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RESOLUTION- Accepting and approving the report from the Commission on Police Reform, and creating an ongoing committee to oversee implementation.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO,
CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
FRESNO COMMISSION FOR POLICE REFORM AND
CREATING THE POLICE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
OF THE CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, the California State University, Fresno NAACP Chapter organized over 3,000 residents peacefully gathering in front of the Fresno Police Department Headquarters demanding City leaders take immediate action to reform policing and community safety in Fresno. The protest occurred in response to the killing of George Floyd, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, in response, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Council President Miguel Arias announced the formation of the Fresno Commission on Police Reform (Commission) on June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, led by former City Councilmember Oliver Baines consisted of forty diverse community stakeholders who were given ninety days to develop a variety of recommendations intended to improve the manner in which the City of Fresno and the Fresno Police Department (FPD) could address a number of community safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020, the Commission approved a final report that included seventy-three recommendations as well as identified other areas that warranted further analysis; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Council that embracing these recommendations will serve as the first step toward reconciliation, and more importantly, in creating a new vision of community safety which provides greater opportunities for all residents to prosper and feel safe while facilitating the ability of Fresno's police officers to serve with honor, dignity and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Fresno City Council, are indebted to Oliver Baines, Chair, Sandra Celedon, Vice Chair, and all the other members of the Commission and are grateful for the work they conducted on behalf of the community; and

WHEREAS, and in recognition of the Commission's work, the Mayor and Fresno City Council are supportive of establishing a Police Reform Implementation Team, which will be responsible for working with the Mayor and Fresno City Council to develop an implementation strategy for the Commission's recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City Council hereby accepts the recommendations of the Commission.
2. A Police Reform Implementation Team is hereby established. The Police Reform Implementation Team shall consist of seven members selected by the Council in consultation with the Mayor.
3. The purpose of the Police Reform Implementation Team will be to prioritize, develop, and identify the resources to implement the Commission's recommendations and the manner in which such recommendations may be implemented. The Team shall identify and separate the recommendations based on policies, meet and confer requirements, and necessity to arrive at agreements with outside entities.

4. In consultation with the Mayor and City Attorney, the Police Reform Implementation Team will further analyze the recommendations to assess the labor, policy, budget and City Charter considerations that need to be addressed to implement recommendations.
5. The Police Reform Implementation Team shall serve at the pleasure of the Council, and shall be subject to the Brown Act and Form 700 filing requirements. The membership of the Police Reform Implementation Team shall reflect the cultural, demographic, and geographic diversity of the City of Fresno.
6. The Police Reform Implementation Team will provide a progress report to the Council, Mayor, and the public at least twice a year.

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