



City of Seattle

Mayor Katie B. Wilson

September 10, 2026

Councilmember Bob Kettle

Dear Councilmember Kettle,

Given media attention that you have garnered around the Chief of Police's resignation and the Mayor's communication to Council, we wanted to highlight the relevant section of the [Charter of the City of Seattle, Article VI Sec. 2](#), which does not require the Mayor to file a statement of reasons upon receiving the resignation of the Chief of Police.

This Charter provision is in significant contrast with [Article XI, Section 1](#), which explicitly requires the Mayor to file a statement with Council when the resignation of the Parks Superintendent occurs in response to the Mayor's request. Council should be aware of the difference in these charter provisions, as the Mayor recently filed such a notice with Council.

Though the Mayor is not obligated to file a reason for the Chief of Police's resignation, we want to refer the Council to the Mayor's public statements regarding the resignation of the police chief and repeat those reasons in this letter. After careful consideration, the Mayor requested his resignation due to the need to build a cabinet that is aligned with her administration's values, policy goals, and vision for the Seattle Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caedmon'.

Caedmon Magboo Cahill
General Counsel for Mayor Katie B. Wilson

Cc: Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk
Seattle City Councilmembers