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MaryAnne Pintar, Board Chairperson
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 251
San Diego, CA 92101

CLERB POLICY RECOMMENDATION: 22-053

Dear Chairperson Pintar,

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (SDSO) welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of the Sheriff's Office. The San Diego County Sheriff's Office continuously strives to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve, and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

CLERB sent the following policy change recommendation related to San Diego County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure:

1. Post Critical Incident Review Board (CIRB) Reviews on the SDSD website within 10 days of the review.
2. Update CIRB Reviews on the SDSD website within five days of obtaining applicable information.
3. Include all contributing causes of death in the CIRB Review posted on the SDSD website.

Thank you for your recommendations regarding CLERB Case #22-053. Regarding recommendations number one and two, CIRB reviews are generally posted to the SDSO website after the conclusion of the final CIRB report. The timeline of these reports can vary based on numerous factors, including whether there are any follow-up action items related to the CIRB. Once the report is finished, it is reviewed up the chain of command and, once approved, it is posted. Based on this process, the timelines recommended by CLERB are not feasible.

Regarding recommendation number three, contributing causes of death are routinely referenced in CIRB reviews. The CIRB reviews are intended to include a summary of findings listed by the Medical Examiner's Office and do not serve as the official Medical Examiner's Office findings. The Medical Examiner's Office provides the official information about causes of and contributing causes of death. Additionally, the findings of the Medical Examiner Office regarding causes of death and contributing

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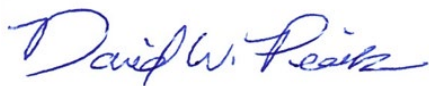
causes of death are provided to CLERB with every in-custody death investigation provided by SDSO, which CLERB regularly references in their investigations.

In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of San Diego County and for the policy recommendations. Our goal is to provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

KELLY A. MARTINEZ, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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