



September 30, 2019

City of Sacramento
915 I Street
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Sacramento, Ca 95814

ATTN: Mayor Darrell Steinberg
Police Chief Daniel Hahn
City of Sacramento Office of the City Clerk, Mindy Cuppy
Chair, Sacramento Police Review Commission, Kiran Savage-Sangwan

RE: League of Women Voters of Sacramento County (LWVSC) Notice of Intent to Observe Police Review Commission Meetings

Following adoption of a Criminal Justice Position at the League of Women Voters of California statewide convention this past May, the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County (LWVSC) established a Criminal Justice Committee. To support the committee's work, we will be sending one or more observers to Police Review Commission meetings and City Council Meetings, as well as other related public meetings pertaining to the topic of criminal justice within the city and county of Sacramento.

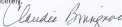
The LWVSC observers' role is to listen but not participate in the proceedings. Through this method, the League is kept informed about community issues and better able to perform education and advocacy in the community. This method is also useful for the League to fulfill its aim of increasing political accountability and community interest in government. Any assistance you can give us, such as notices of regular or special meetings and public hearings, advance copies of agendas, minutes of meetings, material for public distribution, changes in time and location, cancellations, etc., will be appreciated. Such notices should be sent to: criminaljusticechair@lwvsacramento.org.

The first meeting we will attend as observers is the October 14, 2019, meeting of the Police Review Commission. LWVSC members Diane Mitchell and Norma Nelson will be attend. Initially, Observer reports will be shared with our membership with the intent of later making the reports available on our website for public access.

We were disappointed to hear that the long-time Director for the Office of Public Safety Accountability, Ms. Francine Tournour very recently retired from the City and will not be at our first official meeting as observers. We like the quote that Ms. Tournour posted on the City's website as Director of the Office of Public Safety Accountability which was: "Our prime purpose in this life is to help others and if we can't help them, at least don't harm them." – Dalai Lama. Surely, Ms. Tournour had a tough job, and finding a suitable replacement will also be a tough job. Please keep us informed about the City's progress in finding her replacement or other plans in that regard.

If there are any questions about our Observer Corps and/or our Criminal Justice Committee, contacts for the LWVSC are listed below.

Sincerely,



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cc: City Manager Howard Chan, City of Sacramento

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.