

**TRANSCRIPTION OF PUBLIC COMMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF SEATTLE
JUNE 3, 2020**

City of Seattle City Council, Public Safety and Human Services Committee Meeting.
Transcription, Daniel Azoulai, public comment on police tear gas effects on his infant son.
Meeting held June 3, 2020
Transcription begins 29:34.

Public Safety and Human Services Committee Meeting

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Begin Statement:

“My name is Daniel Azoulai and I live in the East Precinct of Capitol Hill. The other night, two nights ago, there was a protest and once the flashbangs and tear gas went off, it seeped into my apartment. And my three-month-old son, Nadav, who was sleeping, was awoken from his sleep, coughing, crying, spitting up mucus, mucus bubbling out of his nose, he was bright red. And we were forced to leave through our homes. We ran to our car. We didn't have time to even put him in the car seat because it was so bad. My wife had to pour breast milk on his eyes and we had to go and leave our home. And we're not there and we don't know when we can go back because of the problems with tear gas seeping into all the materials and specifically affecting the respiratory health of infants.

“So I really want people to understand that when police use tear gas and police use flashbangs, there's damage to protestors, which is wrong, black lives matter, but there's also damage to people who aren't participating in a protest and live in those neighborhoods. Why would they use tear gas, which is a war crime actually. Why would they use that in a residential neighborhood? It seeped in and emptied our building, and now I've had to figure out if I can even go there because I'm worried about my child's lungs. So I demand that the Seattle police immediately stop using tear gas and flash grenades to handle protests and do so in a more mature manner.

“And I demand accountability because I want to speak for my son Nadav, who isn't old enough to speak yet. And I hope that, although there's a lot of different stories and ideas, I hope that this story stays with you because it's a three-month-old who cannot speak for himself and is very vulnerable and it's being affected by this.

“Thank you.”

End Statement.