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## ANC3C Resolution 2021-12 In Support of Proposals by DC Police Reform Commission Report

Whereas, ANC 3C affirms that Black Lives Matter within ANC-3C and across the District of Columbia in all eight Wards;

Whereas, ANC 3C in Resolution 2020-005 "Regarding Forming a Joint Mayoral-Council Commission on MPD [Metropolitan Police Department] Practices and Procedures" strongly urged the Mayor and DC Council to jointly "create a Commission to examine all MPD practices, policies, procedures, and agreements that promote, ignore, or excuse the use of escalating or excessive force against anyone not presenting the same level of force, that restrict or intimidate anyone peacefully expressing Constitutional rights, and that permit confronting someone because he or she is Black";

Whereas, ANC 3C in Resolution 2020-005 further urged the Mayor and Council to explicitly include a review of funding levels within the Commission's mandate and that "ANC 3C does not support any increase (including increases to adjust for inflation) to MPD appropriations until such time as the commission has completed its work and the final report of the commission has been reviewed by Council";

Whereas, ANC 3C in Resolution 2020-005 ANC 3C further resolved support for funding of early intervention programs, mental health counselors, social workers as proven methods to protect citizens and prevent and reduce conflict between MPD and those experiencing mental health issues, even if it is necessary to reduce the funds appropriated to MPD in order to fund these programs;

Whereas, the DC Police Reform Commission (PRC) released an April 2021 report outlining its proposals to reimagine policing in the District to enhance public safety and end "harms associated with over-reliance on law enforcement," including an end to qualified immunity in the District and transfer MPD's authority to enforce traffic and vehicle regulations to the Department of Transportation;

Whereas, the PRC report highlighted MPD's inability and/or unwillingness to extract and share data and information about its operations, encounters, and impact on people in DC, highlighting the need for more transparency and external oversight;

Whereas, DC spends more than half a billion per year on police and from 2015-2020, DC spent \$69.7 million on police misconduct claims<sup>1</sup>; and

 $<sup>{}^{1}</sup>https://www.wsj.com/articles/police-rethink-policies-as-cities-pay-millions-to-settle-misconduct-claims-11603368002$ 

Whereas, root causes of harm and violence intersect with inequitable and inaccessible systems of care, including healthcare, housing, and education, and not enough resources are devoted to addressing these systemic issues.<sup>2</sup>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That ANC 3C supports additional action to address the root causes of crime and police violence against Black and brown communities, and calls for the Mayor and Council to prioritize and invest in the safety and health of all DC communities but especially in Black and brown communities that have historically seen underinvestment;

Be it further resolved that ANC 3C supports the PRC report recommendations to transfer from MPD to the Department of Transportation<sup>3</sup> the authority to enforce traffic and vehicle regulations whose violation does not imminently threaten public safety, ban "jump outs,"<sup>4</sup> and prohibit consent searches<sup>5</sup>;

Be it further resolved that ANC 3C supports making community-competent behavioral healthcare professionals the default sole first responders to 911 calls involving individuals in mental-health crisis<sup>6</sup>;

Be it further resolved that a behavioral health/police co-response model to be deployed districtwide only in situations where an individual in crisis has a weapon or for some other reason poses a significant danger to others.<sup>7</sup>

Be it further resolved that ANC 3C supports further study by the Mayor and Council for the end of qualified immunity in the District and to create a deputy auditor for public safety within the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor<sup>8</sup>;

Be it further resolved that ANC 3C supports restructuring school policing infrastructure and replacing it with a holistic public health approach to school safety and crisis intervention that is relational, racially just, restorative, trauma responsive, and trauma-informed<sup>9</sup>;

Be it further resolved that ANC 3C supports reducing MPD overtime to the fullest extent possible<sup>10</sup> and call on the Mayor and Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton to engage federal agencies and law enforcement partners to increase their involvement and support in large first amendment activities and special events in the Federal Precinct;

Be It Resolved that the ANC authorizes all Commissioners of ANC 3C to represent the Commission on this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; Health and Medicine Division; Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice; Committee on Community-Based Solutions to Promote Health Equity in the United States; Baciu A, Negussie Y, Geller A, et al., editors. Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity. Washington (DC): National Academies Press (US); 2017 Jan 11. 3, The Root Causes of Health Inequity. Available from: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK425845/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> PRC Report, page 21 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> PRC Report, page 96 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> PRC Report, page 20 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> PRC Report, page 15 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> PRC Report, page 16 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> PRC Report, page 25 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> PRC Report, page 17 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> PRC Report, page 27 https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Police-Reform-Commission-Full-Report.pdf

Attested by

Beau Finley

Beau Finley Chair, on July 19, 2021

This resolution was approved by a roll vote on July 19, 2021, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.