

POLICING ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 13, 2023

Council President Evan Glass Chair Gabe Albornoz

Montgomery County Council Health and Human Services Committee

Re: Bill 10-23, Health – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission – Established

Dear President Glass and Chair Albornoz:

The Policing Advisory Commission voted unanimously on February 13, 2023, to request that Bill 10-23 be amended to include as a voting member a liaison from the Policing Advisory Commission. A key concern to members of the community concerned about the county's engagement with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities is the relationship of police agencies to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

One of the most productive members of the PAC has been working on these issues for many years. We recognize that the County Code generally prohibits a person from serving on more than one county board or commission at a time. However, just as section 24-73 (b)(4) regarding the membership of the proposed IDD provides that the Commission include one member of the Commission on People with Disabilities, we believe the IDD could greatly benefit from the inclusion of one member of the Policing Advisory Commission.

Thank you very much for considering this proposal.

Sincerely yours, Eric E. Sterling, Chair Ty McKinney, Vice Chair Policing Advisory Commission