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POST-INQUEST DECLINE MEMORANDUM

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Law Enforcement Use of Force Fatality Regarding:
Charleena Lyles

The King County Department of Executive Services held an inquest to determine the circumstances and causes of the death of Charleena Lyles. On July 6, 2022, the jury answered interrogatories regarding the evidence and testimony presented at the inquest hearing. Subsequently, the Public Integrity Team within the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office reviewed the interrogatories. After a careful review, the Team determined that the interrogatories, including the jury's finding that the use of deadly force was justifiable, are consistent with our prior decline memorandum dated July 25, 2022. Therefore, no further action is required.