



**Testimony of the Mayor and Council of Rockville
Expedited Bill 49-21, Police - Police Accountability Board – Administrative
Charging Committee – Established
Public Hearing – January 18, 2022**

The Rockville Mayor and Council thank President Alborno and County Council members for the opportunity to provide comments on Expedited Bill 49-21. The legislation is mandated by State bill HB 670, which requires the governing body of each County to establish a Police Accountability Board (PAB) and an Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) to process complaints of police misconduct, which includes jurisdiction over municipal police departments within the County.

We would have preferred to be involved in the development of this legislation. Going forward, please engage Rockville, and other municipalities, in the discussion of County legislation mandated by State police reforms that impacts municipal police departments.

Since bill 49-21 does not differentiate between County and municipal police departments, we request the following modifications:

- Include a Rockville representative on both the PAB and the ACC.
- Prioritize geographic diversity by adding representation from at least one municipality on both boards.
- Require the PAB to regularly communicate with municipal police chiefs.
- Require the PAB to also advise municipal elected officials, in addition to the County Executive and County Council.
- Require the PAB to submit their annual report to the municipalities, in addition to the County Council and County Executive.

In closing, we ask that you give every possible consideration to our requests. The Mayor and Council and the Rockville City Police Department are fully committed to protecting the public safety of our community. We look forward to partnering with the County in the successful implementation of the PAB and ACC.