



City of Seattle
Mayor Edward B. Murray

May 19, 2014

The Honorable Tim Burgess
President, Seattle City Council
Seattle City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit to the City Council the following confirmation packet for my appointment of Kathleen O'Toole as the Chief of Police.

The materials in this packet are divided into two sections:

A. Kathleen O'Toole

This section contains Kathleen's appointment and oath of office forms, her resume, and the press release announcing her appointment.

B. Background Check

This section contains the Mayor's Office report on Kathleen O'Toole's background check.

Kathleen O'Toole is a career police officer and lawyer who has earned an international reputation for her principled leadership and reform strategies. In 2012, Ms. O'Toole completed a six-year term as Chief Inspector of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate, an oversight body responsible for bringing reform, best practice and accountability to the 17,000 member Irish national police service.

Prior to serving in Ireland, Ms. O'Toole rose through the ranks of local and state policing in the United States. During her police career, she was assigned to numerous patrol, investigative, undercover, supervisory and management positions. She served as Superintendent (Chief) of the Metropolitan District Commission Police and Lieutenant Colonel overseeing Special Operations in the Massachusetts State Police. She was later appointed Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety (1994) and Boston Police Commissioner (2004). She was the first woman appointed to all of these senior positions.

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I believe Kathleen will provide the leadership to move the Seattle Police Department toward becoming a model for 21st Century urban policing. I urge you to support her appointment as Chief of Police.

If you have any questions about the attached materials or need additional information, please contact Chris Gregorich of my office, at 206-386-1251, or via e-mail, at Chris.Gregorich@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,


Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle

cc: Honorable Seattle City Councilmembers