Hello Darwin,

We are still in our extended emergency operational period given the continuing demonstrations and protests. We are thankful that the protests have been peaceful and we are looking to wind down our operational period at the end of this July 4th weekend. Additionally, we are currently appearing in Federal Court regarding our crowd management policies and practices that we will report out on in the near future.

We understand that there are questions regarding the recent protests and our Department’s crowd management and the depth of the damage and looting. We want to assure the public that there are extensive and exhaustive processes in progress as required to ensure fidelity to the Department’s and the CPRA investigations into our actions and policies and practices. It would be inappropriate to comment or postulate on outcomes of these investigations in advance of their independent determinations. Both citizens’ complaints and our uses of force and crowd management

Additionally, as is our practice and expectation the Department is focused on the After Action Reports and these will be informed by the thorough and continued investigations to determine adherence to policy and laws. These will be conducted by both internal and external oversight and must conform with our established guidelines and timelines for investigating complaints and use of force activities.

All departmental actions and all components of our crowd management and operational practices will be thoroughly reviewed and after the individual and policy actions have been determined after compiling the audio, video, and chronological details OPD will produce both an internal After Action report and we are currently procuring an external independent nationally recognized subject matter expert who will work with the Department and the community and oversight groups to publish an independent and comprehensive After Action report.

As always, OPD seeks to hold ourselves to the highest levels of accountability and works with our oversight components through our Police Commission and Federal Monitoring. We recognize the singularly riotous and disruptive elements of the protests that were experienced throughout the
country during this highly charged period and we seek to learn from this process and continually improve our responses and hold ourselves accountable.

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