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Public Safety Committee—Consent Decree Transition Plan

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Main Areas of Focus for OIG

- Generating projects and reports specifically identified in the Agreement on Sustained Compliance, filed with the Court on March 28, 2023
- Developing review processes to transition oversight from the Court Monitor to OIG for pillar consent decree topics and remaining areas of concern for the Court
- Creating new review processes to provide ongoing feedback to SPD, including development of processes to provide transparent oversight of SPD systems not yet subject to consent decree oversight



Monitoring Workplan

- In collaboration with the Monitor, OIG will develop a Workplan describing its approach for ensuring continued robust, independent monitoring of SPD
- As part of the Workplan, OIG will develop a methodology and timeline for assessment in the following areas:



• The City will file OIG's Workplan with the Court by June 30, 2023



SPD Reporting and Data

 To ensure that progress documented in previous assessments is sustained, SPD will update outcome measures in each assessment area:



- OIG will review SPD's reporting and data analysis for accuracy
- The City will submit these outcomes measures to the Court by July 31, 2023



Use of Force Assessment

- OIG will conduct a Use of Force Assessment examining 2021 and 2022 data on SPD's use of force
- As components of this assessment, OIG will examine:
 - Force used in crisis incidents
 - The use of less lethal devices
 - Force used in the crowd management context
- OIG will review the Force Review Board as part of this assessment
- The City will file the OIG Use of Force Assessment with the court by July 31, 2023



Use of Force in Crowd Management

- Publish last SER report with final recommendations
- Follow up on progress by SPD in implementing recommendations from previous SER reports
- Assess policies and training post-implementation of SER recommendations
- Develop processes for reporting, investigation, and review of force when used in large-scale protests situations



Transition SER Process to OIS/Crisis

- Develop a process, in collaboration with SPD, to conduct SER of officer involved shootings
 - Purpose: to better understand upstream contributors to these tragedies to inform system change
- Ensure review includes community members and subject matter experts (specifically, mental health practitioners with expertise)
- Involve SPD members of all ranks to get full perspective and ensure viability of recommendations



Discipline Audit Follow-Up

- Assess status of recommendations to SPD from the 2021 Discipline Audit
- Assess need for additional audit follow-up work by OIG
- Assess impact of recent legislation regarding decertification



Looking to the Future

- Ongoing work to improve investigative policy/practices, such as interviewing/interrogation methods and eyewitness ID procedures
- Ongoing work around traffic stops and use of deception by officers
- Analysis of SPD's collision review process
- Effectiveness of SPD Investigations Bureau
- Audits to provide qualitative insight into other areas of constitutional policing (*Miranda* rights, youth rights, bias and disparity)
- Development of processes to review and monitor decertification issues



OIG Staffing

- Hiring 3 FTEs to staff the monitoring team. All positions will require a criminal justice background.
 - Team Lead:
 - Legal and policy background and strong project management skills
 - Posting will close next week
 - Policy Analysts:
 - One analyst with strong statistical background
 - One analyst with strong writing and communications background
 - Postings will close in two weeks

