



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Civil Rights

Date March 16, 2004
To Health & Human Services Committee
Referral to: NONE

Subject: A report on the activity of the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority from December 1, 2003 through February 29, 2004

Recommendation

Request \$7,000 for additional board expenses to deal with backlog of cases and \$32,500 for staffing. (Funding string 0100 300 3040.) Request the conversion of three contract positions to the following FTE positions: Case Investigator, Clerk Typist II, and Community Outreach Advocate (not yet classified).

Previous Directives

None

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report provides the Minneapolis City Council with a status report of the Civilian Police Review Authority for the period December 1, 2003 through February 29, 2004. CRA

received 44 signed complaints for that time period compared 37 during the same time period last year. For those three months, the seven-member board heard 10 cases.

In addition to the quarterly report, the board proposes ordinance changes designed to reduce the backlog of cases, changes to the hearing process, and increased staffing to handle the increase in caseload.