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City Council Staff Report

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Lead Department: City Manager

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TITLE

Independent Police Auditor's (IPA) Report of Review of Investigations Between July and December 2023 and Police Department Use of Force Report for July - December 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive this information report including the most recent report from the City's Independent Police Auditor at OIR Group.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Since 2006, Palo Alto has utilized an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) to conduct secondary review of certain investigations of uniformed Police Department personnel and provide related services. Since the inception of the independent police auditing program, the City has contracted with the Office of Independent Review (OIR Group), to provide these services. The following report transmits the Independent Police Auditor Report on Investigations Completed in the second half of 2023. For reference, the prior IPA report was published in September 2023 as an Informational Item¹. The Police Department's website lists all past Independent Police Auditor Reports, [here](#)². **Attachment A** contains the IPA report for investigations completed between July 2023 and December 2023. Per Council direction, the Police Department also shares use of force information through a report provided alongside each IPA report, included here as **Attachment B** and covers the same time period. The Police Department's responses to IPA report recommendations are included here as **Attachment C**.

¹ September 2023 Independent Police Auditor Report:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/v/1/police-department/accountability/ipa-reports/june-2023-independent-police-auditors-report-and-papd-use-of-force-report.pdf>

² Palo Alto Police Department Accountability Webpage:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Police/Accountability>

Independent Police Auditor Reports Webpage:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Police/Accountability/Independent-Police-Auditor>

Process to File a Complaint to the IPA

The public can find more information about filing a complaint through the link here:
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Police/Accountability/Employee-Complaint>

Complaints may also be directed to the Independent Police Auditor as follows:

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| Contact: Mike Gennaco Phone: (323) 412-0334 Email: Michael.gennaco@oirgroup.co | Or mail to: OIR Group 1443 E. Washington Blvd., #234 Pasadena, CA 911 |
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City’s Independent Police Auditor activities are not a project under section 15378(b)(25) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Independent Police Auditor's (IPA) Report of Review of Investigations Between July and December 2023

Attachment B: Police Department Use of Force Report for July - December 2023

Attachment C: Police Department Responses to IPA Report

APPROVED BY:

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