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Please move forward with the proposed Civilian Review Board (CRB) governance changes. The current system lacks transparency and is broken. We cannot — must not — rely solely on the New Haven Police Department (NHPD) Internal Affairs division to conduct its investigation before the CRB can become involved.

My district currently has a case being investigated by Internal Affairs. While they take their time, an officer accused of a serious breach of the public's trust is being transferred to another district. When I asked an assistant chief if it is common practice to transfer officers who are under investigation, he said that the chief of police allows it unless there is a serious problem. The officer in question is accused of pressuring the victim of a hit and run not to "file a complaint" and helping an elected official cover up his illegal behavior. (Note: The officer has a record of violating department policies.)

My neighbors and I should not have to wait for the CRB to be involved. Please make the proposed changes to allow the CRB to act swiftly and make Internal Affairs investigations more TRANSPARENT!

Sincerely,
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