

Ordinance Creating Community Police Oversight Commission and Independent Police Auditor

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Community Police Oversight Commission City Attorney's/City Prosecutor's Department – Civil Division

- 11 members one from each Council district, one at-large member, three from non-profits
- Goal of at least 50 percent women
- Appointment process established by resolution
- Review and monitor ongoing operations of PPD, hiring, training, and promotions, uses of force, critical incidents, and personnel complaints

Independent Police Auditor

City Attorney's/City Prosecutor's Department – Civil Division

- Retained and administered by City Attorney
- Reports to City Council
- Best practices advisor to Commission

Review all categorical uses of force

Review PPD's investigations of personnel complaints of biasbased policing Issue public reports and give public presentations



- Independent Police Auditor has unimpeded access to PPD personnel records to perform duties
 - May observe briefings, interviews, and deliberations on personnel matters, upon request and where feasible
- Subpoena authority for certain items for both Commission and Independent Police Auditor

Limitations on Authority

- May not influence or participate in decisionmaking of personnel matters – due to Council-Manager form of government in Charter
- Confidentiality over employees' personnel records required

Charter Limitations on Ordinance

- Commission or Independent Police Auditor may not:
 - Influence or participate in decision-making of personnel matters
 - > Use records developed to take personnel actions
 - > Direct that actions be taken on PPD employees



- +/- \$500,000 to \$1 million annually
- Potential that Commission or Independent Police Auditor may require additional services, increasing these costs, depending on scope and nature of work plan



- Find that this action is exempt from review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "general rule" that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and
- 2. Introduce an ordinance creating a Community Police Oversight Commission and an Independent Police Auditor, and conduct first reading of the ordinance.