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TO:

Kevin Alltucker, Mo Young, Kazim Zaidi

Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy

RE: Hearing From Citizen Complainants

Please accept this letter from NAACP in support of the Ad Hoc Committee hearing from those citizens who have experienced violence from police and/or who have been through the citizen complaint process from the police auditor and/or the Civilian Review Board.

Our two representatives on the Committee, Joshua Purvis and Brian Michaels, have reported back to us on the events transpired at the Tuesday October 6 meeting. Of most interest to us here at NAACP is the absence of any citizens to appear before the committee to let the committee become aware of how the system works from the perspective of our fellow citizens who go through the process and where they feel it has not worked for them. We find the voices of citizens to be a crucial factor in determining how to present changes in these procedures. We feel equally strongly that the citizen complainants be allowed to present their stories to each oversight committee in order to achieve more accurate results.

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We have been deeply disturbed over the years by incidents resulting in no police accountability or discipline. These include: the killing of Mr. Babbs, a veteran killed in his home while talking on the phone with his counselor, the client of Mr. Michaels mentioned at the meeting who called for help with her son, and was herself arrested, while both she and her son were beaten; and the Latino homeless man walking down the road, minding his own business not bothering anyone was grabbed and shot dead by EPD. The officers' choice to escalate rather than de-escalate is a disturbingly high factor in each of the three incidents mentioned. Attached is an Op-Ed wrote by Mr. Michaels and I, published in January, on the latter.

We appreciate that this will take time away from policy discussions and that the committee's time is limited. We therefore also request that the city consider extending the meeting time for this committee, either by adding more meetings or by adding extra time to existing ones.

Thank you for your attention and courtesy.

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