

Misty Maza

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Dear Ms. Maza,

I am writing to express my strong support for the ordinance amendment to the New Haven Board of Alders section 2-796 that will allow the New Haven Civilian Review Board (CRB) to work in tandem with Internal Affairs (IA) throughout investigations in New Haven. Most notably, I support the CRB having immediate access to civilian complaints in order to investigate quickly and provide findings and recommendations to the Chief of Police before disciplinary decisions are made.

The current IA process lacks transparency and appears inefficient—sometimes taking years for investigations to be completed. Additionally, consequences to police officers who are found to be in the wrong often do not appear adequate from a public perspective. I think the involvement of the Civilian Review Board would greatly increase the community's trust and confidence in the IA process.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
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