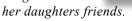
### When Simply Living is seen as Suspicious

#### My questions for mall management

Editor's note: The following statement by State Rep. Janelle Bynum, a black lawmaker from Happy Valley, was issued in response to Clackamas Town policy to ask people suspected

of loitering to leave in line with priorities to keep people safe, after a recent case involving her daughter and



BY STATE REP. JANELLE BYNUM On Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, my daughter and her friends were the "strict no-loitering policy. approached by Clackamas Town The girls left after the security Center Security and accused of interaction. What would have loitering. Clackamas Town Center management should answer had not moved? The vehicle these questions:

parking lot across from the mov- a yellow sheet with him. What ie theater, which was open to the information was taken and how public and is a common place for will it be used in the future? people to wait for movies to begin or manage pickups and drop-offs.

Theaters because one of the girls tivity. lacked an ID.

their phones looking up homecoming dresses. Why were they approached by security? Why represents parts of Multnomah was the officer interested in their County and Clackamas County, car? Was his intent to allow them including the southeastern most to stay, or was it to ask them to part of Portland, most of Happy leave? How did he communicate Valley and Damascus.

The security guard told my daughter that the mall had a "strict no loitering policy." Please explain in detail in what manner the girls were violating this strict "no loitering policy." Please explain how this policy is managed throughout the mall property. Please explain the training mall security is giv-Center management stating its en to enforce the policy. Please explain why the woman in the large, white, SUV who was also waiting in the parking lot just a few cars down was not spoken to about the policy. Are the rules different outside of the mall versus inside the mall?

Please explain why older white women have reported being able to sit in their cars for hours in the parking lot and have never been approached about been the procedure if the girls plates were logged and the secu-The incident took place in the rity person had both a white and

This story has spawned public outrage because it is yet another At the time, the three teenage example of how African Amergirls, two black, one Asian, were ican teens can be doing somesimply figuring out how to repair thing as simple as eating candy their foiled movie plans after and drinking chocolate milk and being refused at the Cinemark it still qualifies as suspicious ac-

All teens view going to the The girls were in my daugh- mall as an American rite of paster's car drinking chocolate sage and it shouldn't be exclumilk, eating Kit Kats, and on sive to those who have the right "look."

State Rep. Janelle Bynum

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