Police Accountability CB 118907 Oversight Entities: Purpose

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OPA

B. Oversight of SPD shall be comprised of an Office of Police Accountability (OPA) to help ensure the actions of SPD employees are constitutional and in compliance with federal, state, local laws, and with City and SPD policies, and to promote respectful and effective policing that is conducive to the public good, by initiating, receiving, classifying, investigating, and making findings related to complaints of misconduct;

OIG

an Office of Inspector General for Public Safety (OIG) to help ensure the fairness and integrity of the police system as a whole in its delivery of law enforcement services by providing civilian auditing of the management, practices, and policies of SPD and OPA and oversee ongoing fidelity to organizational reforms implemented pursuant to the goals of the 2012 federal Consent Decree in United States of America v. City of Seattle, 12 Civ. 1282 (JLR);

CPC

and a Community Police Commission (CPC) to help ensure public confidence in the effectiveness and professionalism of SPD and the responsiveness of the police accountability system to public concerns by engaging the community to develop recommendations on the police accountability system and provide a community-based perspective on law enforcement-related policies, practices, and services affecting public trust;

ALL

all for the purpose of ensuring constitutional, accountable, effective, and respectful policing.

OPA

Complaint initiation and investigation

OIG

Civilian auditing of SPD and OPA

CPC

Community engagement and policy, practices, services input