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It saddens me that we even need to introduce a bill that calls for police to be "identifiable." I am in more than total support of SJR 203, which is foundational to a democratic society. Having masked police (unless circumstances absolutely require it) is an affront to accountability and trust. In today's climate of scare tactics, distrust and fear, "secret police" only breeds more contempt and fertilizes a culture of violence-on-violence. Please, take the high road and pass this legislation. Whatever fiscal impact this has on budgets is far outweighed by the benefits of knowing our police by name and face as they approach us, for whatever reason. We need to stop this "Gestapo" nightmare and build bridges to each other instead of hiding behind masks.