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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Meeting of October 20, 2020 - Item 5-D  
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Dear Clerk, Mayor, and City Council,

I write to comment on Consent Calendar Item 5-D. Here is my comment:

I think that the appearance of this item on the consent calendar, which seeks to change the APD police handbook, represents a failure by the City Council in two respects:

First, it seeks to change a handbook when an existing city committee is reviewing the APD policies and procedures through a public engagement process initiated by this very council. You are seeking to move the goalposts during the game, to use an analogy. If the appointed committee is to have any purpose, the City Council should actually respect the process; a consent calendar change does not demonstrate respect of the process.

Second, even if the changes are minor or are for good reason, it seems to me that a change to APD's manual on the consent calendar is not transparent in the slightest. We are in a moment of racial justice reckoning, so items such as changes to policing deserve to be front and center, not buried in the consent calendar.

Respectfully,

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**From:** [Carly Stadum-Liang](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment re: updates to the APD's Use of Force Policy  
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Hello,

Please find below my comment for tonight City council meeting, in regards to the proposed updates to the APD's use of force policy:

I am an Alameda resident and local attorney involved with a community organization called Transform Alameda. I have a number of concerns about the proposed updates to the Alameda Police Department's Use of Force Policy (Policy 300). Overall, I don't think that the updates go far enough to prevent the excessive use of force and police brutality.

First off, I think that the City Council should give the public more time and more notice so that the community can weigh in on these important updates which will impact their safety.

However, if the City Council decides to move forward on debating and voting on the proposed updates to the Use of Force Policy, I've analyzed a number of the proposed revisions and have the following comments regarding how these provisions could be made stronger:

300.2.1: Duty to intercede: the update should get rid of the phrase "when in a position to do so," since if an officer is present and observing excessive force, they already are in a position where they can intercede

300.3.1: Use of force to effect an arrest: the language needs to be clearer that deadly force cannot be used to effect an arrest when a person is fleeing, unless the officer believes that there is an imminent risk that that person is going to shoot someone else immediately (which is the stated policy later in the update)

-the update only seems to forbid chokeholds in situations where someone is trying to destroy evidence (at 300.3.4), instead, the update should ban the use of chokeholds, or any other neck restraints, in all situations

300.3.5-the section on de-escalation should "require" officers to use de-escalation techniques; as worded now, it only says that officers "should consider" using such techniques

-300.4: -the update only requires officers to give a verbal warning prior to using deadly force if *feasible*, instead, it should be a requirement in all situations

-300.4.1: Shooting at or from moving vehicles: officers should only be allowed to use deadly force if the other person is using deadly force (meaning a deadly weapon other than the car being driven) on the officer

-300.5.1: Notification to supervisors to report use of force: the update should also require that officers must report whenever they point their gun at anyone or otherwise threaten use of force

Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposed policy update by the APD.

Best regards,

Carly Stadum-Liang