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Dear staff in the Human Services Department:

Thank you for the work you do every day serving people, advocating for racial and social justice, and making Seattle and more equitable community for all.

In the last two months, my Council staff and I have heard from many of you, as well as many human service providers and people in the community, about the department's pressing work, its leadership, as well as the process for selecting a permanent HSD director. Many of you have raised concerns about the apparent lack of a transparent and inclusive process in the Mayor's selection of a nominee to fill the director position on a permanent basis.

Your views are critically important, and that's why I've scheduled a special meeting of the City Council's Human Services, Equitable Development, and Renters Rights Committee, which I chair, for the City Council to hear from you on matters related to the leadership of HSD and the vital work that you do.

Please join me in this City Council committee meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m.
Miller Community Center
330 19th Avenue E
Seattle, 98112

I've invited HSD staff and community providers to present their issues and concerns to me and my City Council colleagues at this meeting. I also have invited a representative from the Mayor's office to present their perspectives on the process of director selection. This meeting is to gather input from you and people in the broader community. The committee will not make a decision on the Mayor's director nomination today. That will happen at a subsequent committee, based on what input we get from you all.

This meeting is official City of Seattle business and it is, of course, open to all in the public. Please feel free to invite family and friends as you like.

Your participation in this important discussion is vital in order to give the Council further direction.

In solidarity,

Kshama Sawant
Seattle City Council

