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RE: Policy Recommendations for 3-1 and 3-29

Dear Mr. Harness and Ms. Mohr,

Thank you for providing recommendations on behalf of the Police Oversight Board. I appreciate the thoughtfulness of your efforts. After reviewing the recommendations I have made the following decisions.

I concur that the recommendations for SOP 3-1 be sent to the Office of Policy Analysis (“OPA”) for a thorough vetting by that committee. The input from OPA stakeholders will provide a thorough set of eyes through which your suggestions may be best analyzed. I have directed that the OPA hold special meetings if necessary to review these recommendations. Please note that the referral to OPA does not reflect agreement with each of the suggested changes. In particular, it does not seem appropriate for restrictions on the Mayor’s appointment powers to be legislated through APD policy.

As for the recommendations regarding SOP 3-29, I respectfully decline to incorporate the POB suggestion to place POB at the end of the Department’s policy review process. The OPA was designed to thoughtfully consider stakeholders’ input in the overall context of Department policy. The CPOA and POB are intended to be stakeholders providing such input. Removing POB from the beginning of the process and placing it instead at the end undermines the OPA and the consistent, thoughtful approach to policy development. The OPA, with its myriad of represented stakeholders (including CPOA and POB) provides an ideal forum for all recommendations, including POB’s, to be heard. Where appropriate, these recommendations can be incorporated from the beginning of the process and receive full vetting and be fine-tuned through the remaining review. I understand that the POB has a number of other recommendations with respect to SOP 3-29. I appreciate that work and have directed OPA to ensure that a meeting is scheduled to consider those.

Thank you for suggestions.

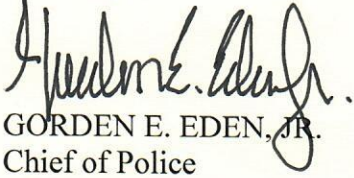
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Sincerely,



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