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RE: Request for Spanish Finding Report

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum and Ms. Johnston:

This letter serves as a formal request from the City of Phoenix to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to simultaneously release any resulting report following the investigation into the City of Phoenix and its Police Department to the City and the public in both English and Spanish languages.

On March 12, 2024, the City inquired if the DOJ planned to release any resulting findings in a Spanish version. On March 14, 2024, the City received the following response:

In terms of Spanish translation, DOJ's practice has generally not been to translate entire reports unless there is a finding specifically relating to language access. That said, for large investigations in jurisdictions with numerous Spanish speakers like Phoenix, we would push for full translation. However, a full translation usually takes several weeks after the official release.

As acknowledged in the DOJ's response, the City of Phoenix has a large Spanish-speaking population. This segment of our community is not well served by a delay of a report in Spanish and the inability to review the report at the same time as the rest of the public. The City has considered independently pursuing translation of any resulting

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report; however, the City wishes to remove any speculation about the veracity of a City-authored translation.

In accordance with the Mayor and City Council's request for transparency, the City urges the DOJ to simultaneously release both an English and Spanish version of any resulting report for City residents.

Thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mayor and City Councilmembers
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