

Community Police Commission (CPC)

July 02, 9:00 am In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- **Take Attendance**

CPC Attendees: Joel Merkel, Raven Tyler, Anthony Gaedcke, Mark Mullens, Arlecier West, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Ken Nnsimbi, Joseph Seia

CPC Absences: Rabbbi David Benchlouch

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Devina Wijaya Moser, Mario Teulilo, Kieryn High, Masooma Ibrahimi, Mergitu Argo

- **Review Agenda & Minutes**

Action: Motion to approve the draft agenda for 8/6/2025 and minutes from 7/2/2025

Moved: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Approved by voice vote.

- **Community Police Commission Updates**

- **Co-Chair Update-** Commissioner West shared that the CPC is reviewing and interviewing prospective commissioners, with three candidates currently in the queue.
- The monthly attendance report for CPC meetings and workgroups/committees shows strong participation.
- With the City expected to file a motion to end the Consent Decree, the CPC will hold an executive session later today to discuss its response and a potential amicus brief.
- Chief Barnes joined the meeting for a moment, following his official confirmation and expressed appreciation for the CPC's partnership, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration between CPC and SPD in maintaining accountability.

- **Department Updates**

- City Council- No update
- Mayor's Office – No update
- Monitoring Team- No update
- DOJ- No Update
- OPA- Annual report has been published and it will be up on the website.
- OIG- Sentinel Event Review presentation- see below
- SPD- Brian Maxey shared that SPD, CPC, OIG, and OPA collaborated to refine the crowd management policy in response to the new less-lethal ordinance. The policy is iterative and will continue to evolve with lessons learned in the field.

- **Executive Director Updates**

- Staffing Update- Director Ameh announced Masooma Ibrahim's appointment as Interim Community Engagement Director, effective June 18. Formerly a Policy and Communications Advisor, Masooma will lead efforts to gather community input and develop tools—such as a strategic plan and language access plan to support community-driven policy recommendations. A competitive recruitment for the permanent role is expected this fall.

- **Community Engagement Updates**

- Masooma Ibrahim, Interim Community Engagement Director, is focused on strengthening collaboration across teams and advancing key initiatives during her 90-day term. Priorities include launching an After-Action form, finalizing community survey documents, creating a feedback tracker, aligning internal processes, circulating the language access plan, developing outreach toolkits, and gathering public safety feedback to inform events and policy.
- Community Engagement Specialist Mario Teulilo shared that CPC is partnering with OIG on a review of the May 24 Cal Anderson protest. CPC staff attended several Pride events to engage impacted communities, distribute outreach materials, and collect feedback, acknowledging challenges due to community mistrust.
- Community Engagement Specialist Mergitu Argo reported that the team participated in over 13 Pride events and attended the African American Advisory Council meeting, where reinstatement of School Resource Officers was discussed. CPC will attend a related meeting on July 17 at Garfield High School.

- **Executive Session**

- The Commission approved a motion to file an amicus brief in response to the City's anticipated motion to end the Consent Decree.

- **Policy Updates**

- The Policy Team presented an update on the 2025–2026 Legislative Priorities Plan and invited Commissioners to join the Legislative Workgroup. This group will help identify priorities and guide bill review. If there is insufficient interest, the process will be handled through the Police Practices Workgroup. The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs has requested all agencies submit their priority issues.

- **Communications Updates**

- Communications Director Kiernyn High shared that recent accomplishments include launching CPC's first newsletter, drafting SER talking points, and creating a tri-fold brochure. Ongoing priorities include updating the Communications Policy, refining the brochure, and implementing real-time translation for CPC meetings.

Commissioner Committee & Workgroup Updates:

- **Community Engagement Committee:**

The meeting time has been updated. The committee plans to coordinate with OIRA on the Language Access Plan.

- **Police Practices Workgroup:**

Commissioner West reported the group reviewed two proposed ordinances from the county attorney's office:

- Bill 120995 – addresses illegal graffiti and introduces a restitution mechanism.
- Bill 1201006 – proposes changes to the city's Chronic Nuisance Property Ordinance.

The group also reviewed staff edits to SMC 4-18 (the city's immigration enforcement policy), providing feedback to refine the draft.

Sentinel Event Review (SER)

- Inspector General Lisa Judge and Deputy Inspector General Alyssa Perez Morrison presented an overview of the Sentinel Event Review (SER) process. SER is a structured approach to reviewing significant incidents by identifying not only individual actions but also systemic issues that contributed to the event. In this case, the SER will focus on the Cal Anderson protest that occurred in May.

- The goal is to understand what happened, why it happened, and to examine any systemic factors across City departments, including SPD, that contributed to the outcome.
- The process involves gathering comprehensive information and establishing a review panel composed of individuals who were either present at the protest or directly impacted by SPD's actions. The emphasis is on meaningful community involvement and ensuring that the panel reflects those most affected. To support this work, CPC and OIG are initiating weekly coordination meetings to move the process forward collaboratively.

- **Adjourn**