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Dear City of Saint Paul City Council

My email to you is to tell you to please REJECT and RECIND your proposal to remove Police Officers from the Review Commission.

I am the wife of a retired St. Paul Police Officer (28 yrs of service) and also the mother of a St. Paul Police Officer. I am so proud of the service they give to the City. As I worried about my husband's safety during his service years, I now have a more intense worry about my son's job. Although the job is the same as my husband's was, the current culture of the city is more dangerous. I and his father and his entire family worry for my son's safety each and every day that he is working for the City. It is a different kind of worry – one that only the family of a Police Officer experiences.

The removal of Police Officers from the Review Board is definitely a way to lose the trust of your police force. Each situation they encounter is unique and civilian members of the board will have no understanding of the circumstances unless it can be explained to them by a professional – AND Police Officers are professionals. By not having a Police Officer on the Review Board the outcome of situations and decisions made would be of course, biased. This is unfair to the dedicated men and women who risk their life daily to protect and serve the citizens of Saint Paul.

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