



PRESENTATION ON COUNCIL TASK FORCE CPRC RECOMMENDATIONS

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Community Police Review Commission

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BACKGROUND

- In response to national unrest and calls from local community leaders for police reform in the wake of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Councilmember Ronaldo Fierro and Councilmember Steve Hemenway formed an **ad-hoc community task force** to advise the Council on community priorities related to community policing.
- The Task Force was made up of a **broad cross-section of community members** from across Riverside, including Church leaders, community leaders and residents. The Task Force met for nearly five months, and heard presentations from RPD, City leaders and prominent experts.



BACKGROUND

- After hearing presentations from experts and community leaders, the Task Force set out to discuss and formulate informed, vetted, and actionable policy recommendations to enhance community policing in Riverside and continue the open and honest partnership between the RPD and the Community at Large.
- Out of the several recommendations formulated by the Task Force, the membership **saw the empowerment of the Community Police Review Commission as a policymaking body as the most pertinent and relevant recommendation.**



DISCUSSION

- Section 810 of the Riverside City Charter empowers the Community Police Review Commission **to advise the Mayor and City Council on all police/community relations issues and review and advise the Riverside Police Department in matters pertaining to police policies and practices.**
- Chapter 2.76 of the Riverside Municipal Code further codifies the purpose, membership, powers duties and functions of the CPRC.
- The Task Force's recommendations would specifically result in amendments to the Municipal Code and would not require a City Charter change.



RECOMMENDATION #1

- **Revise the purpose, scope and duties of the Commission to more accurately reflect its role as a policymaking body and oversight commission in the pursuit of accountability and trust**

Revised Purpose Statement: (Section 2.76.020)

The renewed purpose of the CPRC is the betterment of the City of Riverside by establishing a fully transparent, invested, and trustworthy relationship between the Riverside Police Department and the diverse and dignified community it is sworn to serve. To this end the CPRC is charged with independent oversight, purposeful research, good faith engagement, community involvement, and policy development as we continue to build the City of Riverside and ensure the freedom, dignity and safety of citizens and civil servants alike.



RECOMMENDATION #1 (CONT'D)

Additional powers, duties and functions: (Section 2.76.50)

- To act as an independent auditor and archivist of the Riverside Police Department and to advise the Mayor and City Council on policy and procedure recommendations related to police/community issues and to develop and oversee regular surveys, reports and studies into Riverside policing policies and 21st century community policing models.
- To conduct public outreach to educate the community on the purpose of the Commission and actively engage community members and community groups in the policymaking and oversight process through methods such as the creation of sub-committees consisting of CPRC members and community members.
- To independently prepare and submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council on the state of police/community interactions and innovative and pertinent policy recommendations to end violent police interactions, inspire confidence and partnerships in community policing and inform the priority-based budgeting process



RECOMMENDATION #2

- **Increase membership from nine to eighteen members to be recruited to reflect our city's diversity and with priority given to members with experience in public health and safety, social work, and individuals from LGBTQ, black, brown, youth and rural communities.**

Proposed Revision: (Section 2.760.40)

The Community Police Review Commission shall consist of up to eighteen members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. There shall be two members from each Ward and four at large members. Members shall be removed from the Commission by five affirmative votes of the Mayor and City Council for incompetence, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance or neglect of duty. Members will be recruited to reflect our city's diversity and with priority given to members with experience in public health and safety, social work, and individuals from LGBTQ, black, brown, youth and rural communities. To maintain full independence, the CPRC will not include any active members of law enforcement, and no more than two former law enforcement professional members shall retain membership on the board at any point in time.



RECOMMENDATION #3

- **Establish the commission's independence by requiring at least three full-time positions appointed by the Commission and confirmed by the Council.**

Proposed Revision: (Section 2.76.30)

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Appointive Boards and Commissions, of the Charter of the City of Riverside, as the same now exists or is hereafter amended, there is hereby created a Community Police Review Commission. The Community Police Review Commission shall maintain at least three full-time staff positions appointed by the Commission and confirmed by the City Council.



RECOMMENDATIONS #4

- **Strengthen community engagement and outreach by encouraging the Commission to partner with academic institutions and community groups and including the community in the policymaking process. (no proposed revision to RMC)**

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community Police Review Commission:

1. Receive and file a presentation regarding the background, context and proposed recommendations of a Council Ad-Hoc Task Force recommending municipal code amendments to clarify and empower the Commission to advise the City Council on police reform matters; and
2. Provide input and feedback on the proposed recommendations related to the Community Police Review Commission.

