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COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION RELEASES INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY
Recommendations focus on increasing access, legitimacy and transparency

(Seattle) – The Seattle Community Police Commission (CPC) today released an initial set of 55 recommendations to improve police accountability. The final set of accountability recommendations—focusing on structural revisions—will be released April 30. All of the CPC's recommendations should be considered together, since they are an integrated set of reforms.

The Commission's recommendations, informed by community feedback, and developed in collaboration with stakeholders and with the assistance of experts and technical advisors, come after months of work assessing SPD and City policies and practices for ways to improve access, legitimacy and transparency, and the ongoing effectiveness of Seattle's police accountability system. The policy recommendations are arranged by overarching topic areas including Values and Standards, Complaint Handling, Communications, Investigations, Post-OPA Investigation Processes, and Systemic Improvements.

The recommendations are attached to this email. To learn more about the Community Police Commission, please visit www.seattle.gov/community-police-commission.

The Community Police Commission (CPC) was established by the City of Seattle to provide community input on proposed Seattle Police Department (SPD) reforms. The CPC was mandated under a memorandum of understanding between the City and the U.S. Department of Justice which details work to be done over three years to ensure bias-free policing and address the past use of excessive force. The CPC's charge is represent a broad range of community perspectives and to reach out and engage communities directly, to get critical feedback, and to then recommend changes to SPD policies and practices.

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