

July 23, 2018

Mr. Micaiah Titus Ragins
Compliance Coordinator
Public Disclosure Commission

Re: Response to Allegation

Dear Mr. Ragins:

Thank you for bringing this allegation to my attention. Please be advised that I completed my service with the Seattle Police Department in January 2018. When viewing this photo, I had to refresh my memory and have since confirmed that it actually dates back to Spring 2016, not earlier this year as alleged. I was asked at the time to deliver some remarks at an event in the City of Seattle and cleared my appearance in advance with the Mayor's Office and Legal Counsel.

As Chief of Police, it was squarely within the duties, responsibilities, and normal and regular conduct of my office to speak publicly and in multiple fora on myriad matters relating to public safety. My attendance at this particular event was limited to exactly that: speaking as to the impact gun violence had on our community. At no point did I comment on any initiative, take a position on an initiative, or seek contributions on behalf of an initiative. As this appearance was one of many of my official duties that day, I arrived late, and departed immediately after delivering my comments. As is normal, regular, and customary of the office of Chief of Police when speaking publicly on such matters, and as this appearance was one of many that day, I presented my comments in my uniform partially paid for by funds that were included in my salaried position.

I am not certain where this picture is posted. Nobody has approached me to use this photo in support of any cause.

Thank you again for providing me an opportunity to address this concern. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O'Toole