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Dear Executive Director Dr. Lesli Myers-Small:

On May 26, 2026, I received a proposal for change from the Police Accountability Board (PAB) titled: Policing and Community Surveillance: Your Right to Privacy. The PAB had four recommendations on page 5 for the Rochester Police Department (RPD) regarding the privacy of personally identifiable information. Below you will find the PAB's recommendations and my response to each:

- PAB recommendation: Adopt a privacy impact assessment template for use at the RPD based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Justice:
 - **Response:** I agree with this recommendation. The Office of Business Intelligence (OBI) is currently reviewing DOJ guidance to develop a PIA template for use within the RPD for large-scale technology projects. This is currently being completed and should be done in the near future.
- PAB recommendation: Complete the privacy impact assessment for the body-worn camera (BWC) program and digital evidence management system (DEMS), as required by the City of Rochester Ordinance No. 2022-285 § 5:
 - **Response:** I agree with these recommendations, and once a template is created, OBI will complete the privacy impact assessment for the BWC program and DEMS.
- PAB recommendation: Complete and submit to City Council, a privacy impact assessment for any future legislation or grant application related to the collection and/or storage of PII:
 - **Response:** We will evaluate the need for a privacy impact assessment on a case-by-case basis.
- PAB recommendation: Publish all privacy impact assessments on the Open Data Portal:
 - **Response:** I agree that if the RPD and OBI complete a privacy impact assessment, we will publish it on our open data portal promptly.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Malik Evans, Mayor of the City of Rochester
Miguel Melendez, City Council President
Patrick Beath, Corporation Counsel

