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<u>COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION ISSUES REPORT ON</u> <u>SPD'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u>

(Seattle) – In the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and the City of Seattle, the Community Police Commission (CPC) was charged with conducting an assessment of the community's "experiences with and perceptions of the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) community outreach, engagement, and problem-oriented policing." The CPC issued an interim report on Thursday, July 31 which is attached to this release.

To learn more about the Community Police Commission, please visit <u>www.seattle.gov/community-police-commission</u>.

The CPC was established by the City of Seattle to provide community input on proposed 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 to represent a broad range of community perspectives, engage those communities directly to get critical feedback, and then recommend changes to SPD policies and practices.

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