



**Office of Mayor Tom Potter  
Portland, Oregon**

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Gary Blackmer  
City Auditor  
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Dear Mr. Blackmer:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the first of five annual reports assessing the Portland Police Bureau's progress in implementing the recommendations of the PARC Report.

It is clear that both the Bureau and the PARC team have spent considerable time and care reviewing, recommending changes, and implementing some needed changes over the past years. Although this is only the first follow up report, I am heartened at the tone and content of the Bureau's willingness to work in partnership and incorporate improvements to our established policies. It is important to continue to assess not only our operations, but also our philosophy, accountability, and standing in the community as we go about providing quality law enforcement service. Portland's residents expect nothing less than quality, ethical, compassionate service. I believe that the Police Bureau's men and women are up to the challenge. I also believe that only through continuous introspection and organizational transformation can we truly serve Portland's changing demographic, social, and economic landscape.

I would like to thank Chief Foxworth and his team for their good work and I look forward to working together in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Tom Potter  
Mayor