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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chairperson Budget Committee
DATE: March 11, 2025
RE: Budget Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Budget Committee, please see the key follow-up from the committee meeting held on March 11th, 2025:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Garza Dewaelsche, Chairman Darryl Woods

Staff Attendees: Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier, Chief Investigator – Jerome Warfield, Executive Fiscal Manager – Drew Fries

- **Summary of BOPC Budget Committee's Preparation for FY2025-26 Budget Hearing with City Council:**
The Board of Police Commissioners is set to meet with City Council for a FY26 Budget Request Hearing on Monday, March 24th, which represents the next step in the Detroit City Budget Cycle. This provides another opportunity for the Board of Police Commissioners to request budgetary needs for the upcoming fiscal year, as the City Council has the final ruling on department budgets for the City of Detroit. Thus far in the Budget Cycle, the BOPC's budget requests have not been yet approved, most notably retaining the 6 OCI Investigators brought on in 2024. It is this budget request line that the BOPC Budget Committee has at the highest priority to reach alignment with City Council members that this is a vital need, based on the level of annual citizen complaint submission counts experienced in recent years. We look forward to meeting with City Council on March 24th to provide council members with background and understanding of what is being requested and how important these 6 OCI Investigators are to maintaining an ability to keep pace with CCR submissions.

The next BOPC Budget Committee meeting is to be announced, thank you.

Sincerely,

Eva Garza Dewaelsche
At-Large
Chairperson, BOPC Budget Committee