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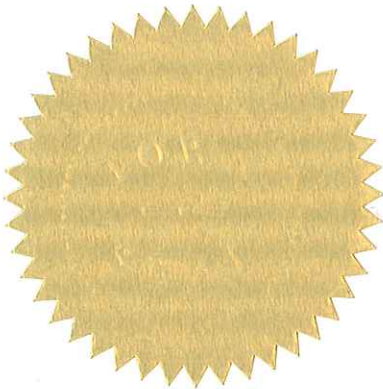
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)
Office of the Town Clerk of the) ss:
TOWN OF YORKTOWN)

This is to certify, that I, Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk of the Town of Yorktown in the said County of Westchester, have compared the foregoing copy of the Town Board Resolution passed at the TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON March 16, 2021 with the original now on file in this office, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such Town Board Minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 18th day of March, 2021.



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This is a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 203, which required the Town to “perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color”;

WHEREAS, the Executive Order also required the Town Supervisor to form a group that would undertake the police review in order to “consider evidence-based policing strategies, including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; model policies and guidelines promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council; and standards promulgated by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program”;

WHEREAS, Supervisor Matthew J. Slater established the Yorktown Coalition on Community Safety and Engagement (“CCSE”) in the summer of 2020, which included representatives of Yorktown’s diverse stakeholders, including faith-based leaders, the business community, senior citizens, youth and ordinary residents;

WHEREAS, activities specified in Executive Order 203 were completed by the CCSE, which held six public meetings between October 8, 2020 and January 6, 2021;

WHEREAS, the meetings were recorded and shared on the town’s website and YouTube page;

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the CCSE issued “FROM GREAT TO GREATEST: A ROADMAP FOR THE YORKTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT,” which recommended that the Town: (1) Revise the personnel complaint policy to require a quarterly report from the police chief on personnel complaints from the public or disciplinary actions initiated by the department; (2) Beta test body cameras with a report on the tests for the Town Board by April 30, 2021; (3) Collaborate with Westchester County to restore the Mobile Crisis Unit to better deal with emotionally disturbed individuals; (4) Improve public understanding of the role Town Board members play as acting Police Commissioners; (5) Introduce annual anti-bias and de-escalation in-service training; (6) Post the police complaint policy on the department’s website and enhance the integration and information sharing on the Town’s website; (7) Acknowledge that racial profiling is prohibited; (8) Continue community outreach initiatives, diversionary and accreditation programs;

WHEREAS, the CCSE Plan was offered for public comment at a hearing held on March 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the comments made on March 4, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town hereby adopts the CCSE Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that: (1) the Town shall advocate that NY State modify and enhance its data collection capabilities at traffic stops; (2) the Chief of Police will present to the Town Board an annual report every February sharing, for the previous calendar year, arrest data, use of force statistics, training data, and any policy changes implemented; and (3) the Town of Yorktown encourages all police agencies to become accredited under DCJS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to transmit a Certification to the N.Y. Director of the Division of the Budget to affirm that the foregoing process was followed and the Town Clerk will certify that the resolution was thereby duly adopted by the Town Board.

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Date: March 17, 2021

To: Governor Andrew Cuomo
Representative Sean Patrick Maloney
Representative Mondaire Jones
Senator Peter Harckham
Assemblyman Kevin Byrne
Westchester County Executive George Latimer
Westchester County Legislator Vedat Gashi
Westchester County Legislator Colin Smith

cc: Matthew J. Slater, Town Supervisor
Councilman Thomas Diana
Councilman Edward Lachterman
Councilman Vishnu Patel
Councilwoman Alice Roker
CCSE Members
Robert Noble, Chief of Police
Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Adam Rodriguez, Town Attorney
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