



## City Council

### Acceptance of the 2023 Police Auditor Mid-Year Report

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#### **Title**

Acceptance of the 2023 Police Auditor Mid-Year Report

#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Consider acceptance of the 2023 Police Auditor Mid-Year Report.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to accept the 2023 Police Auditor Mid-Year Report.

##### **Staff Contact:**

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##### **Presenters:**

Debbie Sullivan, Assistant City Manager

##### **Background and Analysis:**

On October 13, 2023, the Police Auditor finalized their Mid-Year Report, which covers use of force incidents and complaints for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2023.

Highlights from the report include a 37% decrease in use of force incidents compared to the first six months of 2022, a review of eight completed investigations, and four recommendations, which include: added training focused on de-escalation with adolescents, changes to the Department's policies regarding body worn camera (BWC) activation, and updates to the Standards of Conduct and its categorization of misconduct complaints.

The Social Justice and Equity Commission received the report on October 23. The report is also available on the City's website.

**Climate Analysis:**

This project is not expected to have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

**Equity Analysis:**

The Police Auditor examines uses of force incidents, complaint investigations, and public demonstration responses to determine whether there is evidence of unlawful bias or civil rights violations. The Auditor also summarizes statistics including type of use of force, subject demographics, and indications of bias. The Auditor analyzes this information to recommend revisions to policy, procedures, and training.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Response to the Neighborhood/Community Interests section is answered within the Equity Analysis statement.

**Financial Impact:**

The City Council appropriated \$200,000 for the Police Auditor in the 2023 operating budget.

**Options:**

1. Accept the report.
2. Do not accept the report.
3. Consider the report at another time.

**Attachments:**

Police Auditor 2023 Mid-Year Report