



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
54.		Oppose	Yadi -	<p>OPPOSE Forfeiture funding law enforcement. Asset forfeiture is a lucrative endeavor for law enforcement, incentivizes bad policing practices, and harms everyday people. Despite recent reforms, law enforcement departments across the state continue supplementing their budgets significantly with asset forfeiture. Law enforcement is left with the task of unilaterally deciding what is “nice to have”. Instead of supporting community programs, law enforcement utilize these fund for other priorities, such as: -Acquiring military equipment -Acquiring surveillance equipment</p> <p>The general public does not agree with law enforcement being able to keep property that has been seized. According to a 2016 YouGov survey, 84% of people oppose the ability for police to “seize a person’s money or property that is suspected to have been involved in a drug crime before the person is convicted”. In addition, 76% do not think law enforcement should not keep seized assets, instead, 48% think the funds should go to the state’s General Fund.</p> <p>Asset forfeiture funds are not “pennies from heaven” and should not be supplementing law enforcement slush funds.</p> <p>References: afsc.org/sites/default/files/2022_Equipped_for_wa_CA_web.pdf normantranscript.com/community/agenda-item-pulled-amid-concerns-about-armored-vehicle-purchase/article_cf8f5954-5ef5-11ed-8d74-2fa1e8fa0b01.html cato.org/survey-reports/policing-america-understanding-public-attitudes-toward-police-results-national# columbiaheartbeat.com/columbia-life/crime/932-100714</p>
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