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I understand the council will be taking up a resolution regarding the recent SPPD use of force on November 26th, and these comments are directed at this topic.

We are deeply disturbed at what we saw on the 26th. It seems that ICE and DHS swarmed a house in our city to take custody of one man, and there has been no evidence shared with the community that he was a public threat or that any warrant existed.

When the community became aware and organized at the scene, SPPD clearly stood with the federal presence and against the city. Use of force by SPPD against non-violent protesters was widely documented, yet the police union released a statement referring to protesters as violent and the police chief released a video justifying the action.

In our house, we respect the hard work the police do and are grateful for how they managed the extremely challenging situation in May 2020. We also are never ones to complain about property taxes or assessments when increases come.

However this situation crossed a line, and we need to be very clear with SPPD. We pay for their department, and they work for the people that live here - not the Federal Government. If the Federal Government decides to try another operation like this in our city, SPPD should expect another protest and give every benefit of the doubt to the residents. If it's not clear whether they are or are not a resident, it should be assumed that they are.

A public accounting of what occurred should happen, with the chief, whomever was in charge on the scene, and those recorded being violent against residents publicly accountable and required to take questions from residents. This is not too much to ask. We have not seen documentation for why this man was detained. It seems likely that the Federal Government may target our Somalian neighbors, and SPPD should protect them in any way possible. If they are not agreeable to this, then the council should explore what actions can be taken through the budget or charter to ensure compliance.

Thank you for your consideration,
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