Community Police Commission (CPC)
September 17, 9:00 AM- In-Person & Via Webex Conference Call

- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- **Take Attendance**

CPC Attendees: Raven Tyler, Le'Jayah Washington, Joel Merkel, Anthony Gaedcke, Arlecier West, Mark Mullens, Erika Newman, Joseph Seia, Ken Nsimbi, Tascha Johnson
CPC Absences: N/A
CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Devina Wijaya Moser, Mario Teulilo, Kieryn High, Masooma Ibrahimi, Mergitu Argo

- **Review Agenda & Minutes**
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Action: Motion to approve the draft agenda for 8/6/2025 and minutes from 9/17/2025
Moved: Commissioner Tyler
Seconded: Commissioner Washington
Opposed: 0
Abstentions: 0

Approved by voice vote.

Community Police Commission Updates
  ▪ **Co-Chair Update-**
    ▪ **Consent Decree Update**
      ▪ On Sept. 3, Judge Robart granted the City's motion to terminate the consent decree.
      ▪ This marks a transition, not an end, to reform.
      ▪ CPC is uniquely positioned to keep community voices central to public safety reform.
      ▪ CPC played a key role in the development for the Crowd Management ordinance alongside community members in late 2024 and early 2025. Special thanks to the Police Practices Work Group, staff, and especially to Policy team for ensuring the ordinance reflected community input.

- **New Commission Appointments**
  - Three new commissioners—Jen Carl, Jeremy Holmes, and Rick Williams—are in the onboarding process. They're expected at Public Safety Committee on Sept. 23 and full Council on Sept. 30, in time for the Oct. 1 CPC meeting.

Department Updates
- **City Council**- No update
- **Mayor's Office** – No update
- **Monitoring Team** & **DOJ-** Given the termination of the consent decree, CPC will no longer receive updates from the Monitoring Team or DOJ
- **OPA Update**-
  - OPA met with SPD for its quarterly check-in on MaRS (management/policy recommendations).
  - OPA staff have also been attending Seattle Public Safety Community Forums, which have generated valuable community conversations.
- **OIG update**-
  - OIG is prepared to assume much of the oversight work previously handled by the federal monitoring team, including use-of-force and crisis assessments, and is developing its 2026 work plan.
- **SPD update**-
  - SPD acknowledged the end of the consent decree as a milestone but emphasized continued commitment to reform and public safety improvement.
  - SPD remains committed to transparency

- **Community Police Commission Updates**
  - **Executive Director Updates**
    - **CPC Open House Recap (Devina)**
      - Devina shared a presentation with photos and videos from the CPC Open House, highlighting it as a day of community, culture, and connection.
      - The event featured a traditional Kava session led by Mario, emphasizing cultural values and responsibilities, as well as an Ethiopian coffee ceremony. Attendees enjoyed a diverse selection of foods, including Ethiopian dishes, lumpia, samosas, jollof rice, and plantains.

  - **Staffing Update**
    - The Deputy Director's applications closed last week.

- CPC is reviewing candidates and will continue to provide updates as the process moves forward.

- o **Community Engagement Updates**
    - CE Team attended multiple Public Safety Forums with nine City departments, including CARE and Seattle Fire, engaging residents on public safety issues.
    - They Participated in a West Seattle housing back-to-school event, where parents and children raised concerns about gun violence and 911 response times.
    - CE Team connected with a diverse community and shared cultural experiences, including a Kava session by Mario.
    - CE team shared an August After-Action Report using two new tools: the staff/commissioner After-Action Form and the Community Survey Form.
    - Key themes from community feedback: delayed 911 response times, lack of language access, calls for dedicated officers, and strong concerns about neighborhood CCTV cameras and privacy.

- **Policy Updates**
    - o The Policy Team shared an update on the Surveillance Tech Pilot Expansion Update
    - o Last year, City Council's Public Safety Committee proposed a pilot for SPD to use CCTV cameras and a Real Time Crime Center in Aurora Ave N, the ID, and 3rd Ave downtown to address violent crime.
    - o Strong opposition came from residents and civil rights groups citing privacy concerns and studies showing limited effectiveness.
    - o On October 2024: City Council approved the pilot as a two-year program, with a promised evaluation at the end to assess effectiveness.
    - o On September 9, 2025: Despite overwhelming public opposition (100+ comments), City Council voted 7–2 in favor of expansion.
    - o The Police Practices Workgroup researched and drafted CPC's opposition letter.
    - o CPC staff met with 7 of 9 Councilmember offices to share concerns.
    - o The outcome: The Public Safety Committee unanimously voted to expand the pilot, incorporating two amendments.

- **Communication Updates**
  - CPC Comms Director shared an update on the September newsletter that was recently published.
  - Real-time translation Webex is now active in CPC meetings (105+ languages, CC button at bottom left of screen).
  - Press & Media:
    - CPC Issued press releases on the 15-year anniversary of John T. Williams' killing and the Consent Decree and it was picked up by major outlets, including *The New York Times*.
    - CPC now has a strong media presence: King 5 interviews with Eci and coverage by co-chair and Joseph Seia.
  - Media Momentum: CPC is being sought out for comment more than in the past, and it's a sign of growing visibility and credibility.
  - Rainier Avenue Radio x CPC Partnership Project: First radio broadcast was completed this Monday.

- **Commissioner's Committee and Workgroup Updates**
  - Community Engagement Committee
    - Commissioner Seia gave a shoutout to the CE staff for their strong work highlighted in recent CE Committee discussions.
  - Police Practices Workgroup
    - Commissioner Tyler shared that their recent focus has been on the surveillance pilot and City Council discussions
    - The PPWG emphasized the extensive effort behind CPC recommendations and letters, noting this is not always understood by Council.
- **Adjourn**