

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 DONITTA SINCLAIR,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 CITY OF SEATTLE,

13 Defendant.

14 CASE NO. C21-0571-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court on the National Police Association’s (“proposed
18 amici”) motion for leave to file an amicus curiae brief (Dkt. No. 16). District courts have “broad
19 discretion” regarding the appointment of *amici*. *Hoptowit v. Ray*, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir.
20 1982), *abrogated on other grounds by Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472 (1995). “The privilege of
21 being heard amicus rests in the discretion of the court which may grant or refuse leave according
22 as it deems the proffered information timely, useful, or otherwise.” *Community Ass’n for*
23 *Restoration of Env. (CARE) v. DeRuyter Bros. Dairy*, 54 F. Supp. 2d 974, 975 (E.D. Wash.
24 1999). The Court finds that the information proffered does not meet this standard. Accordingly,
25 the Court DENIES the motion (Dkt. No. 16). The Clerk is DIRECTED to send a copy of this
26 order to proposed amici.

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1 DATED this 6th day of October 2021.
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3 Ravi Subramanian
4 Clerk of Court

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7 s/Sandra Rawski
8 Deputy Clerk