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**NOVEMBER 2, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #3
POLICE USE OF FORCE POLICY**

Dear City Council:

The Staff Report for this agenda item transmits a "DRAFT" Use of Force policy (Police Department Policy 300), and this agenda item requests that you "Accept" the Staff Report.

What is the difference, if any, between accepting the staff report and approving or adopting the draft policy?

If you don't accept the staff report, does that mean that you don't approve or adopt the draft policy?

Removing this item from the Consent Calendar is the only way to clarify in the official record what staff intends by their language in the officially posted meeting agenda that you "Accept the Staff Report on the Palo Alto Police Department Revised Policy 300 on Use of Force".

Does staff even believe that you, rather than the City Manager, has the authority to decide on Police Department policy?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Herb Borock