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July 16, 2014

Chief George Turner  
City of Atlanta Police Department  
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint of Kelley Rodriguez, ACRB File 13-122

Dear Chief Turner:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Ms. Kelley Rodriguez, alleging that Atlanta Police Officer Brian Carswell (Unique ID #4592) used excessive force when he shot and killed her dog that occurred on November 10, 2013.

The Board determined that the excessive force allegation against Officer Carswell be assigned a finding of **Not Sustained**. **However, in a situation such as this involving an officer and dog encounter, the Board wants it known that there is clearly a policy training failure and recommends that the following discipline be imposed in concurrence:**

1. Provide all officers with training and identifying and assessing potentially dangerous dogs, as well as instruction on how to use existing equipment more safely and effectively in situations with potentially dangerous dogs.
2. Provide officers with additional up-to-date equipment that can be used as an alternative to lethal force and proper training on this use.
3. Establish contingency plans on how to deal with aggressive dogs with less lethal means.
4. Reasonable attempts must be made to ensure that the injured animal receives immediate care for its injuries.
5. When lethal force must be used, officer should be trained how to do so humanely to prevent or quickly end suffering.
6. Fourth Amendment Rights training.

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The file is available for review upon request. The ordinance requires that the Chief respond in writing regarding which recommendation is accepted, rejected, or will be implemented with modifications within thirty (30) days of the submission of a recommendation for action by the Board to the Chief (see Sec. 2-2211(O) of the Ordinance 07-0-0141).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Harrison", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

William "Bill" Harrison  
Board Chair

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cc: Mayor Kasim Reed  
Council President Ceasar Mitchell  
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