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APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGEPORT ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Council President and other members of the Bridgeport City Council have requested and encouraged the Mayor to appoint a working group of Council members, city staff, and community stakeholders to discuss and propose policing reforms and other public safety matters consistent with the policy goals adopted by the City Council in Resolution No. 130-19.

WHEREAS, during this past summer's public protests in support of racial equity and justice, the City Council heard directly from community activists and other City residents concerning the need for Bridgeport's elected representatives to partner with the leadership of the Bridgeport Police Department to explore the most modern, race neutral policing methodologies and other public safety innovations.

WHEREAS, new policing strategies are required in order to achieve optimum delivery of public safety services.

WHEREAS, real and effective change will only be possible with community participation in the public safety revision process.

WHEREAS, the department recently achieved certification by the Connecticut Law Enforcement Standards and Training (“CLEST”) and is aggressively pursuing the national gold standard in public safety, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (“CALEA”).

WHEREAS, local government requires assistance from private sector stakeholders at all levels to identify and recommend ideas and concepts that will initiate real and lasting change and assist with the public outreach efforts that will build true partnership between the Bridgeport Police Department and the community it is proud to serve.

WHEREAS, the City Council and my Administration are committed to examining new approaches to delivering optimum public safety for the betterment of all our residents.

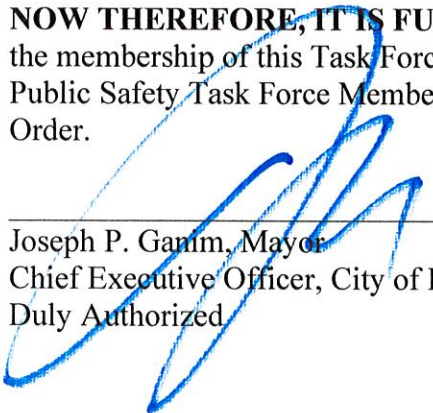
WHEREAS, the formation of a public-private collaborative, multi-stakeholder, working team to identify, propose and champion public safety enhancement will assist the City Council and the Administration in adopting modern techniques to delivering enlightened public safety for the betterment of all our residents.

WHEREAS, a new Task Force will provide a collaborative vehicle to spearhead this top priority local public safety modernization effort.

WHEREAS, such Task Force will conduct its public meetings and hearings in accordance with the provisions of the CT Freedom of Information Act in order to maximize public exposure to, and participation in, its mission and work, thereby generating broad support for its recommended initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED pursuant to authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bridgeport by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Bridgeport City Charter (in particular Chapters 3 and 13) and the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances that a Mayoral Task Force on Public Safety is appointed through December 31, 2021, unless extended or earlier terminated by further Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the membership of this Task Force shall be comprised of the persons listed on the Attached Public Safety Task Force Membership List, unless and until amended by further Executive Order.



Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor
Chief Executive Officer, City of Bridgeport
Duly Authorized

Dated: February 10 , 2021

Bridgeport Advisory Task Force on Public Safety

Membership List

Task Force Co-Chairpersons

Aidee Nieves City Council President

Scott Burns Co-Chairperson of City Council Committee on Budget and Appropriations

Additional Task Force Members

Jorge Cruz Council Member

Anna Cruz BPT Board of Police Commissioner

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Constance Vickers Mayor's Office

Byron Bigelow Community Stakeholder

Rev. D. Stanley Lord NAACP

Jason Ayala Faith Acts for Education

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