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Anthony Driver, Jr.
Commission President
Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
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RE: Recommendation to the Public Safety Inspector General

Dear President Driver:

This letter serves as the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) timely written response to the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability's (CCPSA or the Commission) November 2 written recommendation pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC) §2-80-050(f). In that correspondence CCPSA recommended OIG "conduct an audit of the Chicago Police Department's processes and practices for identifying and disciplining officers who associate with extremist or bias-based organizations." CCPSA's recommendation also requested that "[i]n the course of your audit, please assess whether those processes and practices have been effective and recommend what actions must be taken to ensure that police officers who associate with extremist or bias-based organizations are removed from the Chicago Police Department."

OIG appreciates CCPSA's recommendation. OIG is continuing to examine the issue of CPD members who associate with extremist or bias-based organizations, including the topics identified in CCPSA's recommendation, on multiple fronts. Initially, OIG has a forthcoming inquiry that will address some of the topics described in CCPSA's recommendation. Additionally, OIG will continue to review individual closed disciplinary investigations and make recommendations to inform future investigations. Further, we screen all closed investigations to which we have access, and we select certain investigations for in-depth reviews. If we find a deficiency in a specific investigation materially affects its outcome, we may recommend that the investigation be reopened. This process was followed and provided insight and transparency into CPD's Bureau of Internal Affairs' (BIA) investigations of members alleged to associate with anti-government and extremist organizations. As CCPSA knows, this work has resulted in OIG recommending the reopening of BIA investigations including ones involving a member of the Proud Boys and a member of the Oath Keepers. We will continue this work and provide an additional product that will address some of the Commission's concerns.

Please contact me, TRichardson@igchicago.org or (773) 491-7506, if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,



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