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The City Manager, the ultimate authority over the CPCC, should not be tasked with review and reporting of the CPCC. An INDEPENDENT audit is desperately needed, to do what the City Council allegedly intends, which is to "improve accountability and transparency in the relationship between the Police Department and the community."

A good first step, would be to revert the governing city charter provisions re CPCC structure and process to that which was actually voted into law by the citizens of Long Beach in the 90s. The city charter provisions 1150-1155 setting up the structure, mission and purpose of the CPCC, and the way that is carried out, have since been changed illegally (not by vote of the people) to circumvent the efficacy and purpose of the CPCC. The CPCC sees only what the Director sets before it, which is what the police department selectively gives to the Director, which CPCC investigators have generally rubber stamped regardless of the egregiousness of the conduct at issue.

The CPCC needs reform and ultimately teeth, which brings me to a good second step - make sure the appointed commissioners have absolutely no ties to the police force they are tasked with review of, or make the CPCC commissioner an elected position. Then provide them with subpoena power, the ability to interview officers, and real disciplinary authority separate and apart from the City Manager.

The CPCC has long been a farce, as conceded by several commissioners and city council people past and present. If the City Council is really interested in bringing about meaningful change, it would do any number or all of these things, instead of setting forth this illusory effort to make the CPCC better. Those that know how the CPCC was intended to function and how it actually functions today know that this agenda item as stated is merely intended to preserve the status quo yet appear responsive to the recent protests against police brutality. I implore you to make an effort for meaningful change, not pointless, circular endeavors that will do nothing. Thank you.

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