

Resolution Establishing a Police Civilian Review Board in DeKalb County, GA

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Police Department serves as the primary law enforcement agency within the county; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Police Department has a responsibility to protect and serve all residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, the recent incidents of police brutality and excessive use of force in the county have raised concerns among the residents and highlighted the need for greater transparency and accountability in the police department; and

WHEREAS, other cities and counties surrounding DeKalb County have established civilian review boards and have seen positive results in reducing incidents of police misconduct and improving public trust in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, establishing a DeKalb County Police Civilian Review Board will provide a best practice mechanism for the community to hold law enforcement accountable for their actions, provide a platform for transparency and promote trust between the community and law enforcement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners that a Police Civilian Review Board be established in DeKalb County, Georgia by the year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will appoint a committee of community leaders, law enforcement representatives, and other stakeholders to determine the structure and function of the Police Civilian Review Board, including the selection and training of board members, the scope of the board's authority, and the process for reviewing complaints of police misconduct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Police Department will fully cooperate with the Police Civilian Review Board and provide all necessary support to ensure that the board operates effectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners will provide the necessary funding and resources to establish and maintain the Police Civilian Review Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the DeKalb County Police Department, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Governor of Georgia, and the Georgia General Assembly.

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ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ROBERT PATRICK

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC

County Clerk
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES

County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia