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Re: Department of Justice Pattern or Practice Investigation of City of Phoenix

Dear Ms. Clarke, Mr. Rosenbaum and Ms. Johnston,

Earlier today the City received the 126-page document regarding the investigation of the Phoenix Police Department (PPD) and the City of Phoenix. As you know, this is the first time we have had an opportunity to review the report detailing the findings of the Department of Justice's 34-month investigation, and we want to take the necessary time to fully digest it before responding.

The City of Phoenix and Phoenix Police Department of today are materially different than the Department that you investigated. The City is committed to ongoing efforts to implement best practices in policing and looks forward to comparing your recommendations with the information contained in our January 11, 2024 submission entitled, [The Phoenix Police Department--The Road to Reform](#). Our intention in providing the report was to make sure you had the full picture of the broad set of activity implemented, or in the process of being implemented, in the five subject areas identified in the announcement of your investigation in August 2021.

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The Phoenix City Council has consistently, through meaningful dialogue with community members, invested in substantial public expenditures and proposed and approved significant projects. Some examples are the approval and funding for full implementation of body worn cameras, the expenditure of millions of dollars for people experiencing homelessness and for the CAP program to address mental health concerns, creating staff for a new Office of Homeless Solutions and increasing salaries for 911 operators.

We will be in contact in several weeks, after we have had an opportunity to thoroughly review the report. We look forward to discussing possible options for an effective and efficient resolution that will best serve the Phoenix community.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Merrick B. Garland
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