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Emily,

Thank you for reaching out and asking for clarification on the letter sent by District Attorney Hummel to City Manager Eric King and me.

We look forward to working with the District Attorney to ensure he has a clear understanding of the facts. We remain open to any constructive suggestions or approaches to the interplay between law enforcement's role of public safety and the District Attorney's role in holding people accountable for criminal behavior through criminal prosecutions while working collaboratively on these significant community concerns.

After reviewing the letter, we disagree with the District Attorney's characterization of the Bend Police Department's actions, especially his opinions on the Department's motivations regarding this event. The District Attorney was invited to be present or send a representative from the District Attorney's office to Emerson Avenue on June 23 to observe, advise, and collaborate. The DA chose not to respond to our invitation for collaboration. We do believe that if the invitation had been accepted, the DA's office would have seen that Bend police officers conducted themselves professionally, courteously, and within all legal boundaries. We also believe that the DA's office would have been better positioned to understand the decision-making process, and provide input on it, that day and why members of the police department chose not to make arrests on certain criminal actions.

The District Attorney and interested community members can gain a more accurate perspective by listening to the service providers at Emerson on June 23. We recommend listening to the presentation from the July 21 City Council meeting where the Emerson action was reviewed with City Council by service providers. The discussion begins just before the 1:57:00 mark on the video listed for the July 21 meeting on the Council meetings webpage: <http://bendoregon.gov/councilagenda>.

The Department's documentation of the events at Emerson Road on June 23 followed standard police reporting procedures. I have attached the redacted police report for this incident to this email, and after review, we are sure you can conclude that there is nothing abnormal about this police report. When police officers use force, we require all officers present during the force to write reports; this ensures we have all the details to be accountable as a department to the force used. Additionally, officers present also write an evidence report documenting the video evidence created with our new body-worn cameras. We had multiple officers submit over six hours of body-worn camera video for

evidence for this all day event. As you can also see in your review of the case report, many pages are simply blank pages, which is common in law enforcement electronic reporting systems.

It is also a standard protocol for officers to decide not to cite and arrest individuals but to document the facts and potential violations of the law before providing the information to the District Attorney to make charging decisions. Formal criminal charging decisions are the District Attorney's job, and we do not challenge the decisions.

Thank you
Mike Krantz
City of Bend, Chief of Police
and
Eric King
City of Bend, City Manager

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