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SUBJECT: Community's Police Advisory Committee Annual Update
DATE: August 13, 2026

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Chair Ralette Churchwell and Vice Chair Laurie Arnold will provide the annual update for the Community's Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), including work highlights from 2025. The presentation will also include CPAC's goals and plans for 2026.

BACKGROUND:

CPAC was established in 2005 by Ordinance 27589 and has positions for eleven Committee members, including one from each Council district and one Emerging Leader seat. CPAC has three subcommittees on policy, outreach, and complaints. Negotiations for oversight have begun with the three police unions. There are two community members attending the negotiations sessions, one of which is also a member of CPAC. In addition, CPAC maintains a diverse membership, enabling the group to look for common ground and show community cohesiveness around issues.

ISSUE:

CPAC's duties and responsibilities as described in Tacoma Municipal Code 1.06.075 are:

- Review police policy, procedures, rules, training, completed investigations, and programs at the request of the City Council, City Manager, or Chief of Police
- Provide advice and recommendations to the City Council, the City Manager, and the Police Chief on police policy, procedures, rules, training, and programs
- Foster understanding between TPD and the community, and promote TPD services and resources
- Promote awareness of the public complaint process, and review policy and conduct complaints by members of the public
- Review completed internal affairs investigations to evaluate needs and effectiveness of policies, training, and programs
- Convene community conversations on services, programs, policy, procedures, rules, training, and issues of public safety

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.