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COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING RACIAL INEQUITY

Covington, WA – Covington’s seven-member city council issued a joint statement today condemning racism and confirming their commitment to racial equity.

“As city council members, we must speak out on behalf of our community.

We condemn the actions that have led to the tragic death of George Floyd and many other African Americans across the country. Any action rooted in racism should never be normalized and anyone participating or allowing those actions should be held accountable.

Our job as a city is to create and foster a welcoming inclusive community for all. As your city council, we are seven individuals that come from different backgrounds, but we all agree that racism, in all its forms, needs to be addressed and it needs to be addressed now.

We are committed to ensuring inclusivity. We do not condone racism or racial bias. And, we pledge to continue having difficult conversations that will help advance racial equity in our community and beyond.

We have always had and will continue to have an open door policy at the City of Covington. We are listening and we hear you, so please reach out to us if you have suggestions. We do not know what the solution looks like yet, we do know that together we can make it better.”

Signed by:

Mayor Jeff Wagner
Mayor Pro Tem Sean Smith
Councilmember Kristina Soltys
Councilmember Jennifer Harjehausen
Councilmember Jared Koukal
Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo Jr.
Councilmember Fran Hollums

The Covington City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Covington City Hall, 16720 SE 271st St. in Covington. More information about the Covington City Council can be found online at www.covingtonwa.gov/city_government/city_council.php.

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