

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - Requiring the Office of Citizens Complaints to Investigate All Officer-Involved Shootings]

Motion ordering submitted to the voters an ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Office of Citizen Complaints to investigate all officer-involved shootings, at an election to be held on June 7, 2016.

Existing Law

Charter Section 4.127 creates an Office of Citizen Complaints (“OCC”) within the Police Department. The OCC is charged with promptly, fairly and impartially investigating all complaints of police misconduct or allegations that a member of the Police Department has not properly performed a duty, except those complaints which on their face clearly indicate that the acts complained of were proper and those complaints lodged by other members of the Police Department. All City departments, officers and employees must promptly and fully cooperate with the OCC in carrying out its duties.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is a motion to submit an ordinance to the voters that would require the OCC to investigate any incident occurring within the City in which a police officer fired a gun killing or physically injuring someone, even if no one files a complaint. The ordinance would also require the Police Department and its officers and employees to cooperate with the OCC’s investigations of such shootings.