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Dear Heidi, City Council Member,

I am writing to bring up a concerning issue in our community. I am a concerned citizen and an Elder. I have worked with different entities within our community over the years. At this time, I am ECO's Community Garden Technician and have contact with community members through gardening, outreach and health fairs, health fairs are through Department of Healing and Wellness.

The issue I am concerned about is there is no one working at Public Safety! I feel this is a big issue and there have been incidents where community members could benefit from Public Safety Officers being present! I am being impacted in my personal life with ongoing incidents where there is no end to putting a stop to what is happening. I have a Tribal No Contact/No Trespassing order and multiple interaction violations. When contacting Tribal Courts, there is nothing that they could do because there are no Police Officers on Island. I understand Village Public Safety Officer's (VPSO's) are limited on what they can do, so I feel we need Police Officers. I am not the only person with Tribal Protective Orders being told there is nothing that can be done without Police Officers!

I believe the city council can do something to address these issues listed below but aren't all the issues that need attention:

Officers who can better reflect modern police work by reconsidering eligibility requirements,

Officers who prioritize health, safety and wellbeing of community members,

Officers who work with community leaders to address specific needs and challenges. I feel this one is important,

And other pertinent issues affecting community members.

Please ensure all the City Council Member receive a copy of this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and hope for a positive resolution to this matter.

Sincerely,

Serafima H Mercurief
A concerned Elderly citizen