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Seattle Office of Inspector General Issues Letter to SPD Chief Adrian Diaz Requesting De-prioritizing some Traffic Violations.

Good evening,

Please see the attached communications¹ regarding the request by Inspector General Lisa Judge for SPD to move forward on rethinking traffic safety and addressing racial disparity in traffic enforcement. Violations proposed in this letter for de-prioritizing include: 1) registration of vehicles; 2) temporary registration permits; 3) display of registration plates; 4) equipment violations (e.g., single head and taillight violations, window tinting, vehicle exhaust); and 5) bicycle helmets. We look forward to continued work on this important topic in 2022.

The full letter and SPD response are available on the Office of Inspector General website at:

<https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OIG/Other/Letter%20to%20Inspector%20General%20Lisa%20Judge%20-%20Traffic.pdf>

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<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OIG/Other/Diaz%20Request%20to%20Deprioritize%20First%20Phase%20Violations%201%209%202022.pdf>;

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