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Respected Commission Members,

I would like to recommend following two suggestions for Police Accountability Task Force.

- 1. BLUE WALL OF SILENCE: There shall be strong legislation with teeth to assure Law enforcement officials do not lie to save fellow officer's misconduct or attempted to falsify the evidence. Fellow office has an obligation to speak up when he/she sees officer misconduct or dishonesty. Failure to do so shall also be treated as a criminal offense punishable with higher penalty.
- 2. CELL PHONE USE WHILE ON THE JOB: There has been growing culture within police department to use private cell phones to communicate between officers or to their dispatch involving sensitive matters avoiding public scrutiny. This shall be illegal and officers shall not be allowed to conduct public business using private cell phones when body cameras and radios are available to them funded by tax payer dollars. It give rise to criminality and misconduct on behalf of police officers and hides critical evidence if public investigations are conducted. Now with body cams and secured digital communication devices, there shall be no need to use private cell phones. If Department finds the need to for such use all the Cell phone communications shall be recorded just like body cams and dispatch communications.

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