

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2020 Internal Ad Hoc #5

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED		PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	02/08/2021	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	X
RETURNED TO SCPRC		PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

The IG position should be independent of OPSA supervision and should be granted subpoena power. This change would require a charter amendment. Sacramento City Charter Section 34 limits the subpoena power to the City Council or to any committee of the City Council Members.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

In 2016 OPSA was restructured, given additional powers, and placed “under the direction of the city council, rather than the city manager, pursuant to the foregoing provisions serves the best interests of the city, by putting the office of public safety accountability in a direct relationship with the citizens’ elected representatives (Ord. 2016-0054).”

Some of the additional powers granted to OPSA are outlined in Section 2.22.030 of the Sacramento City Code, which among other things states, “as needed, request the city council, or any duly appointed committee of the council, to issue subpoenas as provided in section 34 of the charter. The city council may, by resolution, establish the procedures for the request, issuance, and service of those subpoenas.”

Earlier this summer the City Council approved the Mayor’s plan to create an Inspector General position at OPSA with full independence and authority to investigate officer-involved shootings and use-of-force incidents that result in serious bodily injury or death. It is through the OPSA authority that the new IG will be able to subpoena a witness.

SPD RESPONSE

Sacramento City Council Meeting (Item #2) on 06/01/2021, presented by Deputy Chief Lester:

- 2:30 PM City Council (Special Meeting): <https://sacramento.granicus.com/player/clip/4964>
 - Minute Marker: 40:45
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SPD unable to implement, requires further input from other city departments and offices.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

N/A