

CPC Press Release
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The Cleveland Police Commission (CPC) issued the following release with regard to the issuance of its analysis of pending City of Cleveland police policies.

The Cleveland Police Commission today issued its response to the City of Cleveland draft Community & Problem Oriented Policing Plan (CPOP) as well as the accompanying Staffing and Resource Policy and Recruitment Plans. The CPC document represents months of critical review and community engagement. That engagement included city wide presentations, business and law leadership meetings, surveys and focus group discussions.

Said Dr. Yvonne Conner, co-chair of the commission, “We are very pleased to present this collaborative piece. It represents the voice of the community. The CPOP plan is the centerpiece of the city’s response to the Consent Decree. We look forward to the incorporation of the recommendations of the community at this critical juncture in the process.”

Added Dick Knoth, co-chair of CPC and attorney with Baker Hostetler, “A great deal of work went into this critical analysis of the CPOP, Staffing and Recruitment Plans. That said, there is much more work to be done as we now begin the effort to be certain that the City’s approach to policing is dramatically improved. The concept of minimal compliance with the Consent Decree should not be the guidepost. Instead, creating a true environment of excellence in policing must be the end point and this working document moves the conversation in that direction.”

As anticipated, the work of the CPC will continue on this front. Additional input from the community will be analyzed following community review of the document. The CPC anticipates on-going work on all aspects of the plan until it is finalized and submitted for court approval.

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