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Historic Police Accountability Legislation Passes, But Our Work is Not Done

Seattle—City Council passed an historic police accountability reform package today. This is the culmination of years of community organizing and advocacy for a system that finally incorporates community perspective.

We want to thank the Mayor and City Council for the countless hours spent working collaboratively during this lengthy process. All parties showed courage in resisting pressure to water down the community role in oversight. Councilmember Lorena González, in particular, should be lauded for her leadership.

Our sincerest appreciation goes out to the community leaders and activists who helped bring the Department of Justice to Seattle in the first place and who have advocated for police reform for years. Your strength and perseverance have sustained the CPC's drive and focus to stay the course and continue to advocate for credible improvements that resonate with our communities.

There are still many hoops this legislation must jump through before its provisions can be implemented: the federal court must sign off on the package; some parts must be bargained via labor negotiations; and the Council must adequately fund and staff the new system. Today is a milestone, but it is only a first step.

Finally, this system will only work if we use the new tools we have won. The Commission commits to hearing and lifting up the pressing concerns of our diverse Communities about policing and ensuring action is taken.

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