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**Subject:** Suggested Op-Ed Plan

Dear Mike and Lisa

We have been talking about the possibility of an op-ed piece. Yesterday, Yurij and I reviewed hundreds of emails to better inform the messaging. However, as it turns out, an earlier draft written by Yurij and Elisabeth has been accepted by the Seattle Times, and will be published on Friday.

This gives us an opportunity to keep the messaging going, in the same way those opposing the ordinance have been able to do. We propose an op-ed from both of you – CMs Herbold and O'Brien – which responds to the community, and addresses these comments head on. We think this would be the most productive way to go, and would have the biggest impact. The version being published this Friday would not have the same tone or content, and the version from you two would be powerful not just because of who you are, but also because it would be informed by events of the past week as well.

What are your thoughts? We would be happy to prepare a first draft for your review.

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