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Via Email

Hon. Carlos Galindo-Elvira
Hon. Betty Guardado
Hon. Laura Pastor
Hon. Keshia Hodge Washington
Phoenix City Council

Dear Councilmembers Galindo-Elvira, Guardado, Pastor, and Hodge Washington:

This responds to your June 13 letter to the Attorney General regarding the Spanish translation of the Justice Department's Findings from its investigation of the City of Phoenix and the Phoenix Police Department. We fully agree with you that translating key documents into Spanish is an important way to ensure that community members in Phoenix have access to information about our work, and in particular, information about the Findings we released on June 13. That is why we promptly released Spanish translations of the following documents related to our Findings:

- [Press release](#) announcing our Findings, posted online on June 13;
- Email announcing our Findings to community members, sent on June 13;
- [Executive summary](#) of our Findings, posted online on June 13; and
- [My remarks](#) at the June 13 press conference, posted online on June 15.

We also provided Spanish interpreters at our June 13 community meeting and ensured that our email auto-response and voicemail message included messages in Spanish.

Unfortunately, given the complexity of our 126-page Findings Report, we were unable to release a translation on June 13 that met our requirements for quality. I am pleased to report that by devoting considerable resources to this project, we were able to release a [Spanish translation of the Report](#) on June 17, two business days after the release of the English version.

We will continue to make accessibility, including to Spanish speakers, a top priority as we move forward with outreach to learn community members' views on the reforms that will be necessary to remedy the violations we described in our Findings. Thank you again for your letter, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have further concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen Clarke".

Kristen Clarke

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