

RESOLUTION

**ADOPTING THE NEW PALTZ POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION
COLLABORATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:
“RE-IMAGINING POLICING IN NEW PALTZ, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK:
A RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO’S EXECUTIVE ORDER #203”**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held via videoconference in said Town on the 1st day of April, 2021, at 7 o'clock P.M., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Executive Order 203 was issued by the Governor of the State of New York , stating that each local government entity in the State of New York which has a police agency operating with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the criminal procedure law must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz convened the head of the local police agency and stakeholders in the community to form the New Paltz Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Steering Committee and develop such plan, which considered evidence-based policing strategies, including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; model policies and guidelines promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council; and standards promulgated by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and

WHEREAS, the New Paltz Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Steering Committee, in coordination with the New Paltz Police Department, consulted with stakeholders, including but not limited to membership and leadership of the NPPD; members of the community; interested non-profit and faith-based community groups; the local office of the district attorney; the local public defender; and local elected officials, created a plan to adopt and implement the recommendations resulting from its review and consultation, entitled, “Re-Imagining Policing in New Paltz”, and

WHEREAS, such plan was offered for public comment to all citizens in the locality on March 16, 2021, and after consideration of such comments, was presented to the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz on April 1, 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz does hereby adopt such plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk shall transmit a certification to the Director of the Division of the Budget to affirm that such process has been complied with and the resolution has been adopted.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.