PCCEP Recommendation Template

Title of Recommendation		PCCEP Recommendation: Reject proposed policy changes to PPB Directive 0320.00	
Author(s): (Subcommittee or committee members)		Date presented:	6/25/25

Summary of Recommendation:

PCCEP recommends that the Portland Police Bureau reject any proposed changes to directive "0320.00 Portland Police Bureau Reporting of Potential Exculpatory or Impeachment Information" that impede the release of Brady material.

... and generally support the policies laid out in the 2022 version of this Directive

Body of Recommendation:

PCCEP recommends the directive stay the same. The proposed changes in the second universal review of the directive will have negative consequences. The proposed policy is too limiting in the evidence it will hand over to the district attorney's office. This, in turn, will create more barriers to obtaining necessary evidence in criminal cases. Pairing this with an already existing public defender crisis will exacerbate such an issue.

This is a highly technical directive, and so we've consulted with lawyers at Metropolitan Public Defenders (MPD) and the Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC) who have laid out their concerns. As critical voices in our criminal legal system, we are elevating these in the attached letter.

Beyond these concerns shared by legal experts, PCCEP has also heard from numerous community members who are concerned with the proposed changes. Ashley Lancaster shared that in the feedback PPB received on the directive review, "it is abundantly clear that there is overwhelming opposition to this policy". We are aligned with the concerns and issues raised by over 250 Portlanders that this directive will create further barriers for those facing criminal trials with officers involved.

We thank Mayor Wilson and Chief Day for taking seriously the concerns shared by MPD and for preserving the original directive to ensure there is access to relevant evidence in criminal trials.

How does this recommendation redress barriers to racial equity?	
How does this recommendation improve outcomes for persons with mental illness?	
How were marginalized and underrepresented communities, including those who will be affected by this recommendation, engaged to shape, write and otherwise develop this recommendation?	

Resources

Please list all resources relevant to this recommendation

 $\underline{\text{https://www.portland.gov/policies/police-directives/conduct-discipline-0300/032000-portland-police-bureau-reporting}$

https://www.opb.org/article/2025/02/21/portland-state-university-library-protest-wargaza-palestine-israel-police-lawsuit/

https://www.opb.org/article/2025/06/04/portland-oregon-police-personnel-files-law-criminal-trials-evidence/