

File No.: 04-1000-20-2020-398

August 20, 2020

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Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of July 20, 2020 for:

**Regarding the May 25, 2020 anti-racism roundtable involving or hosted by the Mayor: record of the agenda, minutes, list of invitees and list of attendees (including their full names and affiliations), briefing notes and briefing material, script, talking points, presentation material, audio recording, transcript and handwritten notes.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.15(1)(l) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00).

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2020-398); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

[Signature on file]

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\*If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

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## Stewart, K

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**Subject:** Anti-Asian Racism Roundtable

**Start:** Mon 5/25/2020 2:30 PM  
**End:** Mon 5/25/2020 3:25 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Stewart, K  
**Required Attendees:** Monckton, Neil; Chan, Alex; Marshall, Simka

**Categories:** Meeting

### Agenda

Impact on the community (COVID-19, racism etc.)

What has the community done in response to these impacts.

What can the city do to help the community.

### Confirmed Participants:

Ignatius But  
Eyob Naizghi  
Eva Kwok  
Zahra Esmail  
Michael Tan  
Katie Rosenberger  
Steven Butz  
Kimberley Lauren  
Robert Daum  
Peter Wong  
Charlie Wu

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**Subject: Anti-Asian Racism**

**Summary**

Rise in hate crimes against Asian community in Vancouver.

**Background**

- Since COVID-19, there has been a surge of hate-related crimes targeting the Asian community in Vancouver.
- Various incidents have occurred since pandemic declared, including physical assaults and anti-Asian graffiti in Chinatown.
- Increased fear among and stereotyping of Asian and Asian-owned businesses

**Options**

*Option 1: Increase enforcement*

The Mayor, as the head of Police Board, can raise enforcement options with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

Advantages:

- By increasing enforcement by VPD, it may diminish hate crimes
- Existing mechanism in place to respond to hate crimes

Disadvantage:

- Some communities lack trust in law-enforcement option
- Response only after hate crime occurs, not preventing crime

*Option 2: Race-based data collection*

Cross-agency work to capture and release race-based data on hate crimes including when, where and who to allow further study into the pattern of hate crimes.

Advantages:

- Allow more diverse approach to building community capacity
- Community-specified solution for each unique situation

Disadvantage:

- Not an immediate solution, as it takes time to implement
- Potential challenge with privacy regulations

*Option 3: Public education about anti-Asian racism and its impacts*

Advantage:

- Root-cause solution to tackle racism
- COV currently has existing initiatives that support anti-racism education

Disadvantage:

- Long-term not near-term solution
- Public school education is out of the jurisdiction of COV

**Recommendations**

- That Mayor review options for COV increasing anti-racism initiatives
- That Mayor support tracking and releasing race-based data across COV functions
- That Mayor continue discussions on options for increasing patrol and enforcement in high risk areas with VPD

Confirmed participants at the meeting on May 25, 2020 - Anti-racism roundtable

Ignatius But

Eyob Naizghi - [Volunteer](#)

Eva Kwok - [Amara Holdings](#)

Zahra Esmail - [South Vancouver Neighbourhood House](#)

Michael Tan -

Katie Rosenberger - [AMSSA](#)

Steven Butz - [YMCA](#)

Kimberley Lauren -

Robert Daum - [Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, SFU](#)

Peter Wong - [Raymond James](#)

Charlie Wu - [ACSEA](#)

**From:** [Monckton, Neil](#)  
**To:** [Sebastian, Lorraine](#)  
**Cc:** [Chan, Alex](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation – Mayor’s Roundtable May 25  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 4:50:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.jpg](#)

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**From:** Monckton, Neil  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:12 PM  
**Cc:** Pavone, Connie; Chan, Alex  
**Subject:** Invitation – Mayor’s Roundtable May 25

Hello,

The Mayor has asked me to invite you to attend a meeting of community leaders on Monday, May 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. to discuss the rise in anti-Asian racism in Vancouver.

The Mayor wants to know more about the impact of the rise in racist and hate activities, actions your organization is taking in response, and any additional measures the City can take to assist in your work.

Connie Pavone from our office will follow-up with you or your staff to confirm your attendance and provide meeting details and the agenda. She is Cced on this message, along with the Mayor’s special assistant Alex Chan.

Neil

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Chief of Staff  
Mayor of Vancouver

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