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Community
Police Commission

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October 19, 2017

Dear Mayor Burgess,

We understand from the Office of Intergovernmental Relations that your office will send a draft state legislative agenda to the City Council on November 6th for the Council's review and adoption of the City's final agenda before the start of the 2018 state legislative session.

Chapter 3.29.410.A of the new police accountability ordinance provides that

> At the time the Mayor's proposed state legislative agenda is presented to the Council, the Mayor shall notify the Council and CPC in writing, with copies to the Inspector General and the OPA Director, when associated recommendations made by those responsible for implementing the purposes of this Chapter 3.29 are not included in the proposed state legislative agenda.

In light of this, we are providing you with recommendations to change state law previously identified by Judge Anne Levinson (ret.), the former OPA Auditor, and the Community Police Commission. We understand that there are no recommendations for future state legislative action identified either by OPA or the interim OPA Auditor.

Several of the recommendations were originally noted in formal reports issued by the OPA Auditor and the CPC, while others were in briefing materials, correspondence, press releases, and verbally in meetings held with the former administration. In the future, such recommendations for state legislative action will be formally sent on an annual basis to the Office for Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) for possible inclusion in the agenda. However, we note that OIR has consulted with us in the past and is aware of these recommendations. Several were made a number of years ago and the most recent one (by the CPC) was made in late 2016.

The CPC appreciates your review of these recommendations and consideration of incorporating them into the draft agenda:

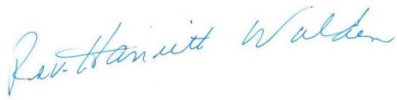
Recommendations of both the former OPA Auditor and CPC

- Broaden the grounds for de-certification of police officers to reflect best practices in accountability and allow the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to initiate revocation once the police agency issues a final Sustained finding
- With respect to the use of body-worn cameras by police, amend state law as necessary to preserve governmental transparency, while protecting individual privacy rights.

CPC Recommendation

- Revise the standards for justifiable homicide or use of deadly force by police, adopting criteria outlined by the Police Executive Research Forum and the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Please see the attached document, which provides more details about these recommendations. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.



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