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OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY

CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

The primary purpose of local government is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents. Public safety personnel are necessary to effectuate that purpose. Given the enormous powers that are granted to the police and other public safety personnel, it is imperative that civilians have input into the direction of the Department of Public Safety (the "Department") so as to foster community trust. Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I issue the following Executive Order creating a Public Safety Advisory Board (the "Board"):

A. Powers and Duties of the Board.

With the assistance of the Corporation Counsel, the Board shall establish procedures to ensure that the exercise of its powers under this Order are consistent with the authority of the Director of Public Safety (the "Director") under N.J.S.A. § 40:69A-43(d); the rights of police officers under the Civil Service Act; the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act, N.J.S.A. § 34:13A et seq., to the extent applicable; and any applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements. The Board, its duties and activities shall always be subject to the direction, supervision and approval of the Director.

The duties of the Board shall, at the option of the Director, include:

1. Conducting periodic review of summaries of public safety reports, crime reports and incidents involving Department personnel. Any report or document submitted to the

Board for review and consideration must be appropriately redacted. After such review, the Board shall meet with the Director to discuss recommendations for appropriate action.

- 2. Recommending policy and training guidelines for the operations of the Department, provided, however, that the Board's recommendations shall be limited to programmatic review, and shall not affect the decisions concerning disciplinary action, operations, or budget.
- 3. Establishing policies and procedures to govern the Board's operation and actions.
- 4. Making recommendations for legislative programs and actions as it relates to improving public safety.
- 5. Ensuring confidentiality as necessary and as directed.

B. Membership, Terms and Removal.

The Public Safety Advisory Board shall consist of:

- 1. Seven members, appointed by the Mayor, including the Director, who shall serve as chairperson of the Board.
- 2. The members shall all be citizens of the City of Jersey City.
- 3. All the members appointed shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies created by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the Mayor for the completion of the remaining term.
- 4. All members of the Public Safety Advisory Board, with the exception of the Director, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed from the Board by the Mayor at any time.
- 5. The Board shall meet at least once every quarter at a time fixed by the Chairperson. The Chairperson may call special meetings.

C. Clerical and Technical Assistance.

For the purposes of effectuating the goals of this Order, the Director shall have the authority to create a budget, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to meet the material resource and financial needs of the Board. The Director shall be able to use his staff and resources to provide for the clerical and technical needs of the Board.

D. Cooperation with City Departments and Agencies.

The Public Safety Department and all City departments and agencies shall cooperate with the work of the Board to the degree possible and permitted by law.

This Executive Order shall be kept on file in the offices of the City Clerk, Business Administrator, and the Director of Public Safety. It will be made available to the public upon request.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Very truly yours

STEVEN M. FULOP

MAYOR

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All Department Directors