

(GENERAL)

COMPTROLLER FILE NUMBER 264630

PETITION OF

CITIZENS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S VAGRANCY AND LOITERING LAWS AND HEALTH STANDARDS, ETC.

9-15-69 Mayor

10-1-69 Ref to Health Dept, Ch. of Police & Crime Prevention Advisory Comm & file.

FILED SEPTEMBER 15, 1969

C. G. ERLANDSON
COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

BY *J. F. Fenton* DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC SAFETY Committee

to which was referred the within petition

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that.....

THE SAME BE PLACED ON FILE.

(initials)



CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN

January 6, 1970

Mr. Robert L. Butchart
Attorney at Law
604 N.E. 165th
Seattle, WA 98155

Mr. Virgil R. Cromwell
Citizens' Committee
7618 Linden Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98103

Gentlemen:

This is in acknowledgment of the petitions the Public Safety Committee received from your organizations pertaining to the request for more stringent enforcement of the laws of our City, particularly in the University District.

Let me apologize for the length of time it has taken to get a reply to you. However, because of the fact that your request involved the Mayor's office, the Health Department, the Crime Advisory Commission, and the Police Department, it has been necessary for us to route this request to all of the concerned departments or agencies in order that each would have the opportunity to give his point of view in reply to your petitions.

Attached you will find copies of the letters from the Police Department, the Health Department, and the Crime Prevention Advisory Commission, all of which indicate that they have studied the problem and are performing within the limits of the law as it is currently written.

I would be the first to admit that it is urgently important at this time for those of us in government to review all of the present and past policies that we are using as we come to grips with this problem of accelerating crime and the conditions which lead to crime. Furthermore, I would admit that the traditional methods of handling these problems are not necessarily showing results, because the problem is not a traditional problem as such, but has taken on new and ominous proportions. In the University District, particularly, you will recall that the City was asked to take sufficient actions to curtail or prevent the type of problems that were prevalent during the disturbances this past summer. You will also recall that it was some of my own suggestions which resulted in a change in our Police policy, which brought an end to the conflict and confrontation and led to the

Mr. Butchart
Mr. Crosswell

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talking stage. I am not satisfied that we have found the answers to deal with the problems of our supposedly new society, but I am convinced that a much better job of public relations and research must be done in order to adequately provide the solutions. The reason for this statement is that when we become more firm and forthright in our policy, the government and those who are responsible become the villains in the act, instead of those who are breaking the law. This causes some concern and some problems.

Please be assured that we are doing all the research we can to find a new method to deal with the drug problems. We did institute a new policy in mid-summer designed to curtail the sale of drugs, which has resulted in many more arrests. A search for new methods is continuing. We are searching continually for new ways to prevent crime rather than responding to crime after it has happened, and we look forward to better results. But as it stands at present, we are still limited by the laws and the constitutional restrictions that are presently in force. May I add that it does not appear that the Legislature in its wisdom will grant any new powers as we move forward in this fight. We in City government will be happy to cooperate with your Committee or any other group that has any new suggestion or idea as to how or what might be done to help our citizens become more safe in our City.

Thank you very kindly for your consideration in this matter.

Yours very truly,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAM SMITH, Chairman

SS:rp
Encl.

F. C. RAMON
CHIEF OF POLICE

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

DEPARTMENT OF

POLICE

SEATTLE WASHINGTON 98104

December 3, 1969

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

OUR NO.

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Councilman Sam Smith
Chairman, Public Safety Committee
The City Council
City of Seattle

Dear Councilman Smith:

The attached petition (File No. 264630) regarding enforcement of the city's vagrancy and loitering laws has been carefully studied by my staff. The demands of the petitioning citizens are understandable in view of the current crime problems. However, this petition does demonstrate the unfortunate fact that the general public is not too well informed concerning present city ordinances and their enforcement and will seek the obvious solution to complex problems. It is hoped that the local crime prevention councils will be able to better inform the citizen on these matters.

The petitioners should be advised that laws must conform to the constitutional guarantees of our democratic society. Those of us who enforce the law must protect these guarantees. This means that the less desirable elements in our society are also protected from infringement on their personal freedom. We cannot, in other words, arbitrarily "drive this undesirable element from our city" but must handle the problem with the existing laws. The loitering law, drug laws and health standards are being enforced, within legal limits. If the community wants enforcement beyond the present legal limitations, then they must support legislation that extends the powers of law enforcement. It should be pointed out, however, that in limiting the rights of others, the citizens place the same restrictions on his own activities.

We feel that the recent loitering laws and the efforts to curb specific problems such as prostitution and drug abuse need the test of time to see if they adequately control these problems. Also, as you well know, law enforcement is only a part of the criminal justice system and there are many other areas that must be examined in determining if we are effectively handling the crime problem.

F. C. RAMON
CHIEF OF POLICE

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

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This citizens' committee should be encouraged to study existing laws and if they feel there are areas that could be improved to make constructive recommendations to the legislative bodies of their city and state. They should be encouraged to become involved in local crime prevention councils so that they can be active in crime prevention programs. Through these local councils they will also become aware of the Community Relations Division's efforts to solve some of the problems by working directly with the so-called "undesirable element" on constructive programs.

It is suggested that Petition No. 264630 be filed without action and that the petitioners be advised of the above-mentioned alternative ways to approach these serious urban social problems. We also want them to know that we in law enforcement appreciate their expression of support, and we are doing everything in our power to give them the protection that they have a right to expect.

Very truly yours,


W. F. MOORE
Acting Chief of Police

NTS:drs

Attachment



Seattle-King County / **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
Public Safety Building Seattle, Washington 98104 583-2000

S. P. LEHMAN, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Public Health

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 1969
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The Honorable Sam Smith, Chairman
Public Safety Committee
The City Council of
The City of Seattle
1106 Seattle Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilman Smith:

This will reply to your recent request for our comments relative to the first page of a 55 page petition contained in Council File No. 264630.

Mr. Robert L. Butchart, attorney for the group, was contacted to determine the exact nature of the complaint and what specific health standards had been violated. After considerable discussion, it appeared that the essence of the complaint was directed at certain types of people (hippie type) frequenting the University of Washington area. It was intimated that there was possibly overcrowding and loitering which might be in violation of certain laws. Upon further discussion it was revealed that Mr. Butchart was advocating continued harassment by city officials such as the Health Department, to eventually rid the area of these so-called "undesirables". Mr. Butchart was advised that this department would enforce any health standards, if and when they were found to be in violation, but could not maintain a constant vigil.

I trust that this answers your question and if we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Lehman M.D.
S. P. Lehman, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Public Health

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October 17, 1969

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Hon. Sam Smith
Seattle City Council
Seattle Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilman Smith:

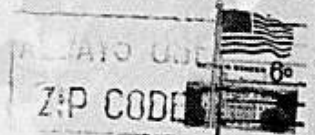
This is an answer to yours of October 6.

Members of the Crime Prevention Advisory Commission have studied your letter and attachments regarding the petition of citizens for enforcement of the City's vagrancy and loitering laws and health standards.

The concern of the petitioners for protecting life and property in our great City, through enforcement of existing ordinances dealing with health, welfare and safety, is identical to the concern shared by all members of the Crime Prevention Commission. Where harmful behaviour, health abuses and illegal actions are found, the resources of our City should be brought to bear swiftly, with justice. The commendable action of the citizens who have initiated and signed the petition should be channelled into existing attempts to meet the problem: e.g., Crime Prevention Advisory Commission and local Citizens Crime Prevention Councils, Human Rights Department, Youth Commission, Police Department, Health Department, service organizations and counselling and law enforcement authorities.

Closer examination of the individuals creating the "problem" referred to by the petitioners will reveal that many are from the best homes in Seattle. Many are runaways, drug addicts, school dropouts and frightened youngsters. Often the abuses resulting from the congregation of these youths, whether they be in the University District, West Seattle, Central Area or in any part of Seattle, are caused

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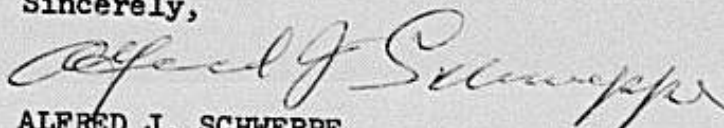
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by the very few. The dissolution of a family, compounded by the presence of a dope peddler, can turn a young person into a violator of our laws and mores very quickly. Other forms of dubious leadership, sometimes motivated by emotional or political grounds too vast to consider in this brief letter, can turn a relatively harmless group of youths into an instrument of tragic lawlessness.

Members of the Commission feel that a general indictment of a whole group, no matter how one may describe it, is fraught with dangers. We prefer to concentrate on identifying the causes and preventive measures relating to crime, without indulging in hard accusations of entire groups, organizations or neighborhoods.

For the past year the Commission has developed various programs which deal with crime prevention. Our contacts with municipal law enforcement officials, professional advisors and community action organizations are growing. We invite the petitioners to contact us for specific recommendations in the area of crime prevention. As you know, we meet every Wednesday, in the Seattle Public Library, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,



ALFRED J. SCHWEPPE
Chairman
Seattle Crime Prevention
Advisory Commission

AJS:bh

cc: Mrs. Thomas W. Miller

Copy also sent to: Chairman of the Crime Prevention Advisory Commission
Honorable Frank C. Ramon, Chief of Police

October 6, 1969

S. P. Lehman, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Public Health
Seattle-King County Health Department

Dear Doctor Lehman:

Attached is one page of 55 pages contained in File No. 264630, petition of citizens for enforcement of the City's vagrancy and loitering laws and health standards, together with a communication from Mayor Floyd Miller.

The Public Safety Committee of the City Council would appreciate your comments relative to the matter, so that a reply to the principal petitioners may be formulated.

A copy of each of the above has also been forwarded to the Chairman of the Crime Prevention Advisory Commission and the Police Department for their comments.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAM SMITH, Chairman

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Att.

Copy also sent to: Honorable Frank C. Ramon, Chief of Police
S. P. Lehman, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Public Health

October 6, 1969

Mr. Alfred J. Schespe, Chairman
Crime Prevention Advisory Commission
657 Colman Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Schespe:

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Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAM SMITH, Chairman

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Copy also sent to: Chairman of the Crime Prevention Advisory Commission
Director of the Public Health Department

October 6, 1969

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City of Seattle

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SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR - CITY OF SEATTLE

FLOYD C. MILLER, MAYOR

September 23, 1969

The Honorable Sam Smith, Chairman
Public Safety Committee
Seattle City Council

Dear Councilman Smith:

Enclosed is Comptroller File No. 264630, a petition of support of the Seattle Police Department and other public officials who are working toward the solution of our serious urban social problems.

I have read the preamble to the petition and respect the views expressed by these citizens of the city. Additionally, I have referred copies of this petition to Chief Ramon and to the Crime Prevention Advisory Commission Chairman, Alfred Schweppe, for their information.

Thank you for sharing this document with me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Floyd C. Miller".

Floyd C. Miller
Mayor

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Enc.



THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE
1106 SEATTLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

SAM SMITH, CHAIRMAN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 15, 1969

Rec'd. Mayor's Office	
Route To: <i>Bob</i>	
Action: SEP 16 1969	
	<i>G.H.</i>

Honorable Floyd C. Miller
Mayor of Seattle
City of Seattle

Dear Mayor Miller:

Attached is File No. 264630, petition of Citizens for enforcement of the City's vagrancy and loitering laws and health standards, etc.

Please return the file, together with your report and recommendation in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Sam Smith by c.w.c.
SAM SMITH, Chairman

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Att.

PETITION TO THE CITY OF SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

We, registered voters, are appalled by the lack of leadership in the City of Seattle to meet the present urban crisis. We are cognizant of an invasion of our city by dregs of American Society because we appear to accept them with open arms, especially in the University District. We are cognizant of our children being exposed to drug addiction in school or being termed squares. We are cognizant of the fear to allow our children or wives to venture at night on our city streets.

We are proponents of enforcing vagrancy and loitering laws in the city. We are proponents of enforcing health standards at the places where these undesirable elements live and congregate. We are proponents of greater efforts to ferret out the criminal elements in drug traffic.

We will support our police and other public officers in doing these things. We consider the present urban crisis so great that the powers of the Constitution take precedence over some of the civil liberties protecting these undesirable elements. These undesirable elements must be driven from the city.

THEY MUST BE MADE TO REALIZE THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS NOT CONDONED IN THE NORTHWEST.

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604 N.E. 165, Seattle 98155

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7618 Linden Avenue North, Seattle 98103

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5.	H. H. Giffen	2817-35 th West	" "
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7.	Dr. James Wall	1551-30 Ave W	" "
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21.	Ira Theilen	6522-29th N.E.	Seattle Wash 98115
22.	Latare Dolphin	318-SW 102nd	Seattle Wash 98146
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24.	Nat Eidenholm	1732-15 th Ave	Seattle 98122
25.	Mae Lindall	1732-15th Ave	Seattle Wash
26.	Bill Lindall	" "	" "
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28.	Mrs. Laura von Brevern	2150-So Hamlin	Seattle Wash
29.	Catherine Cleburne	1906-Bigelow No	Seattle Washington

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Dear Sir: -

We need to
do something + quick.

The homes all
around me are being
broken into + robbed -

It's not safe
any where any more.

Erma Manning

429 no 4d

Seattle

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18558 Burke Ave. North
Seattle 98133
November 23, 1968

Mayor Braman
Seattle City Council
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Council:

Re: BRAINWASHING.

Thank you for all you are doing to make Seattle
and our surrounding territory a safe place to live.

We want to tell you that you have our support.

The men our bureaucracy have forced to go to Vietnam
and then marched over the brink were entitled to Life, Liberty
and the right to pursue happiness. They are fighting to guarantee
them to these revolutionaries but they can't do it alone.

Why not do a little brainwashing on them/after you
arrest them? Make them listen to the truth about our country and
the dream that is America? They are being exploited and if
successful will not have what they now have here. They will have
nothing but SLAVERY. A lot of brainwashing to open their eyes
and minds to the TRUTH and our American ideals is long overdue.

Can't the Panthers and others be CONVERTED? Why
not? Aren't we as smart as the BETRAYERS and DESTROYERS?

We must have God on our side and His Guidance
or we can't win.

Sincerely,

Doris Hammond

Mrs. B. E. Hammond