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A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Baltimore Police Department - Internal Affairs Early Warning Intervention System

For the purpose of requesting the Baltimore Police Department to expand its Internal Affairs Early Warning Intervention System to include retraining officers from each district who have been flagged for intervention in the areas of use of force continuum, citizen interaction, and de-escalation techniques.

Recitals

As a part of its 2014 Preventing Harm plan the Baltimore Police Department instituted an Early Warning Intervention System for Police Officers who frequently receive complaints against them from citizens.

This system is a part of many changes to the Internal Affairs process that also includes adding more detectives to Internal Affairs and the forthcoming changes around the sharing of Internal Affairs Data. However, as the Baltimore Police Department moves forward in its efforts to repair citizen trust and adjust to a new 21st Century form of policing it is imperative that it keeps pushing the envelope on all fronts, including self-accountability.

Improving the Early Warning Intervention System to include retraining officers flagged for the intervention would prove to be another step in improving policing in Baltimore and ensuring the safety of Baltimore's Police Officers and our citizens, which is the chief responsibility of the Baltimore Police Department.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council respectfully requests the Baltimore Police Department to expand its Internal Affairs Early Warning Intervention System to include retraining officers who have been flagged for

intervention.

And be it further resolved, That the Council respectfully requests that the Police Commissioner report to the City Council on the progress of this program annually.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Police Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.