

Recommendations:

1. The COAB should be allowed to select its chair from its membership rather than being chaired by the COCL. To the extent that implementation of this recommendation would require a change or modification of the Settlement Agreement, the COAB recommends that the DOJ and the City agree to do so as soon as possible.
2. The COCL should be replaced, in whole or in part, by a court-appointed monitor with duties and responsibilities similar to the court-appointed monitors in cases brought by the DOJ against other cities such as Seattle and New Orleans. To the extent that implementation of this recommendation would require a change or modification of the Settlement Agreement, the COAB recommends that the DOJ and the City agree to do so as soon as possible.
3. The COAB should have the authority to select and have access to private legal counsel, independent of the City Attorney's Office, to give legal advice to the COAB on matters affecting the operation of the COAB and its responsibilities under the Settlement Agreement. The City should pay for the COAB's private legal counsel. To the extent that implementation of these recommendations would require a change or modification of the Settlement Agreement, the COAB recommends that the DOJ and the City agree to do so as soon as possible.