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AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO COORDINATE WITH THE INTERIM CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO ENGAGE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE EXPERTS IN MODERN POLICE TECHNIQUES TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HOW POLICING SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA "FROM TOP TO BOTTOM" INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED, AN EXAMINATION OF WHAT SITUATIONS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR POLICE TO RESPOND TO, AND HOW POLICE OFFICERS ARE TRAINED; AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THESE EXPERTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ME BY NO LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE ENTRY OF THIS ORDER.

WHEREAS, my vision for One Atlanta centers around five Citywide goals focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive City; world-class employees, infrastructure and services; an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government; thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses; and residents who are equipped for success; and

WHEREAS, the One Atlanta vision serves as the framework for creating a more Affordable, Equitable, and Resilient city; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals public agencies, residents, businesses, non-profits, philanthropy, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and more must work together; and

WHEREAS, police nationwide have shot and killed nearly 1,000 people annually since 2015, including approximately 181 shootings in the state of Georgia since 2015 which is approximately 18 shootings per million people in the state of Georgia[1]; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, although half of the people shot and killed by police are white, black Americans are shot at a disproportionate rate, accounting for less than 13 percent of the U.S. population, while being killed by police at more than twice the rate of white Americans[2]; and

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[1] See https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/

[2] See https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department (APD) has long had a commitment as an agency to the implementation of best practices on how police practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust; and

WHEREAS, these include being one of 15 law enforcement agencies out of 18,000 in the nation to be recognized for implementing the 21st century policing methods, and receiving a model city designation for APD's efforts to implement and follow the 59 recommendations set in place by President Barack Obama's Task Force On 21st Century Policing; and

WHEREAS, additionally, APD has implemented implicit bias training, requires officers to visit the National Center for Civil and Human Rights as a part of their training; and the City support efforts to provide housing for our police officers in many of our communities in which they are serving in; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless recent incidents of persons needlessly facing injury or death at the hands of an APD officer have shown that these efforts have not been enough to address the urgent need for reform within the Atlanta Police Department to rebuild the trust so desperately needed throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, in light thereof, there exists a need to examine how policing should be handled in the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my commitment to equity in Atlanta, on June 4, 2020 I issued Administrative Order 2020-17 via which I convened an advisory council consisting of community members and partners, both existing and potential, to make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes to the City of Atlanta's use of force policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-17 the Police Use of Force Advisory Council shall convene and provide initial recommendations to me within fourteen (14) days of the entry of the order; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent events it is obvious to me that more immediate actions must be taken; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, I am hereby directing the Chief Operating Officer to coordinate with the Interim Chief Procurement Officer to engage professional service providers or organizations that are experts in modern police techniques to provide me with a comprehensive set of recommendations concerning how policing should be handled in the City of Atlanta "from top to bottom" including, but not limited to, an examination of what situations are appropriate for police to respond to, and how police officers are trained; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of these experts shall be provided to me by no later than ninety (90) days from the entry of this order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1: The Chief Operating Officer shall coordinate with the Interim Chief Procurement Officer to engage professional service providers or organizations that are experts in modern police techniques to provide me with a comprehensive set of recommendations concerning how policing should be handled in the City of Atlanta "from top to bottom" including, but not limited to, an examination of what situations are appropriate for police to respond to, and how police officers are trained.

SECTION 2: The recommendations of these experts shall be provided to me by no later than ninety (90) days from the entry of this order.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of June, 2020.

Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Municipal Clerk

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Municipal Clerk