



OFFICE OF POLICE OVERSIGHT

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

March 11, 2022

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On March 9, 2022 the OPO received an email complaint.

The complainant alleges: Hello, I just called the APD public relations number about the APD helicopter flying incessantly over the [REDACTED] neighborhood [REDACTED] for the last 35+ minutes. The APD rep assured me the "incident" is of no threat to the public.

Why, then, is the helicopter flying so low & for so long? I get that we live in a "low income" neighborhood where you think no one works, but, in fact, there are many of us in this neighborhood working from home, caring for children and/or living with health conditions for which such seemingly unnecessary prolonged interruptive activity (use of a helicopter) causes concern, disruption and anxiety. Also - how much is this costing tax payers? I was told APD takes so long to respond to incidents in which individuals or the public are under threat because of funding problems.

I would really appreciate some insights on why a helicopter will be flown for such a long period of time at such a grand cost to city residents if, in fact, there is no threat to the public by the "incident" to which it is responding. This further damages APD's relations with these neighborhoods.

This notice of complaint is a request for Internal Affairs to initiate an investigation to determine if the employee conduct is within compliance of APD policy, Civil Service Rules, and Municipal Civil Service Rules.