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From: Bulmaro Vicente <boomer@chispaoc.org>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 4:08 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 14: Chispa Letter of Opposition
Attachments: Chispa Letter of Opposition Item 14.pdf

Good evening,

On behalf of Chispa, I am submitting the attached Letter of Opposition to Item 14: to Approve the Master Service Agreement with Lexipol, LLC to Provide Policy Manual Maintenance and Support to the Police Department.

In Solidarity,

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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 10:24 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda Item 14: Opposition to Lexipol Contract
Attachments: VROC Opposes Agenda Item 14_ Lexipol Contract.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached VROC's letter to oppose the Master Service Agreement with Lexipol. Thank you.

Warmly,

Uyen Hoang, MA, MPH (she/they)
Executive Director

Come celebrate 10 years of VROC with Drag, performances, and dancing at our Gala on Friday, Oct 13th!
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Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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Cc: The People's Budget OC; Bacerra, Phil; Amezcua, Valerie; Phan, Thai; Penaloza, David; Lopez, Jessie; Vazquez, Benjamin; Hernandez, Johnathan
Subject: Oppose Agenda Item #14 - Lexipol Contract with Santa Ana PD
Attachments: PBOC Letter to Santa Ana City Council - Oppose Agenda Item 14_ Lexipol Contract.pdf

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Attachments: STM Letter City Council - Oppose Agenda Item 14_ Lexipol Contract.pdf

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Last year, the Council unanimously delayed the approval of the proposed contract with Lexipol due to community concerns. City staff committed to come back with alternatives to the company's services, ones involving public feedback. However, as of now, no further updates or public feedback have been provided to determine alternatives. The City must remain committed to addressing community concerns and ensuring transparency by having the public provide their input in the process.

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CLUE's mission is to educate, organize and mobilize the faith community to accompany workers and their families in their struggle for good jobs, dignity, and justice. In our work we stand regularly alongside poverty wage working families in Santa Ana — who are mostly immigrants and people of color — and we see again and again that they are not only suffering from poverty wages but also as a result experience bouts of homelessness, and mistreatment by the police. Using Lexipol will only reinforce and increase the free reign of police to see and treat these families as subhuman who don't deserve to live in this city. On top of this, these same working families in many cases do not have the right to vote in Santa Ana for or against detrimental policies such as this one.

Our faith community cannot stand for this continued mistreatment at the hands of Santa Ana police, and strongly urge the City to end the contract with Lexipol and transition towards a more community-oriented approach to monitoring and updating the Department's Policy. For these reasons, **CLUE urges you to vote NO on Item 14**, and instead explore alternatives for community driven policies with community input. The City should explore options such as allocating additional resources to the City Attorney's office for in-house police policy maintenance, and collaborate with the newly established Commission to oversee and monitor the Department Policies.

Sincerely,

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