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## **Social Justice & Equity Commission**

### **Summary of Input on the 2024 DRAFT Police Auditor Mid-Year Report**

On October 28, the Social Justice and Equity Commission met with the Police Chief to receive an overview on calls for service, training, and policy updates. The Commission also met with the Auditor to review a selected complaint case in-depth and receive a briefing and provide comment on the Draft 2024 Mid-Year Report, which included uses of force and complaints from January 1 to June 30, 2024.

Until a new Community Policing Board is established, the role of the Commission is to receive a summary of the Auditor's reports, ask clarifying questions, and provide a community member perspective on the Auditor's recommendations regarding training, policy, and operational changes.

The Commission Chair and Vice-Chair were not present at the meeting, so in lieu of the chairs developing a letter on behalf of the Commission, Commissioners approved staff to draft and deliver a summary to City Council of input shared at the meeting.

#### **Social Justice & Equity Commission Discussion Summary:**

- Commissioners expressed support for the recommendations made by the Police Auditor in the 2024 Draft Mid-Year Report.
- Commissioners want to understand how officers are instructed in non-biased behavior, particularly as it relates to the specific bias indicators the Auditor uses to evaluate uses of force and complaints.
- Commissioners expressed interest in data on uses of force as it relates to years of service, acknowledging the Auditor's explanation that the reason for a use of force can vary and there's not necessarily direct causation (e.g. an officer's role or skill set may lead them to be engaged in a higher number of uses of force).
- Commissioners want to better understand if the Crisis Response Unit (CRU) has an impact on reducing potential uses of force. For example, if CRU was or was not at the scene when a use of force occurs, and/or if there were situations in which CRU was called initially, but unavailable. Commissioners acknowledged that this discussion aligned with the Auditor's recommendation that OPD should continue seeking ways to track and analyze coordination with Crisis Unit Responders.