Third CFLJ Commentary on Government Officials’ Responses

The Center for Law and Justice is adjusting its “Question and Answer” (Q&A) timetable to accommodate a request from the Mayor. The city’s unprecedented fiscal crisis and factors related to the Covid-19 pandemic have resulted in extraordinary demands on government officials’ schedules. Prior to the May 19th response date for the third CFLJ letter sent to government officials, the Mayor’s office asked the Center to consolidate the current questions and all future questions into a single questionnaire.

CFLJ’s original plan in preparing for the fall “Recommitment to Community Policing” symposium was to have question-and-answer sessions with government officials on a bi-weekly basis, with each Q&A session building on the previous one. However, to accommodate the Mayor’s schedule during the pandemic and Albany’s “re-opening” period, the Center is making the following modifications. We will not expect a reply to the letter with a May 19th response date but, instead, will include those questions among others on a comprehensive questionnaire to go out on June 1st, with a return date of July 1st. The same process will apply to the Police Chief, the District Attorney, and the Common Council President. The letters that go out to the four officials will be posted on CFLJ’s website during the week of June 1st, and all government officials’ responses will be posted on the CFLJ website during the week of July 6th.

The Center will assimilate all answers from all respondents in preparation for the symposium, and on August 3rd will send out one last questionnaire to each government official to resolve or clarify any apparent incongruencies, with a response return date of September 3rd.

NEXT STEPS

CFLJ will continue to post a Commentary each Friday, covering topics relevant to the “Recommitment to Community Policing” Symposium. Next Friday (May 29th), the Commentary will provide a brief history of Community Policing in Albany.