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Resolution relating to the retention of a consultant to assist the Community Collaborative Commission in the design, conduct and analysis of a community survey.

This resolution directs the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Administration-Purchasing Division to issue a request for proposals for consultant services to assist the Community Collaborative Commission in conducting a community survey as required by Common Council File Number 180453.

Whereas, Common Council File Number 180453, adopted June 20, 2018, established the Community Collaborative Commission (CCC) to seek community input on police department operations to improve trust between law enforcement and city residents as set forth in the Charles Collin, et al., v. City of Milwaukee, et al., settlement agreement; and

Whereas, The CCC is also to provide a forum for and solicit community input regarding law enforcement policies, procedures and practices in Milwaukee, particularly with respect to the treatment of minorities, the LGBTQ+ community, individuals with disabilities and other historically underserved and underrepresented communities; and

Whereas, The CCC is directed to conduct an annual survey of Milwaukee residents belonging to communities that are statistically more likely to interact with members of the Police Department about the residents' views on police-community relations; and

Whereas, The CCC is to identify and evaluate the effectiveness of progressive policing strategies deployed in other cities, soliciting research and expert assistance as needed, in relation to reducing disparities and improving police-community relations; and

Whereas, The CCC is to communicate community concerns regarding law enforcement policies, procedures and practices in Milwaukee to the Police Department and to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and to present an update to the Common Council on a quarterly basis; and

Whereas, The CCC is to report annually to the Common Council the Commission's findings and recommendations for policies, practices and procedures to build trust between Milwaukee law enforcement and city residents; and

Whereas, The CCC formed the Community Survey & Research Committee to explore and conduct new ways of gathering data and knowledge pertaining to the public's sentiment of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD); and

Whereas, The CCC recognizes that the work done by the Community Survey & Research Committee

is consistent with the ongoing need to ensure accountability and review of the MPD and its practices; and

Whereas, The work done by the Community Survey & Research Committee is consistent with the City of Milwaukee's tradition of and responsibility for resident empowerment and engagement; and

Whereas, The members of the CCC and its Community Survey & Research Committee, do not have the capability to execute the survey in a scientifically valid way; and

Whereas, The survey must be conducted by an entity that is independent of the CCC and the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, There is a sense of urgency to understand and address the root causes of distrust between Milwaukee law enforcement and city residents; and

Whereas, Data has consistently shown that there is significant bias in the conduct of traffic stops, field interviews, searches, and frisks by the MPD against people of color; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the CCC, which will play an integral role in ensuring that the survey is a success; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Office of the City Clerk is directed to request, and the Department of Administration - Purchasing Division is directed to issue, a request for proposals (RFP) to conduct an annual survey of Milwaukee residents belonging to communities that are statistically more likely to interact with members of the Police Department, about the residents' views on police community relations; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the CCC will have the sole and exclusive right to decide how the RFP and community survey process is to be administered, conducted, and implemented; including but not limited to how the data is received, allocated, and analyzed; and, be it

Further Resolved, That this RFP shall be drafted consistent with the specifications listed in Exhibit A.

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