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CPC elects new leadership as police accountability legislation heads to City Council

(Seattle) – The first [Community Police Commission](#) meeting of 2017 welcomed a new leadership structure in the form of three commissioners sharing the role of chair. Retaining her current co-chair position is Reverend Harriett Walden of Mothers for Police Accountability. Joining her are long-time community organizer Enrique González, currently on staff with the Public Defenders Association, and Isaac Ruíz, an attorney, consumer advocate and LGBTQ activist. Former co-chair Lisa Daugaard, who made tremendous contributions during her four-year tenure at the helm of the CPC, will continue to serve as a commissioner.

The leadership transition comes on the heels of a decision last Friday, January 6th, in which federal judge James Robart ruled that the City's proposed police accountability system legislation can now be filed by the Mayor for deliberation and action by City Council. After years of delays, this means the issue is now in the hands of the community's elected officials. City Council intends to seek significant feedback from the community in the coming months as they wade through provisions ranging from investigating complaints of officer misconduct to making the CPC a permanent oversight body.

"This is a very important time in the movement for police reform," said CPC Co-Chair Enrique González. "Now more than ever, we need to be at the table providing feedback to the City Council. Our voices must be heard."

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