



# MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## **MCCA COMMENDS DOJ ANNOUNCEMENT ON CONSENT DECREES**

Today, the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) issued a statement in strong support of the U.S. Department of Justice's decision to dismiss lawsuits and retract findings of constitutional violations against several of its member agencies.

The MCCA commends the DOJ's Civil Rights Division and Associate Attorney General Harmet Dhillon for acknowledging the serious concerns surrounding the use of flawed methodologies and incomplete data in pursuing sweeping consent decrees against local law enforcement agencies. Further these decrees have divested local control of policing from the community and instead have given authority to unelected bureaucrats with limited understanding of local needs and priorities.

"Our member agencies are dedicated to continuous improvement and meaningful reform," said MCCA President Harold Medina. "But we cannot allow flawed data or ideological agendas to dictate the future of public safety. Communities deserve better. In fact, the City of Albuquerque pushed back and developed a process that was unique to the characteristics of our city and was grounded in local needs."

"This decision marks a turning point in restoring fairness, accountability, and local control to public safety," said Oklahoma City Police Chief Ron Bacy. "Consent decrees based on questionable data not only undermine trust in the process but also place an undue burden on agencies striving every day to protect and serve their communities."

For years, broad and prolonged consent decrees have imposed immense financial and operational burdens on police agencies. These agreements often stretch over a decade, consuming valuable resources, tying up personnel, and diverting attention from core public safety efforts—all while offering little transparency or clear timelines for compliance.

The MCCA firmly supports constitutional policing and accountability, it also believes that reform should be locally driven, community-focused, and grounded in fact—not politics. The association supports DOJ's renewed focus on collaboration and technical assistance rather than court-mandated micromanagement.

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The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. MCCA provides a collaborative forum for the advancement of public safety through innovation, research, policy development, government engagement, community outreach, and leadership training.

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