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January 27, 2016

Ms. Patty Hale
16528 8th Avenue NE
Shoreline, WA 98155

Dear Ms. Hale:

Thank you for your years of dedicated service and commitment to the police volunteer program. Your years of service helped the City improve its public safety programs.

As you know, the police volunteer program has gone through several changes over the last few years. As we looked at our public safety priorities, I asked Chief Ledford to prioritize our community crime prevention outreach, traffic enforcement, and efforts to solve drug and burglary cases. Given the City's current personnel and financial resources, he has had to adjust the responsibilities of his police staff to address these priorities resulting in less focus and time spent on developing our police volunteer program.

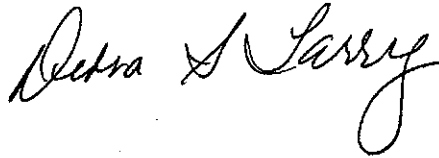
Officer Perry's focus has been to improve community outreach and crime prevention efforts with residents. One of the Council Goals is to "promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood program initiatives". As a result, last year Officer Perry conducted 52 Shoreline Watch/Crime Prevention meetings with residents. Officer Perry has also been part of a team to help Shoreline neighborhoods evaluate solutions for locations where people may feel less safe such as heavily vegetated areas of City parks.

Because I have asked our police to focus on other areas, their time to support the police volunteers is much more limited than in the past. It is because of this I have decided the City will be suspending its police volunteer program until after the Police Department relocates to City Hall. I

anticipate the Police move to City Hall will be towards the end of 2017. At that time, I will reassess, along with the Police Chief, how best we can utilize the City's volunteers to assist in our public safety efforts.

Again, I thank you for your dedication to the Shoreline Police Department – it made a difference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Tarry". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Debra Tarry
City Manager

cc: Shoreline City Council
Shawn Ledford, Police Chief