

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A USE OF FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POLICE AND SHERIFF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REFORM USE OF FORCE

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 people are killed by police every year in America, and black people are three times more likely to be killed than white people; and

WHEREAS, steps can be taken to make reforms to combat police violence and systemic racism within law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, we can work to redefine public safety so that it recognizes the humanity and dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, Mayors and other city officials are uniquely positioned to introduce common-sense limits on police use of force; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church has previously reviewed its policing policies to assure that they complied with best practices and deems it appropriate to review them again;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Falls Church, Virginia that the Use of Force Review Committee is hereby established with the following membership to be appointed by the City Council:

- (a) Seven members of the public representing a diverse cross-section of the City selected by City Council;
- (b) One representative from the Police Department Command staff and one representative from the rank and file, Sergeant or below, selected by the Chief of Police;
- (c) One representative from the Sheriff's Office, selected by the Sheriff;
- (d) One member of the Employee Advisory Council selected by the EAC;
- (e) One non-Public Safety department director selected by the City Manager;
- (f) One representative from the Falls Church Public Schools, selected by the School Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director Human Resources will serve as staff and coordinate the work of the Committee; the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair will be determined at the first meeting; and all meetings will be held in compliance with applicable open meeting laws and in accordance with City Code Section 2-119.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee is charged with:

1. Reviewing Falls Church Police and Sheriff's Office use of force policies and procedures, and reviewing data on the use of force incidences by City Police and Sheriff's Office over the current and past five years;

2. Engaging the Falls Church community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in the review;
3. Reporting the findings of the review to the community and seeking feedback;
4. Making recommendations to reform use of force policies and procedures, and identifying the fiscal impact or other operational impacts of these changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Committee will work with City staff to develop a report that shall include its findings and its recommendations addressed to the Chief of Police and to the City Manager, and presented publicly for City Council consideration in the month of November 2020; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the term of the Committee will end upon the completion of its recommendations to the City Council, or December 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, unless such term should be extended by a vote of the City Council.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing was adopted by the City Council of the City of Falls Church, Virginia on June 22, 2020 as Resolution 2020-24.



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