

Dear Editor,

The West Richland City Council will hold two public hearings to consider a resolution asking the community to fund construction of a larger police facility. As your police chief, I would personally like to invite you to take part in these discussions.

The meetings will be held on December 4 and 18 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at the Municipal Services Building, 3100 Belmont Blvd., West Richland. If Council approves the resolution, voters will see the request on their ballots during the April 2019 Special Election.

Police are under heavy scrutiny these days, and adequate facilities are just as important to the work we do as officers and patrol cars. Our city has grown 115 percent in 20 years. The current facility dates back to the 1970s, **and makes police and our taxpayers vulnerable**. We require more room for police officers, parole officers, protecting the “chain of evidence,” our armory, and animal control.

Please take time to attend the meetings to learn more about the proposal. We appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

Ben Majetich, Police Chief