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PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Chair, Public Safety Board

DATE: September 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Report from the Public Safety Board on a Referral from the City Council Regarding a Communication from Monique Scharlotte, Concord Resident, Expressing Her Concerns with the Increased Frequency of Violent Crime in Concord, the Increasing Opioid Epidemic, and the Expanding Homeless/Transient Population

Recommendation

Accept this report from the Public Safety Board.

Background/Discussion

On August 12, 2019, the City Council referred an inquiry to the Public Safety Board relative to a communication from Monique Scharlotte, Concord resident, expressing her concerns with the increased frequency of violent crime in Concord, the increasing opioid epidemic, and the expanding homeless/transient population.

The Board met on September 30, 2019 and heard testimony from Police Chief Brad Osgood, Deputy Fire Chief Aaron McIntire, and Human Services Director Karen Emis-Williams. The discussion information on crime and domestic violence, homelessness and its impact, substance abuse and the increase in methamphetamine use, the physical and psychological impact on first responders, and recent issues involving the Concord School District and the arrest of a Concord High School teacher.

Following testimony and discussion among the Board, the Board decided to continue meeting to discuss policy recommendations that focus on three areas: (1) State and county polices that are impacting the criminal justice system and crime rates in Concord; (2) Issues relative to the

Concord School District's handling of sexual misconduct and abuse; and (3) the impact of the state prisons, the state hospital, and surrounding municipalities on the rate of homelessness in Concord