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December 20, 2017

Chief Erika Shields  
City of Atlanta Police Department  
226 Peachtree Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Complaint of Maria Barlow, ACRB File #17-092

Dear Chief Shields:

Please be advised that the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) has concluded its investigation and adjudication of the complaint filed by Maria Barlow alleging that on June 23, 2017, when Atlanta Police Officer Tommy Ho (Unique ID #7003) arrived at the scene of a traffic accident involving Ms. Barlow and another driver, he failed to take appropriate action when he: **(1) Failed to confirm** Ms. Barlow's account that she placed a 9-1-1 emergency call prior to the collision, reporting the other vehicle's reckless driving; **(2) Denied the existence** of traffic enforcement cameras at the location and **failed to investigate** whether cameras had captured events leading up to accident; **(3) Refused to call a supervisor** to the scene after three (3) requests; **(4) Threatened Ms. Barlow** with 'obstruction of justice' when she declined to sign the ticket until a supervisor arrived; and **(5) Permitted** the other driver to leave the scene without conducting a *proper investigation* to ascertain wrongdoing.

Ms. Barlow further alleged that when Officer Ho's supervisor, Sergeant Donovan Clements (Unique ID #4897) arrived on the scene, he simply followed Officer Ho's discretion.

The Board determined that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required, as it relates to the obstruction of justice issue pertaining to the signing of the citation, against Officer Ho** be assigned a finding of **"Sustained"** and **recommends the officer receives an Oral Admonishment as penalty.**

However, as it relates to the other issues raised by Ms. Barlow, it is recommended that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required** against Officer Ho be assigned a finding of **"Exonerated."**

**As it pertains to Sergeant Clements**, it is recommended that the allegation of **Appropriate Action Required** be assigned a finding of **"Exonerated."**

The file is available for review upon request. The ordinance requires that the Chief respond in writing regarding which recommendations are 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 'Sherry'.

Sherry B. Williams  
Board Chair

cc: Mayor Kasim Reed  
Council President Ceasar Mitchell  
Members of the Atlanta City Council  
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