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**Subject: OCTOBER UPDATE ON THE TASK FORCE TO REIMAGINE  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Established this summer through AR No. 2025-111, the task force has been actively working for several months to explore reimagining the former Public Safety Advisory Commission. Section 4 of the resolution directs that monthly updates be provided to the Assembly through an Assembly Information Memorandum (AIM).

For the Assembly's review and consideration, attached is a report prepared by task force facilitator Denali Daniels + Associates (DDA). The report outlines the task force's recent activities, including two panel discussions held in September and October, the launch of a second community feedback form, and plans for upcoming deliberation sessions in November.

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## Facilitator Report

October 2025

The Task Force to Reimagine the Public Safety Advisory Commission (Task Force) held two panel discussions and launched a public feedback opportunity in October. These efforts are designed to build shared understanding and gather input to inform deliberations on recommendations for a reimagined advisory body.

### Panel Discussion #1 – Existing Public Safety Agencies in Anchorage

Date: September 25, 2025

Participants: 32

This online session examined Anchorage's current public safety landscape, explored where gaps exist and how a future PSAC might complement existing efforts. Panelists included: Sean Case (Chief of Police), Douglas Schrage (Fire Chief), Kimberly Rash (Health Department Director), Thea Agnew Bemben (Special Assistant, Mayor's Office, discussing crisis response).

The panel discussion included responses to:

- Describe your organization's role or area of focus in Anchorage's public safety system
- What are the ways that community voices are currently heard to improve Anchorage's public safety system, and are there gaps?
- How could a future commission improve communication, collaboration, and trust between the community and your organization, or focus area and how could it support the work that you do?

### Panel Discussion #2 – Models and Functions

Date: October 16, 2025

Participants: 29

The second online panel focused how commissions function in Anchorage and elsewhere, focusing on authority, sustainability, and membership. This session included a presentation and Q&A session with Tina Barr with the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), and a facilitated panel discussion with Darrel Hess, Anchorage Municipal Ombudsman, and Jennifer Booz, Executive Director of the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission.

The panel discussion included responses to:

1. Can you briefly describe your entity's purpose, membership, and overall authority, including how it is funded and supported through staff?



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2. How does your organization receive, review, and act on public input, complaints, or grievances, and how do election cycles or leadership changes influence that work?
3. When your body was formed, were there any challenges or controversy, and what lessons did you learn from that experience?

### Community Feedback Form

Following the panels, the facilitation team launched an online feedback form to gather public and Task Force input on the developing framework for recommendations.

The online form can be accessed with this link:

[https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2hJzDEWK5VHoa9w](https://survey.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hJzDEWK5VHoa9w)

**Responses can be submitted through Monday, November 3 at 5 p.m.**

Respondents are invited to share their perspectives on:

- What the new public safety body should do
- What its responsibilities should be
- Who should serve on the body
- What level of authority it should have

This input will be compiled to help shape the Task Force's deliberations in November.

### Next Steps

The Strategy Team will synthesize all input into a summary of draft recommendations. This summary will be presented to Task Force members and community participants at two in-person deliberation sessions on November 13 and November 20, 2025. The sessions will be conducted at Loussac Library – Learning Commons (4<sup>th</sup> floor).

At these sessions, participants will discuss and refine recommendations through guided conversation. The outcomes from these deliberation sessions will inform the final recommendations presented to the Anchorage Assembly later this year.