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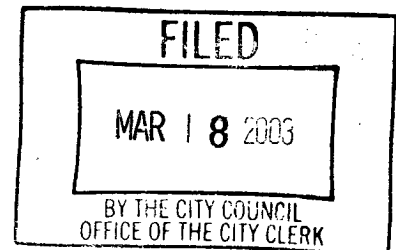
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SUBJECT: Office of Police Accountability Annual Report

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for City Council information.

CONTACT PERSON:

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 18, 2003

SUMMARY:

This report provides information and updates on the activities of the Office of Police Accountability (OPA). Additional copies of the report can be obtained from the OPA or from the City Clerk's Office.

BACKGROUND:

This is the third Annual Report prepared by the OPA for the review of the Mayor and Sacramento City Council Members. The report covers a one-year period from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

SUMMARY:

The attached Annual Report contains the following:

Background. The OPA was created in 1999 after the City authorized a Blue Ribbon Committee to address issues regarding the Sacramento Police Department.

Recommendations made to SPD. The OPA has continued to make recommendations to the Sacramento Police Department and to the City Manager based on critical incidents, investigations and audited cases, and year end statistics. Specific training and policy recommendations and their outcomes, are listed in the report.

OPA Outreach. The OPA has put emphasis on establishing credible relationships in the Sacramento community. This will remain a primary and ongoing commitment of the OPA. In addition, the OPA has also established relationships with other jurisdictions and educational institutions to raise awareness of police accountability.

Relationship with the Sacramento Police Department (SPD). It is imperative for the effective functioning of the OPA that there is a mutually respectful relationship between the OPA and the Sacramento Police Department.

City Manager Directed Activities. The City Manager may direct the OPA to specifically track and monitor high profile or serious complaint cases to conclusion, review completed investigations, and advise him which investigations, if any, appear deficient. City Manager directed activities for 2002 are discussed in this report.

Critical Incidents. In addition to receiving complaints, the OPA Director is on the critical incident call-up list and has the option of responding to any and all such calls. During the calendar year 2002, the Director responded to the scene of five critical incidents. Four of the incidents dealt with officer involved shootings and one involved a death in custody.

Audited Cases. The Director of OPA audits certain formal investigations which are conducted by Internal Affairs and may make recommendations or request further investigation based on his audit. During 2002, the OPA Director audited thirty- eight Internal Affairs investigations.

Year-end Complaint Statistics/Comparison. The OPA keeps a database containing information on each case. The OPA can use these statistics to analyze patterns and make recommendations to the SPD based on information contained in the statistics.

Complaint Trends. This report will compare complaint trend data for the past three years.

OPA Proposals and Recommended Courses of Action for 2003. Based on information contained in the 3rd OPA Annual Report, the following courses of action are recommended: continued OPA Outreach; on going and targeted SPD training continued; Racial Profiling Data Collection and analysis.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There are no financial considerations for this report

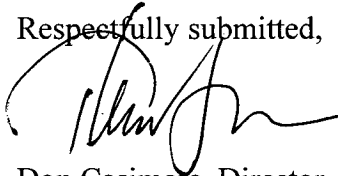
POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Office of Police Accountability promotes the City's Strategic Plan and the goals of the City Council to enhance and preserve neighborhoods, and retain, attract and develop a highly qualified and diverse city workforce and implement organizational improvements.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

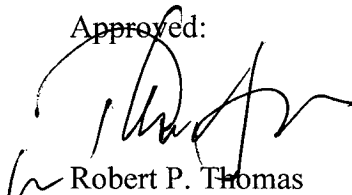
None

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved:



Robert P. Thomas
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