

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16-2020

June 26, 2020

2020 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND POLICE REFORM TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers provide essential protection to ensure safety and welfare in our communities. Essential to this mission is trust and cooperation between the public and law enforcement community to provide safe living and working environments; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are entrusted with a great amount of legal authority which if utilized improperly has detrimental and devastating effects on our communities and the mission of providing safe communities is severely impaired; and

WHEREAS, recent tragic events across of the nation remind us of the need to continually be vigilant in ensuring that the public has confidence that persons entrusted with law enforcement authority are using best practices to deliver critical services to our communities; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, provides for the County Executive to appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, on this 26th day of June 2020, that I, Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland, do hereby order:

The 2020 Police Reform Task Force is hereby established. The mission of the task force will be to study and review policies of the Police Department in areas that cover a full spectrum of its operations including hiring, training and use of force policies.

The task force will consist of no more than 21 persons and will be comprised of a cross section of Prince George's County, including persons with specialties and relevant backgrounds who can provide insightful and useful input into police reform recommendations.

Members of the Task Force will be comprised of representatives from the following local groups: County residents, academia, judicial branch (federal and state), County Council, County Executive Office, County Police Department, State's Attorney Office, Office of Law, County Public Schools, Office of the Sheriff, Public Defender Office, Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel, and citizen advocacy.

The Task Force will develop its own procedural rules. A recommendation report should be completed no later than October 30, 2020.

This Executive Order shall remain in effect through October 30, 2020, unless amended, extended or terminated prior to that date.

If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

Angela D. Alsobrooks

County Executive