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Outraged crowd at Lyles forum: passion, anger, fear

COP SHOOTING REVIVES DOUBTS ABOUT TRAINING, ACCOUNTABILITY



Charles Lyles, Charleena Lyles' father, is first to address the Kane Hall forum Tuesday about the fatal police shooting of his daughter. "My daughter loved life," he said. "There's no way she would've wanted the cops to come in and kill her, especially in front of her kids."

Why Senate health-care bill ran into trouble

VOTE DELAYED OVER LACK OF SUPPORT

Governors mounted attack on legislation

By ALEXANDER BURNS
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WASHINGTON — A once-quiet effort by governors to block the full repeal of the Affordable Care Act reached its climax in Washington on Tuesday, as state executives from both parties — who have worked privately for months — mounted an all-out attack on the Senate's embattled health-care legislation hours before Republicans postponed a vote.

At the center of the effort has been a pair of low-key moderates: Gov. John R. Kasich, R-Ohio, and Gov. John W. Hickenlooper, D-Colo., who on Tuesday morning called on the Senate to reject the Republican bill and to negotiate a bipartisan alternative.

Just before Senate Republicans delayed a vote on the bill, Kasich denounced his own party's legislation in biting terms, saying it would victimize the poor and mentally ill, and redirect tax money "to people who are already very wealthy."

"This bill," Kasich said, "is unacceptable." The mounting criticism from governors, including sharp denunciations from within President Donald Trump's party, helped stymie Republican efforts to marshal support in the Senate, and may have led, in a roundabout way, to the stalling of the measure this week.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, announced Tuesday that he will delay a vote on his legislation to repeal the health-care law until after the Senate's weeklong July 4 recess.

"We will not be on the bill this week, but we will still be working



Ohio Gov. John Kasich



Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper

By DANIEL BEEKMAN, STEVE MILETICH AND LEWIS KAMB
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At an angry, overflowing public forum Tuesday night, relatives of the woman shot dead by Seattle police in her Northeast Seattle apartment this month called for better police training and disputed suicide-cop theories purporting that Charleena Lyles tried to get officers to kill her.

"My daughter loved life," Charles Lyles, Jr., the woman's father, told the large crowd assembled at the University of Washington's Kane Hall before the City Council. "There's no way she would've wanted the cops to come in and kill her, especially in front of her kids."

Several other people who took to microphones raged against what they described as police brutality, called for widespread police reforms and variously labeled Lyles' shooting as a "murder" and a modern-day "lynching" by police.

"Fix the system. We are dying. We are burying our children. We had said earlier

insanity is doing the same thing expecting a different result," said Sheley Secret, a black woman, an NAACP leader and City Council candidate. "Let's use this time to make sure we're doing this differently."

Two officers fatally shot Lyles, 30, on June 18 after she reported a burglary. Police say she displayed two knives after they arrived. Three of her children were home at the time. The Police Department is investigating the shooting.

The Seattle King County NAACP this past week called for the City Council and Mayor Ed Murray to host a public hearing with Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole, but the chief declined to attend Tuesday's forum.

"If Chief O'Toole is not available to answer questions tomorrow, it will reiterate to the community that a business-as-usual investigation will not result in justice for Charleena," Councilmember Kshama Sawant wrote Monday in a letter to Councilmember M. Lorena González, who hosted the forum.

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Preparing for crisis: How police are trained

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Seattle has won praise for how it trains police officers to deal with people in mental-health crises. Officers averaged 27 encounters a day with people in crisis over a three-month period, data show. They used force in 2 percent of those cases.

That's "tremendous" work, according to a report last year by the federal monitor overseeing an agreement with the city to try to eliminate excessive force by officers.

Then how to explain what happened June 18 when two crisis-trained officers shot and killed Charleena Lyles, a young African-American mother whose family said she was struggling with mental illness and was concerned authorities would take her children?

Did the officers, who are white, deviate from their training? Did they follow it to an unfortunate, tragic

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From homeless to home is a struggle in hot housing market

REHOUSING PROGRAM HITS REALITY IN AREA

Rental subsidies provided, but few willing landlords

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On a recent Saturday, Townsend Tatterson IV answered his cell-phone and listened silently as a property manager told him his rental application was rejected.

He'd spent the morning organizing documents to prepare for another day of apartment hunting. As he headed toward the building, he got the call about the one-bedroom apartment he'd applied to rent the week before. Unlike some others he'd found sifting through online listings, the place was clean, spacious and most important, the



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property manager was open to considering subsidized tenants.

In making his pitch, Tatterson was upfront. At 54 years old, he's homeless, self-employed single father, recently enrolled in a program designed to move people without shelter indoors quickly. Called rapid rehousing, the pro-

grams provide temporary rental subsidies for those who can't otherwise afford a market-rate apartment.

The letter he handed to the manager says Neighborhood House, a local nonprofit social-service provider, would cover move-in costs and provide rental assistance on

the apartment for a year. But the company that owns the complex, a sprawling collection of multiunit buildings in North Seattle, takes a hard line on credit scores, the manager told him. And Tatterson's was south of their mark.

"That one is a real bummer," Tatterson said as the call ended. "That one was my kid's favorite."

Critics of rapid rehousing say the difficulties faced by Tatterson and others demonstrate the limitations of the program, as the new emphasis on housing more of the most difficult-to-help clients runs up against the realities of the region's overheated housing market.

In and around Seattle, that involves enrollees struggling to overcome problematic rental or personal histories and a shortage of willing landlords.

How difficult is it to secure hous-

ing? Recent tracking numbers show that enrollees of local rapid rehousing programs, many of whom were living without permanent shelter at the time they enrolled, spent on average roughly 100 days looking for housing.

Nearly half of the people who left such a program in 2016 did so without securing a lease or move-in date, the numbers show.

Still, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has concluded that the program is

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