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TO: Eva Dewaelsche, Chairperson,
Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Detroit Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC)

FROM: Detroit Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (DAARPR),
Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability (CPTA)

DATE: March 6, 2026

RE: BOPC Endorsement of CPTA-drafted Bodycam Ordinance

Dear Chairperson Dewaelsche and the entire BOPC,

We are writing to ask for the BOPC to endorse the **Video Release Ordinance** language drafted by the CPTA and known now to Detroiters as the "People's Bodycam Ordinance." Our organizations both support the important, charter-mandated work of the BOPC to maintain civilian oversight and control over the Detroit Police Department and view the passage of this ordinance as a critical step in the right direction for the BOPC to be able carry out its work.

For the better part of last year, the previous city council assured community members that they would pass an ordinance that gave Detroiters access to DPD Bodycam footage in a timely manner and on a public website. Unfortunately, even though several members of the BOPC supported the People's Ordinance, the version City Council ultimately passed, at the behest of Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallet, is much weaker, allowing, among other things, the DPD to hold the footage for up to 60 days and to edit or completely withhold it, rendering the ordinance effectively moot.

For this reason, we hope the BOPC will take a stand to endorse the People's Bodycam Ordinance, as written by CPTA, and urge City Council to pass it. In doing so, the BOPC will be standing alongside pillars of the community who have endorsed the campaign, a list which continues to grow and can be found at (<https://detroitaarpr.org/ordinance>). The current list is attached below.

Please find enclosed a PDF of the aforementioned ordinance. We will be attending the upcoming meeting of the BOPC, and future meetings, until this ordinance is passed.

Respectfully,



Current list of organizations endorsing the People's Bodycam Ordinance:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Black Convergence

James and Grace Lee Boggs Center

Black Youth Project 100

Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability

Detroit Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression

A. Phillip Randolph Institute

Detroit People's Platform

National Lawyers Guild

Sugar Law Center