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CPC Supports Police Accountability Structure in Mayor's Proposed Legislation, But Recommends Stronger Provisions

Seattle—Mayor Murray has submitted a police accountability legislative package to City Council. The Community Police Commission (CPC) and many others have been working on reform for years. The CPC supports the basic structure of the accountability system outlined in the Mayor's proposal. But there are critical areas in which the legislation must be strengthened to ensure independence and guarantee that the community has a meaningful voice in accountability.

The CPC was charged under the federal consent decree with reviewing the accountability system and making recommendations to improve it. The CPC threw itself into this work, beginning by gathering feedback from countless community and technical advisors. After years of work, the CPC is pleased that the issue of reform has finally reached the City Council. The CPC has specific proposals to improve the Mayor's package, most of which were presented to and cleared by the federal court. As we move forward, the test will be which options most protect independence and strengthen the community's role in accountability.

The CPC looks forward to this important debate and the opportunity to advocate for an accountability system that can truly be a great model for the country.

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