



Seattle Community Police Commission

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Community Police Commission files Amicus brief in federal court

Today, Seattle's Community Police Commission (CPC) filed an *amicus curiae* brief in U.S. District Court for the Western District Court of Washington, in support of the Joint Motion to Approve the Compliance Agreement, announced on March 28, 2023, by the Justice Department and the City of Seattle.

The 11- page filing identifies the people of Seattle as the ultimate guarantors of police accountability, offers a brief timeline of key events in Seattle's litigation and police reform, and agrees with a proposed Compliance Plan that will focus on the systems that will replace the consent decree, including continued supervision of 'use of force in crowds and accountability'.

The filing also states that the "CPC exists as the official entity to give ongoing community input into the development of reforms, the establishment of police priorities, and mechanisms to promote community confidence in SPD."

Statement from CPC Co-Chairs:

"The CPC agrees with the joint motion and the need to return the primary responsibility of police oversight and accountability to the community and its elected representatives. However, compliance with the consent decree does not mean that police accountability work is finished. Everything that could be achieved on accountability and compliance through the Consent Decree process has been achieved, and now it is the City's responsibility to continue the work in progress. Effective, constitutional policing that considers the voice and values of the community that is being policed remains a primary goal of the CPC."