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Dear Mr. Finnell:

Please find attached responses from Chief Harding to Use of Force review Case #2024-0024315. With respect to the policy/procedural matters you raised in your report, I concur with the Chief that the use of force policy review process will be the best and most appropriate venue to address your concerns. Our administration is actively engaged in the process of securing experts to assist us in developing a comprehensive, meaningful, and inclusive process for improving our use of force policies.

As we have previously discussed, our administration is continuing to work on a process to help streamline the responses to the OIPA reports while recognizing some responses are going to require additional review and time. As promised, in the event that additional time is required we will communicate with your office directly.

Again, please reach out to Public Safety Strategist Tony Ingram or Chief Harding at any time regarding any questions, concerns and communication.

Sincerely,

Shammas Malik

Mayor

cc: Kemp Boyd, Citizens' Police Oversight Board Chair