

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN RE THE MATTER OF RECALL

NO. 98897-8

CHARGES AGAINST CITY OF SEATTLE

DECLARATION OF STEPHANIE

MAYOR JENNY DURKAN (HARVEY)

MILLER IN SUPPORT OF RECALL

CHARGES

I, Stephanie Miller, declare and state as follows:

1. The information in this declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. After the death of George Floyd in May, and since protests in support of Black live began, I have often participated in protests in Seattle and the Capitol Hill neighborhood.
3. I have participated in protests in Seattle in the months since demonstrations began to express support of Black lives and to protest Seattle Police brutality.
4. On July 25, 2020, I joined an anti-police brutality protest. I participated in a march that moved through the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle.
5. Early in the day at the beginning of the march, another group set fire to the Youth Jail, I did not witness any SPD presence, and was surprised by this because there was a fire.

6. The march I was walking in moved north towards Cal Anderson Park, which was about ten blocks from the fire. When we arrived, the police were already there outside, it seemed like they were waiting for us.

7. Because I had been to protests before in the last few months, on this day I expected the march to continue peacefully without the police interfering. It was broad daylight and I didn't see anyone engage the police or hear a dispersal order from the police, so it seemed safe.

8. The march I was with arrived at a line of police with their bikes in front of them, and weapons like pepper spray and riot stick were already out.

9. I was at the very front of the march, in front of the police. I was confused about their response, we were a different group from the fire, I didn't see anyone try to engage the police, but it was still a very tense aggressive air, like the police officers were angry at us.

10. The police officers were saying "1, 2, 3, push" and pushing their bicycles towards us and taking a step forward when they said "push." It was really aggressive.

11. Because I was confused, I asked the five police officers in front of me why they were being so violent. I was frustrated by their anger, we didn't do anything to them, I told them their weapons were pathetic.

12. Immediately after I talked to the five officers, two of them pepper sprayed me in the face, I saw both of the streams coming at my face. I estimate they sustained the spray for five seconds, it was definitely for a longer time than the usual "bursts" of spray they use.

13. They police didn't give any verbal warning or dispersal, I was right by the police line so I would have heard if they did.

14. After the pepper spray, I felt a painful blunt force on my right leg, I don't know what kind of weapon it was. Because of the hit to my leg I lost my balance, and my friend pulled me away from where the police were.

15. The police set off so many flash bangs, people were running everywhere, through the park. It seemed like everyone was really confused.

16. I had to leave the protest because my leg was hurt. I saw a Doctor after, there was terrible bruising.

17. Over the next four days I has many symptoms, fatigue, extreme nausea, continuous headache and diarrhea. I was sent home from work on July 26 because I threw up.

18. I don't like to do to protests if it seems like the police might be violent. Because it was the middle of the day, the sun was out, the march was peaceful, I expected that we would be safe. Instead I was terrified and injured, making me miss work.

I declare the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this 13th day of August, 2020 at Seattle, WA.

By _____

Stephanie Miller