



Seattle Community Police Commission

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CPC Statement on Consent Decree Termination

Today, U.S. District Court Judge Robart granted the City of Seattle's motion to terminate the federal consent decree.

The Seattle Community Police Commission (CPC) supports this decision. For more than a decade, the consent decree shaped reform in Seattle and brought federal oversight to the Seattle Police Department. With the Court's order, that oversight comes to a close and authority returns fully to the people of Seattle and the local accountability system.

Federal supervision under the consent decree played an important role, but it cannot deliver the next phase of reform. That work must be led locally. Accountability and oversight now belong fully to the people of Seattle, our elected leaders, and the City's accountability partners.

The CPC was created by the consent decree, and our work will continue after it. Our support for termination does not mean SPD has finished its work. The Seattle Police Department has more work to do towards rebuilding trust with communities most impacted by policing. Local oversight must remain strong and independent, and the CPC will continue to ensure that community voices shape the future of public safety in this city.

Public safety cannot exist without trust, and accountability cannot wait. True progress will depend on centering the voices of the community in every step forward.

Learn more about the CPC at seattle.gov/community-police-commission.