




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: June 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Notice of Extension Regarding the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Report
Related to APD Sexual Assault Investigation Evaluation

This memorandum is to inform you of the need to extend the anticipated release of subject Report from May 2022 to August 12, 2022.

As directed in Council Resolution No. [20190131-077](#), and approved by staff [request for Council action](#), PERF along with the Women's Law Project and the Wellesley Centers for Women have been conducting an evaluation of APD's handling of sexual assault investigations.

My [memorandum of June 17, 2021](#) provided the last update on the project that described a mid-project change in scope from fifty percent of the cases from 2012-2018 to thirty percent of the cases from 2012-2020. Each case was required to undergo legal review by the City of Austin Law Department before release. This process ensured there were no open cases or cases involving juvenile victims or juvenile suspects. Delivery of the cases in PDF format due to Criminal Justice Information System requirements, extent of time to evaluate and prepare information for analysis, and the need to transition new key staff onto the project have contributed to the need for this extension.

PERF is currently drafting the report and considering recommendations to ensure they constitute best practices. Staff anticipates releasing the report no later than August 30, 2022.

Should you have questions or need more information please contact Elise Renshaw at elise.renshaw@austintexas.gov.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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