RES25-200
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 420

*PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY (PSE)

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Meeting Date: Aug 21, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 17, 2025 @ 12:04 PM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council Members,

I strongly support confirmation of Christopher Magnus to the Police Commission. The commission would benefit greatly from Chris' education and experience. I've known Chris and his family for several years, and am continually impressed with his active interest and committment to improving our community. Chris' accomplishments in public service, including more than forty years in policing--two decades as Chief of Police--make him an ideal member of the commission.

Mahalo for considering this recommendation.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Aug 18, 2025 @ 12:45 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Tulba, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Committee on Public Safety & Economy:

I respectfully submit my support for Resolution 25-200, confirming the appointment of Christopher Magnus to the Honolulu Police Commission.

With over 40 years of experience in law enforcement and public service, Mr. Magnus brings a deep understanding of policing and a genuine commitment to community well-being. His high level of professionalism, enthusiasm for serving our community, and building public trust make him an outstanding candidate for this role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

My best,

Jeannine Souki

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Self	Support	Aug 19, 2025 @ 12:16 PM

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Testimony:

Dear Public Safety & Economy members:

I serve as the District of Columbia Auditor and am a former 3-term member of the District of Columbia Council, our city, county, and state legislature, including four years chairing our Committee on the Judiciary with oversight for law enforcement in Washington DC. At the request of the D.C. Council two-plus years ago I selected Chris Magnus as our first-ever "Deputy Auditor for Public Safety," and for the ensuing year he provided expert guidance as we published a series of reports including a comprehensive staffing study of our Metropolitan Police Department. We hired Chris based on his 30-plus years in policing, including serving as chief in three very different communities, and his work in police reform at the national level through professional associations. In his relocation to Honolulu, our loss is your gain! I could not recommend Chris highly enough for his experience and expertise, a no-nonsense approach to policing, and a level of integrity that benefits law enforcement and the community. He will be committed to the specific tasks of the role, but can also provide guidance to community leaders and policymakers across the full range of current and pressing law enforcement challenges. I'd be happy to respond to questions. Thank you.

Kathy Patterson, DC Auditor, former member, D.C. Council

Name: Annie Valentin	Email: annievalentin808@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Aug 20, 2025 @ 10:49 AM

Testimony:

I support Christopher Magnus’s nomination to the Police Commission. He has been committed to police accountability, transparency, and community engagement in every community where he has worked, and is recognized as a national leader in implementing policing best practices throughout his career. He worked with the Office of the D.C. Auditor conducting police performance audits and was actively involved in the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). While serving as Police Chief in Tucson, he implemented a "Sentinel Event Review Process," which engaged a broad spectrum of community residents and subject matter experts to assess two controversial in-custody deaths. The process generated recommendations for change—all of which were completed—to help prevent similar deaths in the future. This initiative was nationally recognized and lauded as a best practice. He has also been significantly involved in efforts to increase the number of women in policing, including through the "30x30" initiative (https://30x30initiative.org/).

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August 4, 2025

Regarding: Confirming the Appointment of Christopher Magnus to Serve on the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

To whom it may concern:

I write this letter in strong support of Christopher Magnus's confirmation to serve on the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. For over a decade, I have had the opportunity and privilege to work closely with Christopher. Over this time, we have partnered in a variety of capacities. Moreover, I was familiar with and admired Christopher's work for a far longer time than when I first had the opportunity to work with him.

Prior to his retirement, Christopher was one of the world's leading police chiefs. To this day, he continues to be one of the field's foremost experts. I have been on multiple exchanges with Christopher across the U.S. and abroad. He is consistently looked upon as a creative and stalwart professional and is always striving to advance constitutional and procedurally just policing.

Over our years working together, I spent a great amount of time with Christopher and his executive leadership team in Tucson, Arizona, where he retired as chief of police. Our work and collaborations have continued from that time and includes our having written multiple pieces together, including a book chapter and presenting in numerous forums.

Christopher's leadership and expertise are unparalleled, as are his curiosities and commitment to building bridges and understanding perspectives that differ from his own. In my career, I don't believe I have ever worked with anyone before who remains as committed to understanding differences, building trust, and solving problems as is Christopher Magnus. The field of policing would benefit tremendously if more of its leaders and line-level professionals were as openminded and dedicated as Christopher has proven himself to be—time and time again—over the course of his career. I have personally benefited from his expertise and curiosities, as have many public safety agencies and other professionals around the world.

In my current role as Executive Director of the University of Chicago Health Lab, I lead a portfolio of projects—including work involving policing. Christopher regularly serves as an advisor to me and

our work and has been a long-term collaborator on some of the most impactful efforts in policing over the past 25 years.

I have no doubt that the City and County of Honolulu and its Police Commission will also benefit tremendously from Christopher's dedication, wisdom, as well as his lifelong commitment to learning and understanding. It is without hesitation that I share my strongest endorsement and recommendation for his confirmation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or like to discuss my endorsement further.

Sincerely,



S. Rebecca Neusteter, PhD
UChicago Health Lab
Executive Director