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Public Comment for CPRB -NEW BUSINESS: Review of Police Policy 300

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Sheela,

Please distribute the following message to members of the Citizen's Police Review Board prior to their meeting on Weds, May 10th at 6pm.

Thank you,
Rebecca Shaw

To the members of the Citizen's Police Review Board:

Please read this into the record during public comment under item NEW BUSINESS: Review of Police Policy 300, Use of Force/Response to Resistance on your May 10th agenda.

Video circulating of officers detaining a young man near Harpo's bar this weekend are a cause of concern for me. Their actions do not fall in line with CPD policy 300 in that they neither used 'only the force that is objectively reasonable', nor did they 'apply deescalation techniques when possible' and 'use force only when no reasonably effective alternative appears to exist'.

As a result of this incident and with the Board reviewing Policy 300, I ask the following:

1) In order for the public and City staff to be better informed when incidents like this occur, I urge the CPRB to consider adding language to Policy 300 that requires CPD to make available for public release, within 48 hrs of the incident, the body worn camera footage of any officer on scene when policy 300.11.2 ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE REQUIRED, is enacted.

2) To better assess data, I would ask that language to section 300.12 ANNUAL ANALYSIS (4.2.4) be added to include the following:

- number of use of force incidents resulting in an arrest
- whether the people force was used against were armed (and what weapon) or unarmed
- number of investigations into civilian complaints of police misconduct resulting in a sustained finding of misconduct against the officers involved

3) Add language to policy 300.7 DUTY TO INTERVENE (1.2.10), indicating that a failure to report will result in disciplinary action.

It is my belief that the addition of these items to Policy 300 would be the start to CPD engaging in a more responsive way with the citizens of Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes.
Rebecca Shaw