

Dear Mr. Ashok Mandula and members of the Kandula family,

I am writing to express my deepest condolences to your entire family for the loss of your beloved Jaahnavi. As the Mayor of Seattle, I want you to know that our community is heartbroken and mourns alongside your family, friends, and everyone who shared the privilege of knowing Jaahnavi.

While I did not know Jaahnavi personally, I understand that she was a caring, kind, and smart young woman who had a very bright and promising future ahead of her. I share your grief that her life was tragically cut short.

I want to be clear that the comments made by one person do not reflect the feelings of our city or the communities that call it home. We recognize that Jaahnavi's death is a loss for our whole community – the loss of a young woman who had so much life ahead of her to do amazing things and share that joy with loved ones.

Her life had immeasurable value, and any sentiment, shared by one person, that expresses otherwise does not represent the very real feelings of heartbreak that our entire city has over the loss of your child.

My prayers remain with your family at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Bruce Q. Hanell

Mayor Bruce A. Harrell City of Seattle