



MEDIA RELEASE

City of Antioch Enters Settlement Agreement with U.S. Department of Justice to Strengthen Police Accountability

January 3, 2025 – Antioch, California – We are pleased to announce the City of Antioch is has entered into a stipulated settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ). This agreement follows their investigation into the Antioch Police Department’s use-of-force practices and a texting scandal that surfaced last year.

The actions that prompted this investigation were unacceptable and failures occurred. The City of Antioch is fully committed to ensuring that such incidents never occur again.

Our collaboration with the USDOJ underscores our dedication to fostering trust, transparency, and accountability within our Police Department. Under this five-year agreement, we will implement and enhance comprehensive policies, practices, training programs, community engagement initiatives, and oversight mechanisms to ensure that officers uphold integrity and fairness while addressing misconduct swiftly and effectively.

We acknowledge that trust is earned, not given, and this agreement marks a meaningful step forward. We also remain fully cooperative with the California Department of Justice (CADOJ), which is conducting an independent pattern-and-practice investigation into the Department.

Our commitment to creating a transparent, accountable, and community-focused Police Department remains steadfast. We will continue to serve the residents of Antioch with honor, respect, and fairness.

For more information about the agreement, please visit: [Justice Department Press Release](#)

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