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**Vallejo City Council Chooses Transparency and Releases
Police Department Audit
Audit to be Presented to the Community June 16**

City to Share Recommendations and Implementation Plan for VPD Improvements

VALLEJO, CA – During a closed session at a Special Meeting of the Vallejo City Council on June 9, the Council directed City staff to schedule a Special Meeting to occur on June 16 to present the findings of a third-party audit conducted by OIR Group. The audit includes a recommendation report for the Vallejo Police Department, mapping out areas for improvement. The complete findings will be released to the community via the Council Meeting agenda reports. While the report was considered confidential and subject to attorney-client privilege, City Council removed the privilege to ensure full

transparency and to seek community involvement in the improvements.

On June 16, Vallejo Chief of Police Shawny Williams and a representative from the OIR Group will present the findings to the City Council and community. OIR Group will summarize the findings and recommendations based upon the consulting group's assessment of VPD policies and practices. Chief Williams will then present his plan for implementing each of the recommendations and his vision for implementing 21st Century Policing.

"The City has been looking forward to the OIR Group's assessment and recommendations since we hired them in August 2019 to conduct an independent evaluation," said Mayor Bob Sampayan. "I want Vallejoans to know how deeply committed the City is to implementing the recommendations to improve police services for our community. This is a multi-year effort and to be successful it requires cooperation and a shared mission with the community."

"Over the past 10 months, the OIR Group has looked into the Vallejo Police Department's policies and practices ranging from recruitment to staffing to the handling of critical incidents," said City Manager Greg Nyhoff. "Their expert feedback has identified areas where the Vallejo Police Department can improve and help bring the Department into alignment with industry best practices."

"I'm grateful to the OIR Group's independent assessment of the Vallejo Police Department and to the City Council for investing in this effort. This has helped us develop a roadmap for our improvement," said Chief Williams. "This is a plan that members of our department and community can unite behind as we work to put each of the recommendations into action."

The Agenda for the June 16 Special Meeting will be posted on the [City Agenda and Videos](#) webpage. Due to the global coronavirus pandemic, members of the public are encouraged to participate via the City's Virtual Town Hall. Details for public virtual attendance are available in the agenda.

For additional information on the City's efforts to assess and improve the Vallejo Police Department, please visit the City of Vallejo's webpage, [Improving Relationships](#)

between Police and the Community.

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