generational poverty, drop-out rates – we need to protect, fund, and support our human service agencies like SWYFS. If we cut services to poor communities of color whenever budgets are tight – we dig ourselves a deeper hole. SWYFS is a program that gives young adults and families, often born into a life of great statistical disadvantage, a change to determine their own futures with other members of our community. It would be unwise, unfair, and unethical to cut these programs.

Thank you for your time.

**Riley Todd, MPA**

*Pronouns: He/Him*

Re-Engagement & Learning Center Manager  
New Start High School  
Highline School District



**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXT] - English Innovations Budget Letter  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 6:37:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [English Innovations.docx](#)

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Hello Councilmember Negusse,

Please see the attached letter on behalf of our organization around budget funding for English Innovations. Thank you!

Best,

Eli Goss | **Senior Policy Manager**

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*Pronouns: They/Them*

**Please be advised that OneAmerica's offices will be closed starting Monday, March 16, until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that our April 11<sup>th</sup> Citizenship Day has been canceled. All staff will be working remotely and can be reached at their emails and on their cell phones. If you call a staff member's office phone, you must leave a voicemail in order to receive a call back.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**



December 7th, 2020

**Dear SeaTac City Councilmembers,**

OneAmerica is requesting funding for adult ELL programming via our English Innovations program. OneAmerica is the state's largest immigrant and refugee organization that provides naturalization services, advocacy for immigrants and refugees, and adult English & digital literacy classes. With COVID-19, many adult ELL programs have been canceled, but OneAmerica has continued to serve communities virtually throughout the pandemic.

#### *Overview of EI program*

English Innovations provides a contextualized curriculum and integrates technology to address the real-life needs and goals of participants. The social learning model combines a collaborative, supportive, and now virtual class with online tools that enable self-paced independent learning outside of the classroom. The English Innovations program centers around 3 pillars: English language acquisition, digital literacy (now extended to online learning), and community engagement.

#### *English Language Acquisition*

Our remote classes continue to be student-centered and offer a collaborative environment where students can learn with and from each other as they develop their English skills. We have offered 4 different class levels since moving to a remote model (literacy, high-beginning, intermediate, and advanced). Our Zoom classes include small group break-out sessions to allow for maximum practice in expressing ideas in English. At the same time, students become familiar with the structure of English, learn new vocabulary, and become more ready to enter academic programs. Our data shows that participating students have demonstrated significant progress in English proficiency, thereby increasing their ability to find employment (or advance in their current jobs) and support the education of their children. The English acquisition component of the program also supports immigrant integration, allowing students to learn how government works and how they can become engaged. Topics have ranged from participating in the Census, voting and getting the vote out, understanding the election, and advocating for one's children and community.

#### *Digital Literacy Instruction*

Our coaches help students attain digital literacy skills through tablet use and online learning. All of our classes have shifted to take place over Zoom through a remote program that we call English@Home.



Students who do not have the device they need for “smart learning” have the opportunity to borrow a tablet. Alternatively, they can participate via their own smartphone, tablet, or computer. To communicate with students and keep them engaged, we use phone calls and texts, connect with students via email, and employ check-ins and reminders via WhatsApp groups. We offer training in using Zoom and WhatsApp both before and during class, providing support for students who previously had been shut out from online learning. We also offer optional technology workshops (ie: Zoom basics, gmail, google docs, etc) outside of class to supplement learning, as well as opportunities for students to meet 1:1 with a volunteer tutor. This fall we offered our tech workshops in Somali, Spanish, and English. The Spanish workshops are taught by a former student and we would like to offer additional opportunities for more students to take on roles that help develop their leadership skills and experience as well as build on their own language skills.

### *Community Building*

English Innovations is adaptable to the needs of each host community and allows for customization to address the interests of specific target populations. Community volunteers serve as tutors in class at a 5:1 student-volunteer ratio, providing students with even more practice to use the skills they are learning with other English speakers.

COVID-19 has brought to light the already-existing digital divide in the U.S., and its disproportionate effect on immigrants and refugees. As we move forward in delivering online EI classes, we face the challenge of reaching the most vulnerable and impacted by the pandemic. Since moving our program online in the Spring, we have supported 117 people across 29 cities in Washington State in learning English and digital literacy skills, with the support of 23 volunteers. Our students are speakers of Spanish, Dari, Amharic, Tigrinya, Farsi, Oromo, Hindi, Thai, Mandarin, Telugu, Korean, Pushto, and Somali. Before we knew we would be offering our program virtually, we had developed a partnership with Lutheran Community Services Northwest to provide on-site English Innovations classes at Angle Lake Family Resource Center in SeaTac. A number of our adult learners live in SeaTac, and OneAmerica has deep relationships with community members in SeaTac who are part of our core constituency.

### *SeaTac and South King County*

OneAmerica’s engagement in south King County covers a broad range of issues, and this is also true of the City of SeaTac. Our work involves deep work with immigrant and refugee communities on education, immigration, and transportation organizing and advocacy, ongoing free-of-charge services related to naturalization, and outreach related to state programs granting relief to immigrants excluded from federal COVID-19 relief programs. Our work in south King County also engages parents that live in SeaTac and neighboring cities whose children are in the Highline School District, and this work has included EI in DesMoines and Burien. We hope to expand our EI program to reach parents and community members in SeaTac. In recent years, OneAmerica has supported residents to overcome language barriers to advocate for their own rights with respect to everything from municipal parking restrictions to federal refugee policies.

The use of technology enables students to learn on their own terms, and the program’s unique design

encourages students to increase their English proficiency while simultaneously developing the digital literacy skills necessary to navigate and utilize online resources. We hope the Council will continue to consider funding for this vital program as a benefit to the residents of SeaTac.

Thank you,  
Rich Stolz  
Executive Director, OneAmerica

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [PublicHearingComment@seatacawa.gov](mailto:PublicHearingComment@seatacawa.gov); [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Fund for New futures  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:37:28 PM

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Dear City Council of Seatac,

New Futures is one of the best things that have happened in my life. It is still my second home. I can go there knowing someone is always there to listen and help me through my struggle. Students and families at New Futures come from various backgrounds and mostly immigrants. Their culture, religion, and even language are different. Yet you will be surprised to see the bond the families and students share. It was already hard for immigrant families before and now with covid-19 and unemployment, the struggles have expanded.

Most people seeking help through SWYFS and New Futures are low-income families. These people living in low-income areas mainly rent and don't own their property. Fewer funds for New Futures means fewer funds for students living low-income. The lack of money will cause students and families to miss out on a lot of opportunities. If New Futures has fewer funds to run the program they might even stay open. Which means more unemployment, struggle, and a lot more for families and students. These families and students now will not have access to the resources, or quality help to achieve success.

The suffering and economic burden of families in need of financial assistance are unimaginable. This will lower the possibility of students attending school, and college from those families as well. The financial challenges not only affect these families economically, its effects so much including the physical and mental aspects of a child. The long-term effects of children in low-income families include developmental, psychological, and emotional effects.

Money problems can put so much weight on an individual and disrupt a social class, the development of a child, and even in their development of humanity. Receiving more opportunities and help will only motivate these students and families to pursue academic excellence, and achieve success in life.

Therefore, I hope that you will reconsider your decision thinking about all the challenges these students and their families will face in the future.

Sincerely,

Zerin Hossain

(Behalf of the students and families of New Futures).

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Funding for Social Services  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:22:08 PM

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I have worked and witnessed the essential needs filled by our organization in South King County for the past several years and couldn't be more proud of our work. In a time where institutions are failing our most vulnerable more than ever, non profits are filling more service gaps with less and less resources. A lack of funding towards these initiatives that provide food relief, education, and community. I urge Seatac to consider their most vulnerable residents and the ramifications of budget cuts that directly impact their lives.

Henry

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Helping hand.  
**Date:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 8:51:12 PM

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Hello,

My name is Maria Nora Perez, I am a fellow resident living in Windsor Heights apartments and I was In need of support you all are taking away. I wanted to please ask if you could be in consideration to keep the New Future program for all the rest of us, I am one of the many people impacted by the program and it's such a help for us that we don't need for it to be taken away. Therefore please take in thought we all need this program and it would mean a lot if you don't take this option to us away. All worker apart of that program do an excellent job of supporting us and we really need their help at least during this pandemic. Have a great rest of your night.

- Maria Nora Perez Cruz

**From:**

[REDACTED]

**To:**

[publichearing comment](#)

**Subject:**

[EXT] - Hola solo para dar saber q new futures a servido bastante en la comunidad a servido mucho de apoyo para nuestros hijos , no nos gustaría q lo quitaran

**Date:**

Monday, December 7, 2020 7:25:34 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Human Services funding  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 3:56:37 PM

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Dear Council members,

I write to encourage you to fund to the best of your ability the crucial services in the City of SeaTac performed by Southwest Youth and Family Services.

My reasons are twofold.

1) Though I am a Seattle resident (just north of the city limits), I for several years headed another social service agency which worked throughout King County, including SeaTac. I remember SeaTac's generous, crucial support of our expanding work in your area. I know you care, deeply, about your residents.

2) I am a great admirer of the work of Southwest Youth and Family Services. They do extraordinary work, well-documented, among people for whom accessing services and resources is difficult. I commend SW Youth and Family to you as an agency you can have absolute trust will use your investments wisely and well--to the benefit of your entire community.

Thank you, and good luck in your deliberations.

Boots Winterstein

[REDACTED]  
Seattle WA 98106



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Letter of Support for SWYFS  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 3:40:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [SeaTac City Council Letter SWYFS.pdf](#)

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Please see attached for a letter of support from KCHA Executive Director, Stephen Norman.

Thank you.

**Ted Dezember** | Sr. Manager of Educational Initiatives and Youth Programs  
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*Executive Director*  
Stephen J. Norman

SeaTac City Council  
4800 South 188th Street  
SeaTac, Washington 9818

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing to express strong support for continuation of current funding levels for Southwest Youth and Family Services' (SWYFS) programs in 2021. SWYFS has a longstanding presence in the SeaTac community providing educational support and youth programming. SWYFS plays a vital role in particular for the children and families that live at Windsor Heights, providing critical services for the 326 families, most of whom are families of color - many of them recent immigrants or refugees. These families play a critical role in filling lower wage occupations in the city's economy.

For years, New Futures (now SWYFS) has offered high quality out-of-school programs at Windsor Heights. Youth who participate in SWYFS's programs receive both academic support and access to programs that teach civic engagement and social justice, topics of utmost importance in nurturing a diverse generation of emerging leaders across our region.

SWYFS does much more than simply provide a safe space for kids after the school day ends. It offers wrap-around support and partnership to the whole family. This has never been more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic. SWFS has reached out virtually to households to support families and students in navigating the challenges of on-line learning, provided learning resources to families, and delivered countless meals.

Now more than ever, the community needs SWYFS's programs up and running at full strength. Any reduction in funding would negatively impact school success and family wellbeing for a significant number of Sea Tac community members. I would respectfully urge the Council to continue to provide your full support for these critical programs.

Sincerely,



Stephen Norman  
Executive Director  
King County Housing Authority

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Maintain SWYFS funding level  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:56:05 PM

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Dear SeaTac City Council,

The most vulnerable of our region's residents are even more harmed by this pandemic. SWYFS is known as a trusted provider of essential services to low-income Black/Latinx/other communities of color for decades, and now is NOT the time to cut funding for the services they deliver to children, youth and families. As a long-time advocate for ensuring equitable access to services for communities of color and low income households, I urge you to sustain SWYFS funding at a time when the need by those with the least is greater than ever. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Wendy Watanabe

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - New Futures  
**Date:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 4:34:02 PM

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New Futures has helped my children in ways that I couldn't I hope that you will not stop funding for New Futures because their are some things that I cannot help my child with that they provide so I hope you will consider it.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [publichearing comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - New Futures  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 9:48:41 PM

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Buenos días, soy Martha Rodríguez y estoy mandando este email para informarles que nos sirve muchísimo el programa de New Futures en nuestra comunidad.

No me gustaría que se termine el programa de new futures porque a mis hijos le han ayudado mucho con las tareas después de escuela y todos los programas que tienen para los niños son de mucha ayuda.

Tengo mucho apoyo familiar y las personas me dan mucha información de recursos donde puedo ir, especialmente orita con lo del COVID. Si no fuera por las personas que trabajan allí, yo no sabría a donde ir en estos tiempos del COVID por comida.

Gracias

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - New futures  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 9:13:24 PM

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Hello, my name is Paris.

This community center at Windsor heights, called new futures has help me a lot and this community. I have been going here since 1st grade, I am now in college. This place is a safe and comfortable place for me to be myself. A place to call home. This place helps you out with so many things. I always came after school to do homework. I gained an mentor here. I ask for help when I have a problem. Go here to print important papers. This place helps undocumented people that don't know where else to ask for help. This place is a VERY important place. New futures is greatly appreciated and needed.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - No budget cuts to Human Resources (New Futures, SWYFS)  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:56:50 AM

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SeaTac city council,

New futures at Windsor, a Southwest Youth and Family branch is a place where I learn and play. It is disheartening to hear that the city had planned to cut the human resource budget which will limit the care it provides to me and my community. It is the polar opposite of what the city residents want. New Futures gives families and students the opportunity to engage with their community, it provides support with homework, food and housing. New futures are found in the apartment complexes of immigrant and low income communities. When I first migrated to the US with my family, new futures staff helped me find a sense of community. I have been involved at New futures for 6 years as a student and I came out of it empowered, educated and confident. As a first generation college student, I was able to receive help from filling out the fasts to writing my personal statements from new futures!

New Futures is a safe space that felt like home. Although our lives have been changed because of COVID, new futures have been a constant through it all. Families were able to receive masks, information about rent assistance, students were quickly transferred to online platforms to continue doing homework and to stay in touch with each other through this hard time.

We need new Futures. Our Immigrant and low income community deserved better.

The parking permit issue affected our apartment hard, we as a community were able to come together to solve the problem with the city council. When we tell you what benefits us and the whole of SeaTac listen to us! The residents know what's best! We pay taxes and we can vote! We have power, make the best decision for us.

Rahel Ambachew

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [publichearing comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - No Cuts to Human Resources  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:13:10 AM

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I have donated money to SWYFS for more than 25 years. They are a very important resource for low income families during these very difficult times . Please do not cut their funding at a time when it's so needed.

Sincerely,  
Kris deLancey  
West Seattle resident

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - No Cuts to SWYFS  
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Dear Seatac City Council –

I am writing to urge you not to cut funding to Southwest Youth and Family Services. I recognize that local governments need to make difficult choices in the face of decreased revenue. However, our BIPOC communities need support more than as they are deeply and disproportionately impacted by the health and economic effects of both the COVID 19 pandemic and systemic racism. The programs and services that SWYFS provides are vital to the physical and emotional wellbeing of children, youth, and families they serve. SWYFS has played a public health role as a trusted source of health and safety information, and connection to basic human needs for food, housing, and health care. In their work with Kaleidoscope Play & Learn, I have seen first hand how SWYFS focuses on families who are most marginalized by our systems and who endure the harms of systemic racism. They bring together families and strengthen communities of mutual support. As the pandemic persists, Seatac’s families will require increased and on-going financial and mental health supports. Please do not cut funding to SWYFS when their services are needed more now than ever before.

Thank you,  
Lisa Conley

**Lisa Conley (she/her)**  
**Family, Friend & Neighbor Care Program Manager**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Erin Sitterley](#); [Peter Kwon](#); [Stanley Tombs](#); [Senayet Negusse](#); [Pam Fernald](#); [Clyde Hill](#); [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Carl Cole](#); [Lawrence Ellis](#); [Mary Mirante Bartolo](#); [Mark Johnsen](#); [Gwen Voelpel](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - OneAmerica-Human Services-Agenda Bill #5565  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:40:07 AM

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Dear City Council,

I am opposed to giving Human Services money to a political organization such as OneAmerica. They are listed to receive \$20,000. Masking their political intent in providing ESL services is just that, a mask for their agenda as I have shown in previous emails with data from their PDC contributions and even their own website.

Please find a local provider for ESL services.

Thank you,

Earl Gipson

[REDACTED]  
SeaTac, WA 98188

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Those Bcc'ed-FYI

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Please do NOT cut public services!  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:35:58 AM

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In this desparate time of need, I see and hear about on a daily basis here in West Seattle, especially for youth.

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Michelle Gaither  
[REDACTED] Seattle, WA 98136

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Please keep the new futures funding  
**Date:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 12:53:56 PM

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Hello,

Can you please keep the new futures funding going? Without them me and my family would be struggling during this pandemic. They have helped us with rent, and given us resources that help us with our groceries and food. Since you are giving them funding our children can still get help with homework and learn.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment from Bantealem  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:43:15 AM

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(Submitted on behalf of my student) (transcription of image below lightly edited for clarity):

Dear Councilmember, Kwon

Hi my name is Bantealem, I'm in 7<sup>th</sup> grade I am African/American. I am asking why are you taking money from our budget meanwhile the police get 1.2 million and we only get 20k. Why won't you take money from the police? Because we kids who are living in this apartment get a lot of benefits from this program. For example we learn coding to help us in the future, we get from program, we get field trips, school materials and special advisers.

And all those things require money and if you cut our budget we would lose all of those benefits so pls. Don't cut our money!!! Pls

**Charlie Shih**

*Elementary Program Coordinator*

*she/her/they/them pronouns*



*Windsor Heights*

[www.swyfs.org](http://www.swyfs.org)

Dear Council member, Kwesi

Hi my name is Banteralem I'm in 7 grade  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment from Eyouel  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:43:20 AM

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(Submitted on behalf of my student) (transcription of image below lightly edited for clarity):

Dear Councilmember Kwon,

I am a kid from new futures which is great. We draw, we plant seed, people get to talk to their age, we laugh, smile, have a great time instead of drowning of boredom. I heard that other community having money problems, so why don't you take from the police which has 22.6 million funds. For what? to get more weapons to hurt people when we only have 20,000? That's 100% messed up cruel unfair. What kind of councilmember wants to hurt people by not giving fund and let me say this is your messed up. Don't take our money!!!  
Bye Eyouel 7th grade

**Charlie Shih**

*Elementary Program Coordinator  
she/her/they/them pronouns*



*Windsor Heights  
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what kind of Council member went  
to hurt people by not giving fund and  
Let me say this your Messed up

don't take our

MONEY!!!

BYE YOU!

7th grade



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment from Giovanni  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:43:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [gio letter.PNG](#)

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(Submitted on behalf of my student) (transcription of image below lightly edited for clarity):

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Don't take our money please  
from Giovanni in 6th grade

**Charlie Shih**

*Elementary Program Coordinator  
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**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment from Kenean  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:43:18 AM

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(Submitted on behalf of my student) (transcription of image below lightly edited for clarity):

Dear Hill, Kwon, Tombs, Negusse, Fernald, and Sitterly,  
I have one question why are you taking money from New Futures? Think about it, all the field trips, supplies, and etc. We have fun at New Futures and you're taking that away from us and we need these experiences. Thanks Gobena for helping us. From Kenean 5th grade girl at New Futures

**Charlie Shih**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public Comment from Ruel  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 3:22:22 PM

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(Sent on behalf of a student) (lightly edited for clarity)

Dear Council Members

Program is super good. It helps us communicate with other students. If there was no program it would teach kids nothing but war and hatred. From a new future kid named Ruel. Think about if somebody took away your fund. I wouldn't vote for that.

From: Ruel/Another kid

**Charlie Shih**

*Elementary Program Coordinator*

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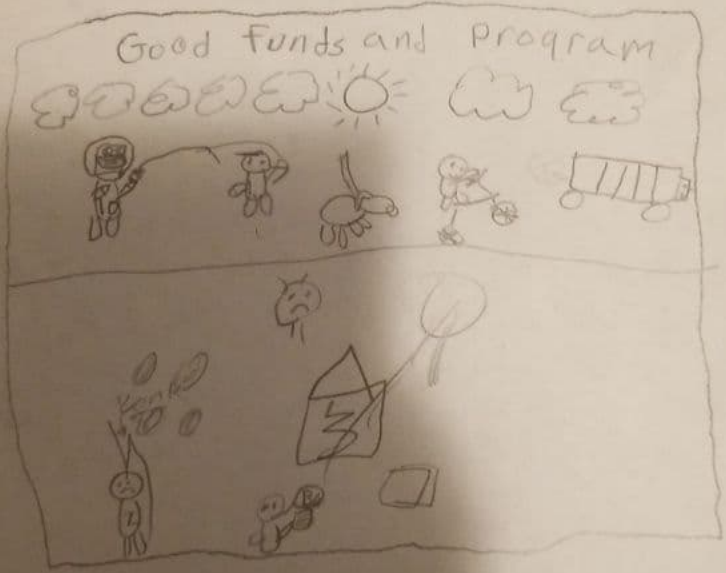
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Form a new Future Kid Named 1



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment from S.G.  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:43:12 AM

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(Submitted on behalf of my student) (transcription of image below lightly edited for clarity):

S.G. 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Why do you guys give less money to New Future at Windsor Heights then police, and you give 22.6 million police and only 20,000 to Windsor Heights that isn't fair. And know you putting lower to Windsor Heights New Future when they have less money and you let police have more and keep the same money. I'm a kid in New Future and program is very fun and useful for people-time and you get help for school work and homework and it's great. So we should give a raise to new future in Windsor height and you should not take our money.

**Charlie Shih**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment from Tade  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:43:16 AM

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(Submitted on behalf of my student) (transcription of image below lightly edited for clarity):

To City Councilmembers

From Tade from New Futures

Homework Program is important to me because it has very nice people and they try their best to help us have fun and help us do our hard homework. not to be mean but if you were in this position would you write this letter? Give us more money it will make us very happy.

**Charlie Shih**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Public comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:17:19 PM  
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Hello Councilmembers,

My name is Charlie and I am a staff member at New Futures Windsor Heights. It is ridiculous to cut human services funding anytime, but especially during a pandemic. We provide vital services alongside other human services organizations in the Seatac area. At a time when everyone is struggling and needing extra support you are taking away essential services while continuing to fund the police exorbitantly even as they repeatedly hurt and kill Black people and are generally a detriment to the Seatac community. You give our organization .088% of what you give the police, and you want to take that away from us instead of making that cut to the police. It is your duty to help people get resources to, at the barest minimum, survive this pandemic, and ideally the resources to thrive. Out of school time programming and family advocacy are essential services. Throughout the pandemic we have continued to provide enrichment learning to students as well as rental and food assistance to families. We regularly distribute supplies, which require us having funds, to our students and families. People are struggling to get food for their families and to pay rent. Children are stuck at home unable to play with their friends. You are signaling to Seatac residents that you do not care about them. That is the opposite of your job. Black Lives Matter.

**Charlie Shih**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Re: Please keep the new futures funding  
**Date:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 1:05:30 PM

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Hello, helpful friends the city of SeaTac,

Please keep the new futures funding going. Without them me and my family would be struggling during this pandemic. They have helped us with rent, and given us resources from you to help us with our groceries and food. Since you are giving them funding our children can still get help with homework and learn.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely, Nazmun.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [publichearing comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - Regardless of cutting the budget  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 11:05:51 PM

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Hello my name is Aberash Tuffa I live here in seatac at Windsorheights apartment I am writing this letter to support the new future program and I am very pleased with the program and it is very important for our kids specially at this time even though it's virtually please don't take our kids program away and thank you in advance for your help to keep the program.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - SAVE SWYFS  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 3:34:33 PM

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Please do NOT cut funding for Southwest Youth and Family Services!  
SWYFS does so much for immigrant and refugee families, particularly during this pandemic.  
They are at high risk and SWYFS helps to mitigate this by providing essential services and education.

Please please please do not cut funding!

Best Regards,  
Cinda Stenger

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [RCM Public comment](#); [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - SWYFS (New Futures Program)  
**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020 7:52:55 AM

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I sincerely request seatac city council members to continue funding to support SWYFS new futures program which was helping us to cover our bills after we lost our job because of covid-19. So as one of new futures members request the Seatac city council members not to stop funding the program..

Thank you  
Shawel Shibeshi

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [publichearing comment](#); [Kim Cooper](#); [RCM Public comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] - SWYFS Programme Support  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:20:48 AM

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Hi Members,

I heard that our SeaTac city council members stop funding about New Future programme.

I just want to inform our council members that this new future programme really helped our kids to be successful in their Social, computer, coding and academic activities.

They also really helped our kids to do their homework which is sometime really challenging for them and parent like me.

Please keep and support this programme so our kids do their best and excel.

Thanks  
Syed Ali  
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**From:** [Mark Johnsen](#)  
**To:** [Kristina Gregg](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:03:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [Public Comments Translation 12082020.pdf](#)

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Kristina:

See attached comments that have been translated from Spanish to English. Can you please distribute?

**MARK JOHNSEN**  
Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Legal Department  
o: 206.973.4635



## SeaTac City Council Meeting Public Comments for December 8, 2020

The following public comments were submitted to the City in the Spanish language. These comments were translated by a member of City staff.

**From:** Veronica Mendoza <veronicamendoza1234567@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 7:25 PM  
**Subject:** Hola solo para dar saber q new futures a servido bastante en la comunidad a servido mucho de apoyo para nuestros hijos, no nos gustaria q lo quitaran

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**Translation:**

Hi, just to let it be known, New Futures has served the community greatly. It has provided a lot of support for our children. We would not like it if it was taken away.

**From:** John Cana <johncana836@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 9:49 PM  
**Subject:** New Futures

Buenos dias, soy Martha Rodriguez y estoy mandando este email para informarles que nos sirve muchisimo el programa de New Futures en nuestra comunidad.

No me gustaria que se termine el programa de new futures porque a mis hijos le han ayudado mucho con las tareas despues de escuela y todos los programas que tienen para los ninos son de mucha ayuda. Tengo mucho apoyo familiar y las personas me dan mucha informacion de recursos donde puedo ir, especialmente orita con lo del COVID. Si no fuera por las personas que trabajan alli, yo no sabria a donde ir en estos tiempos del COVID por comida. Gracias

**Translation:**

Good evening, I am Martha Rodriguez and I am sending this email to inform you that the New Futures program is very useful to us and to our community. We would not like the New Futures program to end because it has helped my children a lot with their homework after school and all of the programs they have for the kids are very helpful. I have lots of family support and the people give me a lot of resource information where I can go, especially right now with COVID. If it were not for the people who work there, I would not know where to go in these COVID times for food. Thank you.

**From:** Cecilia Perez <ceciliap0420@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 9:06 PM  
**Subject:** New Futures

Hola mi nombre es Cecilia Perez,

Tengo viviendo aki en Windsor heights 17 anos a mi me an ayudado en todo. Mi hija crecio en new futures recibio mucha ayuda en su educacion. Siempre e apoyada cuando ocupan ayuda en los conbibios que a echo si necesita mas ayuda y mas por la situacion que estamos.

**Translation:**

Hi, my name is Cecilia Perez. I have lived here in Windsor heights for 17 years. They have helped me with everything. My daughter grew up in New Futures receiving a lot of help with her education. I have always helped and supported in the gatherings when they needed it. Than if, they need more help and more because of the situation we are in.