

**DECLARATION OF ELLIOTT GRACE HARVEY
IN SUPPORT OF STATEMENT OF CHARGES FOR RECALL OF
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, JENNY A. DURKAN**

I, Grace Harvey, declare and state as follows:

1. The information contained in this declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am of majority age.

2. I am a Seattle resident, and I live about one half-block away from recent clashes between the Seattle Police Department and protesters and consequently have suffered health effects and trauma from my home.

3. On Monday, June 1, at around 9:10 p.m., Seattle Police deployed tear gas that permeated my home and caused me to develop a severe cough and made it difficult for me to breathe. I took refuge in a neighbor's apartment unit that does not have any windows and stayed sheltered in place there for a few hours. Eventually, to protect my health, I had to flee my apartment building and stay in a hotel in North Seattle that night.

4. The next day, Tuesday, June 2, I was in contact with my physician, who told me not to return home until I was sure that the use of chemical agents had stopped. I stayed in the same hotel again that night. However, I came home Wednesday, even though I was not sure that the use of chemical agents had stopped, because of the expense and inconvenience of sheltering indefinitely in a hotel.

5. On June 6, the police deployed OC canisters ("pepper bombs") at around 7:30 pm. It was still daylight, people were outside eating and running errands. The sudden and unexpected explosions were terrifying. I thought (hoped) the police were done and we were safe. There was supposedly a ban on teargas, there was no curfew. Everything I had tried to associate with the police assault was gone, being gassed could happen at any time to anyone.

6. On June 7, someone was shot outside but the police hadn't reacted, I assumed we were safe the rest of the night. Shortly after midnight the loud explosions started again. I completely broke down, unable to cope with the onslaught of violence that I was totally

powerless to stop. There were so many people outside, peacefully protesting or watching and enjoying the music. I just kept thinking about everyone outside in the police attacks.

7. The onslaught of explosions was relentless, it seemed like they should stop right away, but they didn't. I went to my door to see if anyone needed refuge from the smoke, people were still there watching the police deploy these explosive weapons. A live band was playing while in the midst of clouds of smoke and gas. The sounds of the music punctuated by detonations was devastating.

8. I was awake for several hours that night, trying to sleep, trying to calm down. The explosions outside my window continued. I fell asleep finally and found out the next morning that the police had continued until almost three in the morning. How could anyone deserve that?

9. I live in constant fear that the police will start an assault again. I jump at every loud sound that could be flash bangs, my anxiety rises when a helicopter is overhead. I don't just fear for my personal safety, but for the safety of anyone that happens to be outside. I never again want to feel like I'm under military attack in my own home and powerless to stop it.

Signed this 12th day of June 2020 at Seattle, Washington. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

By: _____

E. Grace Harvey