

Systemic Racism Review Committee (SRRC) c/o Office of the Municipal Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2025

TO: Borough Assembly

FROM: SRRC Chair Ephraim Froehlich, on behalf of the SRRC

CC: Katie Koester, City Manager

RE: SRRC Comments Regarding Ordinance 2025-05(b)

At our Tuesday, April 29, 2025, Systemic Racism Review Committee (SRRC) meeting, the committee reviewed *Ordinance 2025-05(b)* An Ordinance Setting Forth the Policy and Procedures for the Release of Body Worn Camera Video Footage in Critical Incidents. Juneau Chief of Police Derek Bos and City Attorney Emily Wright attended our meeting and were able to answer questions the SRRC had regarding Ordinance 2028-05(b).

In the event Ordinance 2025-05(b) moves out of the Committee of the Whole and to the next Regular Assembly meeting the SRRC wanted to share its comments/recommendations with the Assembly prior to this ordinance moving forward to public hearing.

SRRC Recommendations

The SRRC appreciates the City and the Assembly's efforts to put forth this ordinance; the SRRC urges the Assembly limit the number of exemptions included and allowed for, in the release of body cam footage. The SRRC further encourages the Assembly to implement a policy that requires timelines for release in all instances. Lastly, the Committee has concerns about the use of the term "officer-involved" and recommends replacing that term with "officer".