



DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Akilah Weber and Councilmember Colin Parent

SUBJECT: Citizens Public Safety Oversight Task Force

On September 10, 2019 the La Mesa City Council voted to establish a Citizens Public Safety Oversight Task Force. At that time, they were directed to (a) research what a citizen oversight committee would look like in La Mesa, what other cities of similar size are doing in regards to citizen police oversight commissions, the difference of citizen police oversight commissions in General Law cities and Charter cities, and solutions that can be achieved under each type of government; (b) perform community sensing and education to determine whether or not La Mesa needs a citizen police oversight commission; and (c) if the community sensing shows that there is a need for a citizen police oversight commission in La Mesa, draft a policy for Council consideration.

Given that the committee did not meet in March, April and May due to COVID-19 and the recent events that have occurred in La Mesa we would like to discuss amending the direction given to the task force and establish a timeline when they should present their final report to City Council.