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Concerns Regarding the Composition and Authority of the CRB and request for changes:

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of concern regarding the current composition and authority of the Community Review Board (CRB) and changes being requested. It has come to my attention that the CRB is not comprised of a full group of sworn-in officers or members. In contrast, the Internal Affairs department, responsible for investigating individual cases and entire departments, consists solely of sworn-in officers. My concern lies in the fact that without a full board of trained and sworn-in officers, any requests for changes to be made by the CRB could potentially undermine the ability of highly trained professionals to carry out their duties effectively.

The level of training and expertise possessed by members of Internal Affairs far outweighs that of the CRB, making them more capable of gathering knowledge and making educated decisions on special investigations. While the CRB undoubtedly plays a vital role in ensuring transparency and accountability in law enforcement, it is important for us to consider the comparative levels of training and experience between the two bodies. Without a full board of sworn-in officers, the CRB may lack the necessary resources to investigate cases with the same depth and efficiency as Internal Affairs.

In light of this concern, I kindly request that the appropriate parties take the necessary steps to address the current composition and training of the CRB.

Thank you, Andrea (DiLieto) Zola