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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

To the City and Community of Berkeley,

On behalf of the Police Accountability Board (PAB), I am honored to contribute to the 2024 Annual Report and reflect on a year of continued growth in Berkeley's civilian oversight system. This year has brought important opportunities for deepening our commitment to community-centered policing, strengthening our oversight role, and responding thoughtfully to the concerns of our residents.

As a volunteer body appointed to represent the public, the Board approaches its work with humility, seriousness, and an unwavering belief in the power of democratic accountability. Whether we are reviewing policy proposals, hearing complaints of misconduct, or participating in community forums, we remain guided by the Charter's intent to ensure that public safety in Berkeley reflects transparency, fairness, and shared values.

This past year, we engaged in some of our most substantive work to date—including policy reviews on law enforcement interactions with vulnerable populations, the role of specialized units, and finalized the year-long review of policies and practices related to the Berkeley Police Department's Downtown Task Force which stemmed from the publicly released improper text messages. At the same time, we continued to confront questions around institutional access, legal interpretation, and the evolving relationship between the Board, the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA), and other City entities. Navigating these issues has underscored the importance of procedural clarity, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to improving how oversight functions in practice and not just on paper.

Our participation in the 50th anniversary of civilian oversight and our joint presence at the 2024 NACOLE Conference were reminders that Berkeley's revamped system, while still maturing, is part of a broader national movement to reimagine public safety through community voice. We are proud to contribute to that movement and to represent Berkeley as both a student and a leader in this work.

As Chair, I want to extend my appreciation to my fellow Board members, past and present, for their dedication; to the ODPA staff for their expertise and partnership; and most importantly, to the Berkeley community for continuing to hold this system accountable. Oversight is not easy work, but it is essential, and with your continued engagement, we will keep moving forward together.

In partnership and public service,

Joshua Cayetano
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Chair of the Police Accountability Board