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I support this bill. It's long been clear that having police officials or police union representatives as the decision makers concerned with violations of proper and lawful police behavior increases the chances that improper or unlawful police behavior will be whitewashed. Replacing such officials and union representatives with civilian community members makes it far more likely that improper or unlawful police behavior will be exposed and held accountable.

We are now in the mobile phone camera age, the surveillance video age, and improper or unlawful police behaviors have been far more exposed as a result of civilian proof. All too often, civilian witness testimony concerning improper or unlawful police behavior has been brushed aside. We are also in the police bodycam age, and police officials and police union representatives have all too often been complicit in suppressing those devices' evidence of improper or unlawful police behavior. Again, replacing such officials with civilian community members makes it far more likely that improper or unlawful police behavior will be exposed and held accountable.

Thank you for your consideration.