

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2025

~~A RESOLUTION URGING LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT TO FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE DOCUMENTED HARMS OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO ENCOURAGE THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BUILD TRUST IN THE COMMUNITY ENDORSING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT~~ RECOGNIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY REFORMS AND COMMITTING TO CONTINUED LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL OVERSIGHT (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER MULVEY-WOOLRIDGE

WHEREAS, in April 2021, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) initiated an investigation into the practices of the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD); and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2022, the DOJ released its Findings Report outlining several areas in which it alleged a pattern or practice of unlawful or unconstitutional policing or public safety practices existed within the LMPD; and

WHEREAS, in May 2025, the DOJ moved to dismiss its lawsuit and court-ordered version of the Consent Decree related to this investigation; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of the DOJ's findings, LMPD has implemented more than 260 new policies aimed at enhancing accountability, transparency, and the overall effectiveness of policing in Louisville Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council has the authority and responsibility to provide local oversight and accountability of Louisville Metro Government, including public safety operations, and desires to ensure the continuation of meaningful reforms for the benefit of the citizens of Louisville Metro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL”) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Louisville Metro Council:

1. Acknowledges the progress made by the LMPD in response to the DOJ’s Findings Report;
2. Acknowledges that the peoples’ voices have been heard;
3. Commits to continued oversight and engagement with public safety reform efforts as agreed upon by the Mayors office and LMPD in the Community Commitment;
4. Supports the implementation and enforcement of policies that promote constitutional policing, community trust, and accountability;
5. Commits to ensuring that LMPD has the guidance, training and resources necessary to protect the community they serve and reduce crime; and
6. Reaffirms its dedication to representing and protecting the interests and rights of all Louisville Metro residents.

SECTION II: The Louisville Metro Council is committed to ensuring transparency, accountability and continued progress in the implementation of reforms within LMPD and shall provide oversight to the implementation of LMPD reform recommendations.

SECTION III: The Louisville Metro Council encourages the Government Oversight/Audit & Appointments Committee to perform its oversight function of LMPD to receive regular updates on the Implementation Plan outlined in the Community Commitment.

SECTION IV: The Louisville Metro Council is committed to continued collaboration with LMPD and ongoing support of initiatives including, but not limited to:

1. Facilities improvement, including the construction of a new headquarters and the continued support of the Summit Wellness Center to support officer's health and wellness;

2. Development of a state-of-the-art training facility;

3. Expanding Louisville Metro Government's Deflection Program; and

4. Encouraging Community Policing.

SECTION V: This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval, or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Brent Ackerson
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____