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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO CONVENE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS, BOTH EXISTING AND POTENTIAL, WHICH SHALL EXAMINE THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S USE OF FORCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY OPERATIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THERETO; WHICH SHALL CONVENE AND PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER; AND WHICH SHALL PREPARE PRESENT A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS, FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF COMMUNITY INPUT, BY NO LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER.

WHEREAS, my vision for One Atlanta centers around five Citywide goals focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive City; world-class employees, infrastructure and services; an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government; thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses; and residents who are equipped for success; and

WHEREAS, the One Atlanta vision serves as the framework for creating a more Affordable, Equitable, and Resilient city; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals public agencies, residents, businesses, non-profits, philanthropy, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and more must work together; and

WHEREAS, police nationwide have shot and killed nearly 1,000 people annually since 2015, including approximately 181 shootings in the state of Georgia since 2015 which is approximately 18 shootings per million people in the state of Georgia¹; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, although half of the people shot and killed by police are white, black Americans are shot at a disproportionate rate, accounting for less than 13 percent of the U.S. population, while being killed by police at more than twice the rate of white Americans²; and

WHEREAS, there remains an urgent need to address issues of police violence, systemic racism, and the need for the transformation of our justice system; and

WHEREAS, in light thereof, there exists a need to examine the City of Atlanta's use of force policies and procedures; and

¹ See <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/>

² See <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/>

WHEREAS, in accordance with my commitment to equity in Atlanta, it is my desire to convene an advisory council consisting of community members and partners, both existing and potential, to make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes to the City of Atlanta's use of force policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, this advisory council shall convene to develop recommended strategies; and shall report their recommendations to me by no later than forty-five (45) days from the date of the entry of this Order.

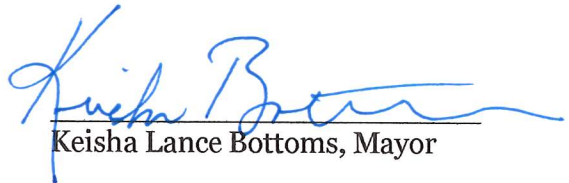
NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1: The Chief Operating Officer shall convene an advisory council comprised of community members and partners, both existing and potential, which shall make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes to the City of Atlanta's use of force policies and procedures.

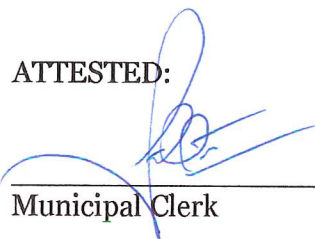
SECTION 2: This advisory council shall convene and provide immediate recommendations to the Mayor within fourteen (14) days from the date of the entry of this Order.

SECTION 3: This advisory council shall additionally prepare present a more comprehensive report of recommendations, following the receipt of community input, by no later than forty-five (45) days from the date of the entry of this Order.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of June, 2020.


Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III
Municipal Clerk