

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

September 21, 2016

No. 16-27

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FALCON HEIGHTS INCLUSION AND
POLICING TASK FORCE**

- WHEREAS, the protests resulting from recent high-profile shootings of African American men in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Falcon Heights, Minnesota highlight the distrust that exists across racial and ethnic lines; and
- WHEREAS, communities, such as Falcon Heights must recognize the need to critically balance the enforcement of law with effective, fair and transparent police services; and
- WHEREAS, despite a Constitution that considers all people equal, profound disparities exist for African Americans and other people of color across the United States, including Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falcon Heights has identified racial equity as a community value with the standard expectation being fair and equitable service delivery to all people who live, work, or visit Falcon Heights; and
- WHEREAS, it is recognized that of all the services provided by the City, police services by their very nature, have the greatest potential to result in controversy and grow distrust; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falcon Heights values and honors the critical role of our police officers in enhancing the safety and quality of life for the community; and
- WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that communities receive the kind of policing they demand and as the policymakers representing the whole of Falcon Heights, we endeavor to provide the most effective, fair, and transparent police services possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to foster effective, fair, and transparent police services, the City of Falcon Heights shall establish an Inclusion and Policing Task Force made up of a diverse cadre of Falcon Heights residents and business owners to conduct a systematic review of the police department's policies and training protocols, as further directs that as outlined in Exhibit A.

Moved by: Gustafson

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Peter Lindstrom
Mayor

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