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Congratulations Mayor Carter on Your Re-election and Looking Forward With Our 31 Year Community Policing Partnership
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Congratulations on your re-election Mayor Carter. As you work on strategic directions for your new term, and as you consider candidates for your new Police Chief, I wanted to remind you of the 31 year community policing partnership between the City of St. Paul and the PHA. Chief Axtell, Commander Barragan, and all the SPPD Police Chiefs since 1991, have been the strongest possible partners with the PHA in our successful ACOP community policing program. (Thanks Chief Axtell and best to you in your future endeavors.)

I've attached the most recent ACOP Board report and ACOP funding history for your reference. The PHA Board of Commissioners sees approving funding for these programs as one of our highest priorities.

Also, each year SPPD prepares a report confirming the remarkable success of ACOP. We have decades of data documenting that crime in St. Paul's public housing communities is lower than city-wide averages. I often refer to these as "myth-busting" facts about public housing in St. Paul. Here is the chart from the attached Crime Stat Report. Again this is City data and text:

The overall crime rates in the PHA's family housing developments and hi-rises continue to be lower than the citywide average crime rate.

Part 1 Crimes:^{*} Number of crimes per 100 residents (pages 23 & 32). Note that the SPPD report calculates the averages based on the total population of each crime reporting grid and all crimes reported there. The averages shown below are based on the population of the specific PHA development or building and the number of crimes there.

Family Housing Developments	SPPD Grid #	Average
• McDonough Homes	12	3.91
• Roosevelt Homes	58	2.56
• Mt. Airy Homes	92	2.31
• Dunedin Terrace	194	1.43
AVERAGE		2.99

Hi-Rises	Grid	Average
• Central	109	5.56
• Cleveland	202	2.08
• Dunedin	194	2.10
• Edgerton	54	4.52
• Exchange	131	2.58
• Front	48	3.31
• Hamline	66	0.54
• Iowa	18	1.35
• Montreal	207	1.08
• Mt. Airy	92	1.31
• Neill	130	2.88
• Ravoux	110	6.82
• Seal	62	6.25
• Valley	92	7.55
• Wabasha	131	1.41
• Wilson	117	3.74
AVERAGE		3.45

* Part 1 Crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, residential burglary, commercial burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Finally, I wanted to share the following link to our October 28, 2021 PHA Thursday Live. We had the privilege of hearing from ACOP Sergeant Amy Boyer and ACOP officers Carlos Wong and Tommy Adams. I hope you can find a quiet hour to view this presentation. It truly describes what community policing looks and feels like in our city. ACOP and our pioneering “Officer In Residence” (OIR) program are at the heart of our shared efforts to keep PHA residents safe.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/3WrWk9OyH2C2ai8BQwL99BnAjM5LM_ttopikiTpmizXV7PTyxs0unVYVkvVd_6v.7MbBxnoUOzOvc8-K

As always, feel free to contact me anytime with questions or ideas on how we can strengthen this remarkable partnership during your next term of office.

Again congrats and best regards,
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