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TO: Sunshine Task Force
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SUBJECT: Police Statistics

At the meeting on December 6th, I raised objections to the draft language on police statistics because I felt that the subcommittee recommendations did not sufficiently reflect the community concerns presented to the Sunshine Task Force. In order to provide an opportunity for those concerns to be included, I suggested that the recommendations be subject to an immediate City Council hearing after they had been adopted.

Upon reflection, I have recognized this is an inefficient and confusing way to proceed. First, we have enough information in our files from our hearings and discussions to directly address the issues of community concern in the text of the ordinance we send to the City Council. Secondly, the City Council will correctly consider it perplexing if we send them a proposed ordinance with the suggestion that it be immediately reconsidered in a hearing.

Therefore, I request that the Task Force allow the section on police statistics to be reconsidered. The new language I wish to present includes ALL of the items proposed by the subcommittee plus several that have been suggested by citizens. It eliminates the call for an immediate hearing while retaining the provision for annual review so the policy can be adjusted over time. I believe it will be an improvement over the motion I made on December 6th.

