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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR KATE GALLEGO REGARDING
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REVIEW OF PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT**

(PHOENIX)- "I welcome the U.S. Department of Justice review of the Phoenix Police Department. Comprehensive reform of policing in the City of Phoenix has been my priority since the first day I took office. The recommendations that will result from this review will assist us in our ongoing efforts to become an even safer, stronger, more equitable city. Along with the City Manager, and Chief of Police, I stand ready to support the USDOJ throughout this review process.

Public safety reform is an ongoing process in Phoenix, and now, with the help of the USDOJ, this robust reform program will continue. We have implemented many reforms since 2019 but recognize there is much more work to do. With the approval of the FY 2021-22 budget, we have undertaken one of the largest investments in public safety reforms in the city's history, including the massively expanded Community Assistance Program (CAP). CAP fundamentally changes our response to mental and behavioral health calls for service by placing trained mental health professionals in the field. By using the right professionals for the right situations, we improve outcomes and release police officers from handling work they were never trained to do.

For the first time in city history, we will now have an Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OAT). OAT will independently investigate allegations involving police while also creating greater transparency and accountability within the Phoenix Police Department.

I thank the residents of Phoenix for being strong advocates and raising their voices during a time of great change. As your Mayor, and along with members of the Phoenix City Council, I pledge to continue this work to achieve the best possible outcomes."

– Mayor Kate Gallego

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