



May 5, 2025

Olympia City Council

Honorable Mayor Payne and City of Olympia Councilmembers,

In preparation for the transition of the Community Member Representatives for Police Use of Force Events to the updated Community Policing Board, current Community Member Representatives received a briefing from the Civilian Police Auditor on their draft 2024 Annual Report. This letter is intended to share with you the Community Member Representative's conversation regarding the draft report and Auditor's draft recommendations, on which the group received a briefing on May 5, 2025.

The Community Member Representatives discussed the draft annual report with the Civilian Police Auditor and had the opportunity to ask questions about the data presented in the report and the Auditor's list of recommendations. Community Member Representatives had the following comments related to the Auditor's draft report:

- The recommendations for training and enhanced co-response data collection were logical and appropriate based on the information presented in the report.
- Continuing to improve collection of Crisis Response data, especially related to their presence or involvement in cases where there is a use of force, could provide valuable insights into the impact of co-response programs and support ongoing improvements in evaluating use of force incidents.
- Additional contextual or big picture data about Olympia's use of force incidents in comparison to other local agencies or agencies of a similar size would be helpful for future reports, to paint a clearer picture of what the data is showing.

We thank the City Council for the opportunity to review and comment on the auditor's annual report.

Best Regards,

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