



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Title: A RESOLUTION relating to police accountability; instructing the Office of Inspector General for Public Safety and Community Police Commission to review and recommend changes to Seattle laws, policies, and practices within the scope of their expertise.

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk: 6/1/2017

Date

Mayor's Signature: 6/1/2017

Sponsors: González

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Veto Overridden:

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Attachments:

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	05/22/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office					
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	05/22/2017	sent for review	Full Council			
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	Notes:						
1	Full Council	05/22/2017	referred	Full Council			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council					
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	05/22/2017	adopted				Pass
	Action Text:	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	Notes:	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31753.					

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In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	05/24/2017	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor
1	Mayor	06/01/2017	Signed	
1	Mayor	06/01/2017	returned	City Clerk
1	City Clerk	06/01/2017	attested by City Clerk	

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31753

A RESOLUTION relating to police accountability; instructing the Office of Inspector General for Public Safety and Community Police Commission to review and recommend changes to Seattle laws, policies, and practices within the scope of their expertise.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has been on a long road to cultural reform within the Seattle

Police Department (SPD); and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and constitutional police reform is an ongoing and iterative process;

and

WHEREAS, a strategic and achievable plan must be laid out for ongoing input and improvement

to the accountability system; and

WHEREAS, an essential element of a strong oversight system is a disciplinary system that builds

on lessons learned from other jurisdictions and best practices; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the community to effectively influence and provide perspective

to a range of policing matters of significance to the public beyond what is traditionally

thought of as a police accountability system; and

WHEREAS, although The City of Seattle's proposed accountability system with a civilian-led

misconduct investigations unit, an independent police inspector general, and a strong

community-based oversight commission, has many strengths other models of oversight

do not, and addresses systemic weaknesses with which other systems have struggled; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has an opportunity to take the lessons it has learned from other

jurisdictions and from its own history to establish a community-focused oversight system

that can serve as a model for other jurisdictions, but can also benefit from a review of

1 best practices and examining aspects of police reform that have shown promise or
2 success in other jurisdictions;

3 WHEREAS, the City Council on February 1, 2017 began consideration of police accountability
4 legislation; and

5 WHEREAS, the Council also wishes to implement other specific timebound provisions to
6 continue to support and increase positive change in SPD; NOW, THEREFORE,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
8 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

9 Section 1. As used in this resolution:

10 “CPC” means the Community Police Commission;

11 “OIG” means the Office of Inspector General for Public Safety;

12 “OPA” means the Office of Police Accountability; and

13 “SPD” means the Seattle Police Department.

14 Section 2. OIG shall conduct a review of SPD’s disciplinary processes that includes an
15 assessment of the merits of models used in other jurisdictions to help ensure consistency and
16 fairness in disciplinary decision-making. OIG shall provide a report on the results of its review
17 and any recommendations to the Council.

18 Section 3. OIG and CPC shall, by the end of the first Inspector General’s first full year,
19 conduct a review and provide recommendations to the Council for any needed revisions to
20 Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 14.12.

21 Section 4. OIG shall, by the end of the first Inspector General’s first full year, conduct
22 a study to ascertain the effectiveness of OPA’s mixed sworn and civilian staffing

1 arrangements and provide recommendations to the Council as to whether further changes are
2 warranted.

3 Section 5. CPC shall convene meetings with and lead stakeholders in assessing the
4 feasibility of establishing mechanisms to use investigation and review processes wholly
5 external to SPD for cases involving serious and deadly uses of force, and provide any
6 recommendations adopted by the stakeholder group to the Council for consideration.

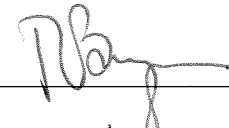
7 Section 6. CPC shall convene meetings with and lead stakeholders in assessing the
8 need for and developing a complainant appeal process that is consistent with employee due
9 process rights, and provide any recommendations adopted by the stakeholder group to the
10 Council for consideration. If established under City ordinance or policy, CPC shall
11 periodically review the fairness and effectiveness of such civilian appeal process.

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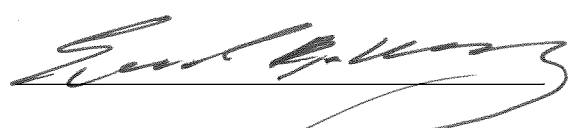
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Adopted by the City Council the 22nd day of MAY, 2017,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of
MAY, 2017.




President pro tem of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 1st day of June, 2017.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 1st day of June, 2017.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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