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The League of Women Voters strongly supports the Second Alternate for Item 16 on the agenda for today's Finance Committee — Civilian Oversight Board. We believe the proposed Alder Workgroup is appropriate to work out the necessary logistics for successful creation and operation of the Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor.

Regarding Item # 17, since the proposed Alder Workgroup is charged with "Creating an ordinance to establish independent civilian oversight of MPD, including provisions for the Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor" the current Item # 17 should be deferred until the Workgroup has finished its work.

For Item # 18, the Police Auditor, we are concerned about two issues in the current proposed job description of the police auditor. The position description does not include any duty to monitor progress toward implementation of the Ad Hoc Police Committee's recommendation, an essential component of the Auditor's responsibilities. Also, the proposed job description indicates that the Auditor would simply forward complaints to the MPD or the PFC, rather than establish the *independent* complaint process recommended by the Ad Hoc Police Committee.

Therefore, the League of Women Voters urges referral of items 17 and 18 on today's agenda for the Finance Committee to the Alder Workgroup created by the Second Alternate in Item 16.