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complaint with the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. At the heart of the complaint is an alleged disparate design of STEM career technical education between Franklin and Roosevelt.

The design process at Franklin led to an expansive 9,000 square foot workshop that will integrate higher tech equipment like 3-D printers and computer labs with older wood craft and metal shop technology.

Isaacs asserts that the design will be flexible — the ‘maker spaces’ are designed to expand through future construction as Roosevelt fills up

In contrast, Roosevelt’s workshop was cleaved into two separate facilities of 3,400 and 2,000 square feet. Neither facility alone is large enough to effectively teach STEM, according to Cohen, who supplemented the complaint with a report of her own.

Her report contends that the two schools were treated differently from the very beginning from the selection of the architecture firms, to the design constraints, to the public engagement process — which will lead to a substandard STEM education for the majority low-income and students of color at Roosevelt.

PPS Policy Advisor Jon Isaacs denies any preferential treatment between the two schools and insists that Roosevelt will have a first-rate remodel.

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mittee. “One critical aspect for the new Chief will be to complete implementation of the five-year strategic plan completed in 2012, setting goals for developing leadership abilities of Fire Department employees at all levels, helping employees develop and improve, health and safety, ensuring a diverse and inclusive workforce, fostering community outreach and partnerships, and maintaining equipment and technology critical to the department.”

The Seattle Fire Department has more than 1,100 employees and an annual budget of \$178 million. Fire fighters at 33 stations serve 640,000 residents and respond to more than 88,000 alarms each year.

Today, more than 80 percent of fire emer-

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like Environmental Justice. Poverty has long been documented as a factor in high crime areas. What is your plan to reduce crime along International Boulevard which has been a main point of concern for citizens and officials?

De’Sean Quinn: The first time I ran, I ran to revitalize the Boulevard. Since I’ve been on [City Council] we’ve passed an Urban Renewal Plan which then led to police investigations of the hotels and the city now owns between 4 and 5 of the hotels where a lot of the crime was generated.

Obviously there was a perception, but there was real data to back that up and I was wholeheartedly supportive of that. We also went to DC to lobby for community policing in that particular area and we were awarded the funds my first year on Council. So we’re doing a lot, and the plan is to do a whole lot more. I think right now in the short-term it’s to get this big development started which is Tukwila Village, but also attract developers from across the country that want to do transit-oriented development and really just being a promoter of economic development on Tukwila’s International Boulevard that’s always been something I’ve been in favor of and will

remain an advocate for and I will continue to do that if I’m selected as mayor.

TSN: Gentrification is a national problem, hitting home hard for Seattle right now and seeing a lot of former residents of the

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city taking to Tukwila. How do you plan on addressing the concerns of the new influx of residents, with the existing concerns?

DQ: Tukwila has a history of being a working-class community. Back in the 1950s it was plain-workers who decided to call Tukwila their home so they bought their homes and raised their families there. It’s still a working class community, there’s still those middle class jobs but there’s more service jobs as well and the thing I keep re-emphasizing is their fundamental values are the same—better quality of life and to have a better quality of life for their kids. And I’ve always did that in my career, you know,

Nu Black Arts West

The Nu Black Arts West Theater presented Ben Vereen with a gift for attending a dinner held in his honor at the Artspace Hiawatha Community Room, Friday Feb. 27. The proceeds from the event benefited the Nu Black Arts West Theatre’s six week Free Summer Youth Education Program.



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state-of-the-art, 21st century high school that is going to transform education for the kids in North Portland,” Isaacs said.

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after a decade at the helm. Interim Chief Michael Walsh, who first joined the department in 1971, stepped in to fill the role for the first part of 2015.

“We are looking forward to working with our new fire chief,” said Kenny Stuart, President of Seattle Fire Fighters Union, Local 27. “Seattle fire fighters need strong, high-quality leadership to meet the increasing challenges in today’s modern fire service, including increased call volume, a growing city, significant training demands and the constant threat of cancer and heart attacks for fire fighters.”

Chief Scoggins’ first day at the department will be April 1. He will be paid an annual salary of \$205,000.

make a connection. That’s one of the reasons I decided to move there. Affordability is always an issue, and it will continue to be because I don’t think the city of Seattle is going to get any cheaper to live. We need to make sure we have the infrastructure to sup-

with Seattle and King County. One of the major responsibilities I had was Regional Relations so I know a lot of elected officials in the City of Seattle and have worked with them for years. I still have good relationships, and I’m going to use those to bring people to the table so we can work out our issues. That’s probably one of the things right now, that I bring to the table that probably hasn’t been brought in a long time.

TSN: You’ve called your work as a Council member your “mentor.” What lessons would you bring with you into the Mayor of Tukwila’s office?

DQ: Vision that I learned from working for [former Washington Governor] Ron Sims. I’ve built a coalition with my work with entities across the board. People kind of know me as someone that is talkative, intelligent, and willing to work with many people. I think also what I’ve learned is that our responsibility is to the people we serve.

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