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Hello community leaders!

Thank you all for your continued hard work to increase health and wellness in your communities. **I am writing to you today because we need your assistance on the new North Precinct Police Station.** As you know the current building is not sufficient to meet the needs of North Seattle. It is literally a sinking ship at this point, it was built in 1984 (over 30 years old). The current building was designed to hold 154 officers and support staff, currently it is home to 254 officers and staff. The North Precinct is serving the 270,000 residents of Council Districts 4, 5 and 6 (40% of the city's population). By contrast, each of the other Council Districts (1, 2, 3, & 7) of approximately 90,000 residents each, have their own police precincts.

Part of building a well-staffed, community focused police force that can meet the needs of the community is ensuring that the building is sufficient for the officers we need. The Mayor has made a commitment to increase the number of officers city wide and we need a place to put them in the north end.

There are some community members starting to organize against the new station, they want to convince councilmembers to oppose funding a new station. Councilmember Juarez is leading the charge to get the station built and she needs your help. Please start reaching out to your neighbors and friends in District 5 and in Districts 4 and 6. Please write in and encourage others to write to Councilmember Gonzalez (Chair of the Safe Communities committee) and Cc Councilmember Juarez (if in D5), Councilmember Johnson (if in D4) and/or Councilmember O'Brien (if in D6). We have heard there are about 20 people planning to give public comment next Wednesday (8th) at the Safe Communities committee meeting (9:30am in council chambers) to oppose the new North Precinct Police Station. I know it's hard to come to City Hall during the day but please let us know if you or your neighbors are able to make it. Sign-ups for public comment start at 9:15am.

Although this project is something that we see as an obvious need we want to make sure that Councilmember Juarez has the voice of the community behind her as she is pushing for this change. We saw the great success we have had with the 130th street station, combining council leadership and community voice, and we can win this too! Please let me know if you want to talk more about the specific of the proposal.

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