

Resolution No. 375-18

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging Mayor Jackson's Administration to require special police forces to undergo racial bias and sensitivity training and forward incident reports to the Department of Public Safety.

Council Member Conwell

WHEREAS, the inexcusable campus police stop of Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Conwell earlier this month while he walked on the Case Western Reserve University campus in the ward he represents draws attention to the prevalence of racial bias and profiling and the need for proper training on fair, unbiased policing in all police departments; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood citizens, students and parents have reported being stopped due to racial profiling by special police officers on campus while walking, driving, and entering dorms;

WHEREAS, the university has now committed to retraining campus police on community policing and interactions with neighborhood citizens; and

WHEREAS, all special police forces, including Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority, Cuyahoga County College, University Circle, University Hospitals of Cleveland, Cleveland Clinic, Metro Health System, and North East Ohio Sewer District police forces, exercise their police authority to enforce the City of Cleveland laws under the written authority of the Mayor or Director of Public Safety and under the direction and control of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, this Council urges the Administration, through their Memorandum of Understanding agreements with special police forces, to require racial profiling and sensitivity training for all police officers and police dispatchers essential to communication with police officers; and

WHEREAS, this Council also urges the Administration to require special police forces to forward all incident reports to the Department of Public Safety for tracking and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland recently approved a written policy on unbiased policing under its U.S. Department of Justice consent decree police reforms that the Department of Public Safety will train officers on in early summer; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the need for racial bias and sensitivity training of all special police forces to ensure that all law-abiding citizens, no matter their race, creed or color, are free from unwarranted stops based on racial profiling; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges Mayor Jackson's Administration to require special police forces to undergo racial bias and sensitivity training and forward incident reports to the Department of Public Safety.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Director of Public Safety Michael McGrath, Assistant Director of Public Safety Tim Hennessy, and Chief of Police Calvin Williams.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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REPORT
after second Reading

Council Member Conwell

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