

# Whatcom prosecutor Richey, 23 others appointed to Gov. Inslee's policing task force

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Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Richey is one of two dozen leaders Gov. Jay Inslee has appointed to a task force that will make recommendations about policing.

"We must listen to the voices of impacted communities and families to hear their experiences with policing," Inslee said in a press release Monday, June 22. "This work will inform legislation and help chart a path towards addressing some of these systemic and extremely harmful practices and policies that have impacted communities of color for generations."

Richey was elected in November 2019 on a platform of reform. He said he would reshape practices within the prosecutor's office that he had served for 25 years and begin a program that partners with law enforcement to divert people to treatment rather than jail.

The task force will make recommendations for legislation about independent investigations of use of force, the governor's office said. It will start meeting next month, and will continue meeting into the fall.

"The governor's task force is a part of a coordinated effort with legislators to provide a comprehensive set of reforms," the press release said. "Task force members will provide insight and feedback, review I-940 structure and investigative protocol, other independent investigation models, and provide input that will help inform legislation for the upcoming legislative session."

The press release Monday also listed:

Emma Catague, Community Police Commission, and Filipino Community Center, Seattle.

Jordan Chaney, owner, Poet Jordan, Benton and Franklin Counties.

Livio De La Cruz, board member, Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County.

Chris Jordan, Fab-5, Tacoma.

Monisha Harrell, chair, Equal Rights Washington, Seattle.

Jay Hollingsworth, John T. Williams Organizing Committee, Seattle.

Sanetta Hunter, community advocate, Federal Way.

Katrina Johnson, Charleena Lyles' cousin and family spokesperson; Families Are The Frontline, Seattle.

Reverend Walter J. Kendricks, Morning Star Baptist Church; commissioner, Washington State Commission on African American Affairs, Spokane.

Teri Rogers Kemp, attorney, Seattle.

Ben Krauss, PhD., principal, Adaptive Training Solutions, Spokane.

Darrell Lowe, chief, Redmond Police Department.

Nina Martinez, board chair, Latino Civic Alliance, King County.

Brian Moreno, commissioner, Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Pasco.

Kimberly Mosolf, Disability Rights Washington, Seattle.

Tyus Reed, Spanaway.

Tim Reynon, Puyallup Tribal Council Member.

Puao Savusa, City of Seattle Office of Police Accountability.

James Schrimpsheer, chief, Algona Police Department; Vice President of Washington State Fraternal Order of Police.

Andre Taylor, founder/executive director, Not This Time, Seattle.

Teresa Taylor, executive director, Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs.

Spike Unruh, president, Washington State Patrol Troopers Association.

Waldo Waldron-Ramsey, NAACP, Seattle.



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