



Public Safety Commission Recommendation no. 20191202-005

Date: December 2, 2019

Subject: Recommendation that Council Order an Independent Investigation into Bigotry and Discrimination within the Austin Police Department

WHEREAS, five members of Council have posted a draft Resolution as Item 66 on the December 5, 2019 Council Agenda (draft Resolution available at <https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=331923>):

Item 66

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to hire an independent investigator; undertake a comprehensive investigation and evaluation of the Austin Police Department for racism and other discriminatory attitudes, training, protocols, or procedures; and delay the start of new cadet classes.

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, Council Member Gregorio Casar, Council Member Sabino 'Pio' Renteria.

Work Papers and Other Backup Documentation

 20191205-066, Agenda Backup: Draft Resolution, PDF, 307kb, posted 11/23/2019

 20191205-066, Agenda Backup: Recommendation for Action, PDF, 108kb, posted 11/23/2019

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Commission (PSC) debated the merits of draft Resolution on December 2, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

The Public Safety Commission recommends that City Council fully adopt the draft Resolution except that the February 2020 cadet class should proceed as scheduled.

Vote


For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1 (Commissioner Chris Harris)

Absent: 3 (Commissioners Rebecca Gonzales, Ed Scruggs, and Preston Tyree)

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*



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