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CPC Statement on Harassment Targeting the East African Community in South Seattle

The Community Police Commission has received reports from residents in South Seattle regarding incidents of harassment aimed at the East African community, specifically through confrontations and threats occurring at childcare centers.

The CPC would like to emphasize its stance against harassment of any kind. Such behavior is deemed unacceptable, and unjustifiable. Many individuals are already facing heightened levels of fear and uncertainty, and this type of conduct inflicts deep harm and perpetuates racism in our communities.

Furthermore, it's important that everyone feels safe in their neighborhoods and in environments designed to nurture children and families. We hear our community members' concerns, and we take them seriously. We are actively communicating these issues to the Seattle Police Department and believe they warrant urgent attention. Our commitment to advocating for police responses that prioritize community safety will not waver.

We stand with the East African community. We understand that safety is a fundamental right for everyone, and we believe that every individual deserves to feel secure in their community and at home.

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