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1 2 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Good evening, ladies 4 and gentlemen. I'm attorney Linda Bernard, the police 5 commissioner for District 2 on the Northwest side of 6 7 Detroit. It's a pleasure to be here this evening and see all of you in attendance. We're going to do a couple of 8 9 procedural things and to see if we will have a quorum very shortly. And if we don't get a quorum, then, after 10 public comment, we will adjourn. Today's invocation, I 11 12 think, is going to be done by you, Reverend Warfield, the 13 head of OCI. 14 REVEREND WARFIELD: Let us pray. Father, once again,

15 we come before your presence filled with Thanksqiving and 16 enjoy, thanking you for allowing us to get to this 17 portion of our day; safe and free from hurt, harm, and danger as we come tonight, Lord, we ask that your hand of 18 grace and mercy would be over this meeting, that you 19 would guide us by way of your Holy Ghost power, and that 20 you will allow the voices and the concerns of the 21 citizens to, not only be heard, but to be acted upon. We 22 thank you for the commissioners that have gathered, 23 members of the department, the chief staff, all that are 24 25 here to conduct this business. We ask that you'll bless



us now with your presence. In Christ's name we pray.
 Amen.

COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Okay, so we're going
to go immediately into public comment. Do we have a list
of people who want to make a presentation, Jonya?
MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. We're going to
start with Mr. Ford; after Mr. Ford we'll have Dr.
Gordon; after Dr. Gordon, we'll have Minister Eric
Blount.

10 MR. FORD: Hello, I'm James Ford. I just want to say God bless everybody here. God bless everybody in this 11 12 room. I'd like to thank the police chief for meeting with 13 myself and Theo Broden, discussing red light running and 14 drag racing. What a character, what a guy. He even sat 15 down and talked with us because it's Detroit's most 16 pressing problem. He even said, if we go back to Lansing, 17 he might even want to go. So I take my hat off to him. I 18 just want to say this, you saw me passing out flyers about the Obama weekend. The Obama Weekend Festival is 19 something for everybody. 20

21 Children, we just want to bring back what we've 22 missed. We cried when we lost the state fair. Now you 23 have a chance to have your own state fair. So get in 24 contact with me. My phone number is (586) 918-3061. I do 25 want to say this. We're going to invite all the mayoral



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1 candidates to answer one question. And the one question is, if they're elected, what would they do about drag 2 racing and red light running in this city? We're sending 3 out the invitations this week. They have to answer that 4 question. If they do not show up, if they do not answer 5 6 that question, they should not be considered to be 7 elected. And I really believe that. And then if they get elected and do not address red light running and drag 8 9 racing, they should be a one-term mayor. My name is James 10 Ford. God bless you, and thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you, Mr. Ford. DR. GORDON: Hi, my name is Karen Gordon and I'm here 12 13 to say that I ran from my home on the East side at 14 Fischer because of Burns Fischer and Seneca College Block 15 Club. I asked to speak to the captain, and the commander. 16 They never talked to me. I had a Detective Clark and 17 Walker, stated in every police report I made, which I made a lot because I was attacked. And for every attack I 18 had, I had video. Because before they said without video, 19 they couldn't do anything. So I put up cameras around my 20 home to show that I was being attacked. Clark and Walker 21 said among themselves, and other people were in the room, 22 23 because he was talking to me, but he forgot to hang up the phone, because he was too busy wanting to talk about 24 25 me, instead of giving me his email so I could send him



1 the video.

2 In the video, they state how every report I filed, they made sure, they made sure that the prosecutor would 3 throw it out. And then the sad part about it is I asked 4 in a meeting with their boss, the head detective who 5 makes the final decision? And he said, I do. I said, so, 6 7 you mean to tell me a woman could come at me and attack me and have been told to stay away from me? It's okay. 8 9 And he said, yes. And then Walker stated that the commander wanted her in the meeting to justify what she 10 did because he didn't want to be a part of it. Let her 11 12 answer the question. And he said, she said so. He thought 13 I was going to change my mind. They talked about not just 14 me, they ran me out of my home. They ran me out of my 15 home. They threatened that people should do something to 16 my home.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Excuse me.

18 DR. GORDON: So me and my baby no longer felt safe 19 and said, we have to leave.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Excuse me ---21 DR. FORD: Because the police are part of the 22 College.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Excuse me, Ms. Ford. 24 Excuse me, Ms. Ford. Where's Reverend Warfield? Oh, there 25 he is. Reverend Warfield is the head of OCI. Have you



1	given your complaint to him?
2	DR. FORD: The complaint, it did not go anywhere.
3	I've been going through this for over 3 years and all I
4	ever asked the police was for help. I did it the right
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6	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Wait a minute. Wait a
7	minute. Please, please, Miss, Miss, wait a minute. Your
8	time is
9	DR. FORD:my home was the the only one that was
10	destroyed.
11	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Miss
12	DR. FORD: And I have been -
13	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Order
14	DR. FORD: Then
15	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Order
16	DR. GORDON: around my house to see how many cameras
17	I have, and my baby said it's enough.
18	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Miss
19	DR. FORD: We are going to
20	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Miss
21	DR. GORDON: Do something.
22	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: You're out of order.
23	Out of order. Wait a minute. Excuse me. Excuse me.
24	Reverend Warfield,
25	CI WARFIELD: Thank you. To the board and thank you



Madam Chair. We received this complaint in May and it is one that we are actively investigating. We just got the

3 complaint last month.

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COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Okay, thank you. 4 CHIEF BETTISON: If I may, through the Chair to Mrs. 5 Gordon's point, I've actually met with Ms. Gordon under 6 two administrations of command leadership at number 7 seven. We sat down with her, we talked through, we looked 8 through all of her cases. We even looked through some of 9 the complaints she had about a previous commander there. 10 Everything we're doing we're a hundred percent answering 11 12 what she's doing. We're being very responsive. And she 13 wouldn't look at me, but a hundred percent, I've met with 14 her on several occasions with the command at number seven 15 to try to answer her complaints and we'll do so, again. 16 DR. GORDON: No.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next18 speaker.

MINISTER BLOUNT: Honorable Board. I'm Minister Eric Blount from right here, Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in Detroit. This church has a rich history of social justice and black liberation. We have a black Jesus on the cross and a Black Lives Matter banner on our pulpit. It is in this spirit that I say these words that I have said before, policing in this country is sick, and DPD is



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part of the problem. Policing in this country is sick 1 because cops have the constitutional right to lie to 2 citizens, whether it's a traffic stop or at a gas station 3 or wherever they are. They cannot lie in a court of law. 4 5 But you can lie to us. That in itself should say a lot about what happens. DPD is partially the problem too. 6 Your facial recognition technology supports the tool of 7 institutional racism. Facial recognition technology 8 allows that system to misidentify people of color more 9 than white people. So in itself, you are saying white 10 lives matter more than black lives. That's the only 11 12 conclusion a reasonable person can have. For the Board of 13 Police Commissioners, they will even lie to you on their 14 agenda. Page three, you'll read that the Board of Police 15 Commissioners has the final authority and discipline. 16 That is a lie. 99% of the officers that are disciplined, 17 get their discipline overturned in binding arbitration. I guess that's all I have. I don't see a clock, so I don't 18 want to be too disrespectful. 19

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next, 21 Jonya.

MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next three speakers will be ShayHowell, Reverend Conway and Victoria Camille.

MS. HOWELL: Hello, I'm Shay Howell and I'm a member of District 2, and glad to see my commissioner chairing



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1 this evening. Welcome.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you.

MS. HOWELL: I'm here to talk about the resolution on 3 the protection of the First Amendment, which came to you 4 last week and was introduced by Commissioner Moore. It's 5 a resolution that gives the Board of Police Commissioners 6 7 the opportunity to stand up against the outrageous violation of First Amendment and due process rights that 8 are happening on the federal level. We are watching 9 federal government agents do things that no rookie 10 Detroit police officer would consider doing. They are 11 12 wearing masks. They are refusing to identify themselves. 13 They are squashing descent. And all of us have seen 14 what's happening in LA. We, from the Coalition for Police 15 Transparency and Accountability, have written an 16 opportunity for you through a resolution to make clear that the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners will not 17 tolerate any federal troops on our streets. And we will 18 not tolerate federal action that contradicts the policies 19 20 and behavior of our own police department. Our police department sets the standard for what we expect from law 21 enforcement. And you should direct the Chief of Police 22 and all representatives to meet with their counterparts 23 24 and make sure that Detroit streets are safe for our 25 citizens and that the many, many years of effort that we



have spent in establishing good community relations
 continue. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next 4 speaker.

REVEREND CONWAY: That's me. Good evening to the 5 6 board and staff, as well as the citizenry. My name is Reverend Lucius Conway. I am [no audio] for Attorney 7 Bernard seat as the second district for the Board of 8 9 Police Commissioners. I rise, first of all in support of what Shay Howell just shared with regard to the 10 11 resolution and its passage. It seems that this board 12 serves as a paper lion, paper tiger, whatever the term 13 is, and has no teeth. And I am remiss at how 14 nonresponsive this board has been to me personally. On 15 May 23rd, I submitted to the entire board, individually 16 and collectively, a protocol to help remove the backlog, which has doubled since the former board of commissioner, 17 now employee Warfield, has taken over that particular 18 19 office with his seven-point plan. That backlog has not reduced. And of course he's saying it's staffing, but 20 there's some infrastructural issues as well, which are 21 addressed in the documentation that I provided you with, 22 in addition to the fact that we have so many citizens who 23 are not getting FOIA. 24

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So much stuff that's happening with regard to our



1 presumption of misconduct. We talked about that in 2 committee, and I just wanted to say that if this board can't do anything else, you can resolve to send a 3 resolution to the City Council to put at least an 4 ordinance on the book making the presumption of 5 misconduct an Ordinance so that when these police 6 7 officers do not turn on or wear their body cameras, the presumption of misconduct this board past several years 8 9 ago that has still yet to be acted on can somehow at 10 least provide the citizenry with some legal recourse so 11 they can sue. My name again is Reverend Lucius Conway, 12 and thank you for your time.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. On the 14 issue of the Freedom of Information Act, Conrad, your 15 office handles those requests for our office. Do you want 16 to explain to the public what we do with that or would 17 you rather we do it a different time?

18 ATTORNEY MALLETT: Excuse me. Madam Chairperson, we 19 get 9,000

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Talk a little bit 21 louder or else you guys need to turn up his mic so they 22 can hear him.

ATTORNEY MALLATT: I think not. We get 9,000 Freedom of Information Act requests a year. The statute requires that they be responded to, I think within 45-days. The



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vast majority of the cases, unfortunately, are directed 1 at DPD. The department I know has three or four civilian 2 persons dedicated to responding to the request for 3 information that come from the law department. I think we 4 5 have been responsive, and if we're not, then there is the 6 possibility always present that will be taken to circuit court and costs will then be assigned to the law 7 department for a failure to meet the deadlines imposed. 8 9 If there are concerns separate and apart, letters come to us, I read them. And I think that largely we have been 10 responsive. And if not, you know, if there are concerns 11 12 about non-responsiveness, we should be made aware of them 13 so that we can rectify the problem. But the bottom line 14 is, I think I have nine attorneys, Madam Chairperson, 15 dealing with FOIA requests exclusively. And I know that 16 in DPD there are any number of civilian persons whose 17 sole responsibility it is to respond to these citizen requests. So we're working on it as hard as we can. And 18 if we have not delivered let us know so that I can 19 personally be sure that we're responding in a timely 20 21 manner.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Conrad 23 Mallett, of course, is the Corporation Counsel for the 24 City of Detroit. He's in charge of the law department and 25 also responsible for providing legal advice as well as



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litigation support and attorneys in the event of any and
 all lawsuits. Who's the next person, Jonya? Oh, hi,
 Victoria.

4 MS. CAMILLE: Good evening commissioners. Good 5 evening, Madam Chair. Okay, can you hear me?

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Yes.

MS. CAMILLE: Good evening commissioners. My name is 7 Victoria Camille. And first I would like to also stand in 8 9 agreement with the board adopting the resolution, strengthening and unleashing local control of law 10 11 enforcement to pursue accountability and protect 12 constitutional rights and standing in opposition to executive order number 14288 that's on your agenda. I 13 don't know what some people think that they're going to 14 15 do in Detroit. But in Detroit we uphold constitutional 16 rights and that's what we're going to be doing here. And so we look for this board to uphold that as well. Through 17 the Chair it is actually quite convenient that 18 Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallet is here today because 19 my concern that I'm bringing forward is in regards to his 20 21 office. So just to refresh everyone's memory, and I know it's been a while because we're coming around on the 22 anniversary of the murder of Sherman Lee Butler in July, 23 where he was murdered by a bailiff. And DPD was present 24 and tased him before he was shot by the bailiff. And 25



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there was just egregious disregard for policy that 1 resulted in this man's senseless killing. And so in 2 response to that, I submitted a complaint to the Office 3 of the Chief investigator, which has been closed for at 4 5 least a month now. And on April 9th, I submitted a FOIA 6 request to Counsel Mallet's office requesting the report 7 to be provided. It's very important that we understand that when Sherman was killed very quickly, the department 8 9 and prosecutor worthy came forward in the media to very quickly help everyone understand that he was killed and 10 self-defense. 11

12 It wasn't until six months later after insisting on 13 the body-worn camera footage being released that we 14 realized that he wasn't killed in self-defense and that 15 he was instead murdered. And yet we have not had anyone 16 come forward and publicly talk about that, the video, it 17 was partially released around Christmas with very little media coverage. And so that just reinforces the fact that 18 it's important that body-worn camera footage is captured 19 and that it's released timely because the citizens of 20 Detroit do not need to be lied to. And we can see for 21 ourselves what happens on video. And we need to have that 22 to happen. I would hope that corporation Counsel Mallet 23 will honor the FOIA request. Please send over whatever 24 invoice for whatever amount you need to charge because 25



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this information needs to be brought forward. That 1 request is outstanding since April and DPD should have 2 nothing to do. They should not have their hands on that 3 request. That was investigated by the office of the Chief 4 Investigator. So between the law department and Office of 5 6 the Chief Investigator, we need to get that report and it should not go through the hands of DPD. Thank you. My 7 name is Victoria Camille, 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next 9

10 speaker.

MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next three speakers will be, Ms.
Sharon Solomon, CAC, Scotty Boman, Adam Burette. You can
state your name for the record.

14 MS. SOLOMON: Hello, my name is actually Sharon 15 Solomon. I kind of reiterate what most of the people here 16 have said because, you know, in 1974 when the Board of Police Commissioners was first established, they had much 17 more authority and autonomy. Today that has been severely 18 diminished. The board can be usurped by collective 19 bargaining and the unions. So I'm just wondering if the 20 members of the board feel that they really have a purpose 21 when it comes to looking out for the best interest of the 22 people of the City of Detroit. Because you hear so many 23 complaints about complaints going unanswered. Where do we 24 25 go to try to get more authority for the board? What do we



do? Because if you have no real authority, what's the
 real purpose? Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Our next4 speaker, please.

5 MR. BOMAN: Hi, I'm Scotty Boman, founder of DRACO, 6 Detroit, Residents Advancing Civilian Oversight and current CAC member and BCA member, and fairly soon police 7 commissioner. I'd like to kind of follow up on what's 8 9 been said about authority. Actually, I would say the Board of Police Commissioners is the final authority on 10 promotions. However, just as I have a right to free 11 12 speech, however, that doesn't mean that I always would 13 exercise my right to free speech. It does not always mean 14 that I'm allowed to exercise my right to free speech in a 15 similar manner, the charter gives the board an authority. 16 Unfortunately, as one person just mentioned, the 17 authority has been usurped by a legal process. There is a 18 way to challenge these usurped patients, and that would 19 be to appeal these decisions when there is an arbitration hearing, where they come to a conclusion that's against 20 21 the charter.

So one thing is appealing, of course, you need an attorney to appeal. So the board needs to also, which it has the authority to also do, have its own attorney. Furthermore, we have the matter of, well, what does an



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1 arbitrator decide based on, anyway? The arbitrator 2 decides based upon the contract. And so what you need to do is make sure that city officials don't undermine their 3 own. In fact, I would consider it malfeasance for any 4 5 city official to negotiate a contract that has language in it that bypasses or works around the language of the 6 7 charter that we need to prevent city officials from negotiating contracts that violate the charter. And if 8 9 you do that, then it wouldn't even go past the arbitrator. The arbitrator would look at the contract, 10 11 and go, the contract right here, says the Board of Police 12 Commissioners is the final word on promotions. 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you, Mr. Boman. 14 Next Speaker. 15 MR. BARRETT: Yeah, Adam Barrett, I live in District 16 6. I'm a member of Detroiters for Tax Justice and 17 Moratorium Now Coalition and et cetera. I'm just here 18 tonight ---19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Can you speak up a little bit? Thank you so much. 20 21 MR. BARRETT: Yeah, I'm just here tonight to stand in

21 MR. BARRETT: Yean, I'm just here tonight to stand in 22 solidarity with CPTA and their ask around the resolution. 23 You know, rejecting federal interference with local law 24 enforcement. Detroit Police is under charter mandated 25 control of the citizens of Detroit. So I ask that this



1 board does everything within its power to make that remain the case regardless of what federal authorities 2 want to do in our city. Just quick side note this 3 executive order that's being referenced from the White 4 5 House number 14288. Maybe it's nothing, but I doubt that 6 it's nothing. But the numbers 14 and 88 are probably the 7 most common white supremacist dog whistles in the book. So, I mean, you can go to the ADL's website and look that 8 9 up if you want to verify what exactly they refer to. But that's where we're at with the federal government right 10 11 now. That's, that's the kind of thing that they're on. So 12 thank you.

COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next
speaker. Our next speaker in the room will be Ms.
Danielle Murdoch, and then we'll go into Zoom.

16 MS. MURDOCH: Hello everybody, I'm Danielle Murdoch. 17 I was told about this meeting today by Warfield. Me and my children are here today because I'm emotional, sorry. 18 But like that second lady who got up here, we are 19 targeted at our home. We live on Goddard Street off of 20 21 McNichols, in a very bad neighborhood. The police come there once I call them, and it's kind of like we're the 22 23 suspect. Okay? Recently I've been living at my home for 10 years, but recently the newer people that live on the 24 25 block that have been living there all their lives, 40



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plus years, are targeting me and my children. They are 1 bringing notes with drones into our yard. Today, they 2 have scratched in their names and somebody who I would 3 see a name inside of my Durango on the doors. Every time 4 5 I go to the precinct or when the police come to our house because not to mention the neighbors who are trying to 6 7 get us out, they have hacked all of our devices, so they can use my phone to call 911 to say that I've killed my 8 kids. 9

So then my house is getting swatted by 15 police 10 cars, guns drawn, checking doorknobs surrounding my house 11 12 while me and my kids don't know what's going on, because 13 we didn't do this. This has happened more than 50 times 14 since December. I believe I'm getting no assistance from 15 the police because when I reached out to Reverend 16 Warfield about something that happened in October, 2023, 17 they had them under investigation; they don't like me for that. And I believe that is why every report that has 18 19 been taken from me going down there or from them coming to our home because my home has been swatted. So they're 20 swatted. That means a lot of police coming, like we're 21 22 drug dealers or killers. In case anybody doesn't know 23 what that means. They're acting like it's, and I don't understand why, but the only thing I could think of is 24 because they're mad because Officer Tyler and Officer 25



Keller from the 11th Precinct violated my constitutional 1 2 rights. And I'm smart enough to know that. And I was smart enough to call the precinct to get my registered 3 legal firearms back. And then they got under 4 5 investigation. And from that point on the 11th Precinct 6 called CPS on me. I know, because a CPS worker told me they called adult protective services on me. I know, 7 because when they came and did the visit, they told me. 8 They checked me, my home, my children, and said ---9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Excuse me. 10 11 Unfortunately, your time has expired. Chief, are you 12 familiar with this case as well? CHIEF BETTISON: No. I believe ---13 14 MS. MURDOCH: They don't want me to go. 15 CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah, I believe this is from 11 16 Precinct. So what I'll have is, I'll have some officers 17 get this. MS. MURDOCH: This is all the rock staff has been 18 collecting from them throwing rocks at my house since 19 school's been out? This is all the police reports. Plenty 20 21 of the police reports are not in the system. I've called 22 and talked to detectives and they said, we don't see that one. Oh, that's not in there. Oh, that's not in there. I 23 have them right here. I have them right here with the 24 25 officer's name on top that did them, the computer



hacking. No one has contacted me. They said I'm 1 schizophrenic. 2 3 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Yes. 4 CHIEF BETTISON: Well, I'll have someone -5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: to respond as well. 6 7 CHIEF BETTISON: Someone from the back, commander, could we take that information and I'll make sure we get 8 back with her. Myself personally as well as the command 9 team from number 11. 10 11 MS. MURDOCH: I have all the proof. 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: How soon can you get 13 back, do you think? 14 CHIEF BETTISON: We'll do that tomorrow. I'll notify 15 them tonight and we'll get the information and we'll ---16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. 17 MS. MURDOCK: Thank you all. COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Alright. Thank you. 18 19 MS. MURDOCH: Thank you. You all have a great day. 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Your daughters are beautiful. Wait a minute, Reverend Warfield? 21 22 MS. MURDOCH: On their computer, they hack into our stuff. Thanks for inviting me here. I'll be at everyone 23 24 too. 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you.



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1 MS. UNDERWOOD: We'll go into Zoom now.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Okay.

MS. UNDERWOOD: Our first speaker will be Ms. --- I
4 apologize. Elena Herrara.

MS. HERRARA: Thank you. Good evening. Can you hear 5 me? I'm Elena Herrara. I live in District 6, and I'm also 6 a sister of a retired Detroit police officer, among the 7 first Hispanic officers. And I also wanted to just 8 reiterate that our community is under siege. And for 9 those of us who are watching what's happening with ICE in 10 11 the community, we are asking for the Detroit police not 12 to align with them because we're being terrorized, 13 literally terrorized. I've been at Western High School 14 for the last six months working, and the students are 15 literally being hunted outside in the community. Their 16 families don't feel safe to go to work. It's very 17 difficult. And when we have absences, we don't know what happened. You know, from watching all the news that a 18 student has been deported this week after having gone on 19 a field trip, he's now in Columbia. 20

This is a student who should have graduated this year. These are not criminals. They were refugees. Some of them were here on visas that have now been revoked because of the Trump administration. I'm asking you as the police commission, in remembering the role of the



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commissioners, remembering that you were to be citizen 1 body oversight of the police, right? You're supposed to 2 oversee the police department. We don't want to have a 3 situation like we have in Taylor, where the Taylor Police 4 5 are turning over families to ICE. We don't want to have 6 these agreements where people feel completely unable to trust any law enforcement. Law enforcement is scaring the 7 people. I'm asking you to stand up and do everything that 8 you can as your role as commissioners. Thank you. 9

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Madam Chair.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Go ahead.

13 Commissioner Dewaelsche.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you Elena. Elena, 15 I've known you for a very long time and I'm so glad that 16 you came to a meeting because I have been bringing this 17 up at several meetings about what is going on. But it really is more effective when people from the community 18 actually come and speak about this. So I encourage you to 19 ask some of our other members of Southwest Detroit to 20 come to the meetings and speak just as several of our 21 other attendees here come regularly. So thank you for 22 that. I appreciate it. 23

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Jonya.
25 MS. UNDERWOOD: We will go into Zoom now. Our first



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speaker will be Ms. Taura Brown, then Mr. Meeko Williams
 and Mr. Smith.

3 MS. BROWN: Good evening. My name is Taura Brown and I just want to uplift the comments made by the members of 4 5 CPTA, particularly those of Vicki Camille. Yeah, I'm glad Conrad Mallet is here. I have sent emails to your office 6 7 and have not gotten a response. So respectfully, Mr. 8 Mallet, you all have not been responding to those emails. 9 The other thing, FOIA was brought up. Now, I have not had some of the experiences that some of the people here are 10 mentioning about FOIA. What I will tell you is, getting 11 12 back to Sherman Butler, when I requested his 13 investigation file after it was closed, I got a bill for 14 \$6,000. \$6,000. I asked for a video camera, all of that

15 included \$6,000. You know, people in Detroit don't have 16 \$6,000. The other thing I wanted to bring up is the 17 obvious conflict of interest. The elephant in the room. 18 How is it that Conrad Mallett is representing the city 19 and now he's here representing the BOPC?

Because I can assure you if Sherman Butler's mother goes to Sue the city, Conrad Mallett, sitting over there will be the person representing the interest of the City of Detroit. So how is it possible for him to represent the interest of the BOPC and the City of Detroit simultaneously? Again, I respect Conrad Mallett. I think



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he's a good attorney. I think he's good at his job. I 1 also don't think that he should be sitting here 2 representing the BOPC. Obviously he can observe, but I 3 mean, how is this working out? The other part of that is 4 5 the terror to the neighborhood that Elena Herrara brought up. I mean, it's despicable that black officers are 6 7 helping to push the agenda of Donald Trump. He doesn't like us. We should be in solidarity with the people 8 9 getting put out of this country, because guess what? After they finish messing with us and everybody else who 10 does not have papers, they are coming for black people. 11 12 They're coming now with just some of these executive 13 orders that have been passed. What the hell are we doing? 14 That has been my time. Thank you. 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next 16 speaker. Jonya, who's next? MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Williams? 17 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Hi, can you hear me please? 18 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Yes. 20 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Hi. Yes. Meeko Williams, 21 community resident taxpayer and legacy Detroiter. And I want to address this body in regards to the fireworks and 22 23 what the plan is to make sure that our Detroiters are 24 enjoying the biggest event of the year and that they are included and safe. But I heard Conrad Mallett's here. 25



Woo! Conrad Mallett. Oh, yes. I've been trying to get to 1 2 you. Let me use this bully pulpit to get to your attention. You're CAM stealing. You have squandered the 3 city. You've been there for many years, and the city has 4 5 not done well under you. Now, your name is revolutionary, and I'm pretty sure people respect you, but I don't, you 6 7 are the same slime of Detroit that is dirty, that is 8 corrupt. You are a thug. You are one of the worst people 9 to ever have been in Detroit. Mike Duggan picked you. It fits well for corruption. It fits well because if they 10 11 use Conrad Mallett, you are not just there for 50 years. 12 Conrad Mallett in the City of Detroit and stealing off 13 the tick. You have literally ruined this city from the 14 COVID money, from the CAM, from the CARES Act and even 15 stealing through and squandering and manipulate ---16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Excuse me. 17 MR. WILLIAMS: The ARPA and the Board of Police 18 Commissioners should not be using him, or should not have 19 \_ \_ \_ COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Your time is up. 20 21 MR. WILLIAMS: Opinion of him. No, you cannot take my 2.2 time. I'm a citizen on Zoom and I just want to address this body. But for Conrad Mallett ---23 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: You have a fan.

25 ATTORNEY MALLETT: I do.



COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: You've got a fan
 club.

3 ATTORNEY MALLETT: I do.

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Smith.

5 Hello, Mr. Smith. Are you there?

6 MS. UNDERWOOD: I'll go to the next speaker, then.

7 The next speaker will be iPhone5.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: iPhone5, going once,
9 iPhone5, going twice.

MS. UNDERWOOD: We'll go to the next speaker. Former
Commissioner, William Davis.

MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard? Hello, canI be heard?

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Yes.

15 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to say that, I'd like to 16 encourage everyone there to listen, and I'm going to be 17 watching the rebroadcast. I encourage everyone to vote. This election is validly important. We have to remember 18 to vote in August and in November. Also, I do know that 19 20 there is a problem with FOIAs. I know I personally filed a FOIA, dealing with the BOPC two years ago, and Conrad 21 Mallett, and no one from the law department has ever 22 23 responded to it. I figured I'd let it go a little bit 24 longer, and depending on what happens at the August primary, I might be doing something with that to draw 25



nationwide attention. Also, I think that more attention
 needs to be done as it relates to --- there are a lot of
 people running red lights. There are a lot of people
 running stop signs in the city.

There are a lot of people that run up to the red 5 6 light, and then they'll go around the people already waiting for the light to change and run the red light. So 7 I think the city needs to do more as it relates to people 8 running red lights. The city also needs to do more in 9 some of these neighborhoods where they reconfigure it, 10 you know, it went from two or three lanes down to one 11 12 lane in each direction, that is creating hazards for 13 people all over the city. They are creating a whole lot 14 of accidents. And it is very problematic, especially when 15 buses are picking up and dropping off people. You know, I 16 can see why my insurance is not going down because 17 whoever came up with this concept and this idea, it's not 18 very well thought out. Because there are more accidents, there are more hostile people because of the way the 19 streets have been reconfigured. But hopefully you all 20 will have a nice day, and I and you all will be hearing 21 22 from me soon. Goodbye.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you. May I ask 24 you, commissioner, how did you do that? You're sitting 25 right there, but you're being recorded. You recorded it



1 ahead of time, I thought. Aren't you Commissioner Davis? 2 Oh, he looks just like him. Okay. I'm sorry.

3 MS. UNDERWOOD: We're going to go back to Mr. ---4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: You do look like him. 5 You do. You are him. Okay, never mind. Next speaker. 6

MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. Sorry about that. I had a 7 phone call so I couldn't talk. But I just want to 8 reiterate the words of Vicki Shaw. I couldn't hear what 9 Taura said because of the phone call I had, but I want to 10 reiterate what she said as well. Sure. It was about 11 12 Sherman Lee Butler, and how to handle that situation. I 13 wish I was there in person to be talking directly in 14 front of corporation counsel, because that FOIA request that Victoria Camille mentioned is very important. 15 16 Accountability is very important when it comes to our 17 police officers. We definitely need to have visibility 18 when it comes to the community relations with officers, 19 and the fact that they are out in the community amongst people that they didn't grow up with, they don't live in 20 21 the same neighborhoods, and they don't really represent in the same communities. 2.2

23 They don't live in the same communities as we do. So we need to really be able to monitor actions when we 24 25 come; when we have negative interactions with the police,



1 and we have these complaints. Also, I was in a random situation last night, my friend got into a little vehicle 2 accident, and I saw two young black officers; made me 3 very happy to see young black officers on the force. I 4 5 also want to say, the fact that Southwest Detroit is 6 being targeted by ICE is terrible. But the Detroit Police 7 Department in no way, shape or form, is enforcing federal statutes. The federal government is not in charge of the 8 Detroit Police Department. The City of Detroit is in 9 charge of the Detroit Police Department, and we are 10 governed by the charter. And this board does have way 11 12 more power than they lead on.

13 This board has so much power, especially when it 14 comes to promotions, when it comes to suspensions; when 15 it comes to suspensions with or without pay. That is very 16 important. When it comes to the police department and how it's governed. If you can't be promoted because of your 17 disciplinary actions or things in your file and history, 18 19 and the board can stop that; that is power. If you can be suspended without pay or with pay because of the board's 20 vote, that is power. I hate when I hear the commissioner 21 say that the board does not have power. The board does 22 have a lot of power. It's about if you exercise the power 23 24 correctly. Also, we need a lawyer that is independent for 25 the board, not one from the Corporation Counsel.



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1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Thank you.

2 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker will be --- I'm

3 going to try to go back to the iPhone5.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: iPhone5.

5 MS. UNDERWOOD: They're not responding at this time, 6 so we'll go to our last speaker in Zoom. Mr. Roo, aka, 7 Mr. Real.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Hello, sir?

9 MR. ROO/MR. REAL: Hey, Linda. Bernard, listen up.
10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Yes.

MR. ROO/MR. REAL: Kaneisha Coleman death is not a 11 suicide. That's DPD case 20-112, I demonstrated it. The 12 13 conclusive evidence is that she could have not achieved 14 the angle and trajectory that the bullet traveled with 15 her own hand. There was no gun stepping on the entry 16 room. There was no gun at the scene when the police 17 arrived. Based on the information he gleaned and gathered when he arrived on the scene, Detective Dietrich Lever 18 from the 8th Precinct, initiated an aggravated assault. 19 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Hello? Are you there? We lost the feed. 21

22 MS. UNDERWOOD: That was our last speaker.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Okay. Alright then.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: Yes.



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1	COMMISSIONER BELL: The time now is 7:15. I'm sorry,		
2	6:15, right?		
3	FEMALE SPEAKER: 7:15.		
4	COMMISSIONER BELL: 7:15. Due to the fact that we		
5	don't have a quorum, I move for adjournment.		
6	COMMISSIONER BERNARD, PRO TEM: If there is no		
7	objection, ladies and gentlemen, we are adjourned. Thank		
8	you for coming. And thank you for your comments and		
9	letting us know what your issues are within the		
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