

MOTION:

**December 1, 2020
Regular Meeting**

SECOND:

Res. No. 20-

RE:

DIRECT THE 2021-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM TO STRIKE ALL LANGUAGE, REFERENCES, AND CONSIDERATION TO DEFUNDING THE POLICE OR REALLOCATING FUNDS AWAY FROM THE POLICE FROM THE 2021-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors authorizes the development and approval of a Strategic Plan every four years; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors approved the 2021-202 Strategic Plan process at its work session on January 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan Development Team has conducted an online survey and held twelve (12) community conversation sessions that showed little to no support for defunding the police or reallocating funds away from the police; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan states, "first responders must be provided the resources necessary to maintain their safety when responding to emergency situations. This includes appropriate training, adequate staffing, and proper equipment to meet the growing demands placed on our emergency personnel;" and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Police Department is distinguished in having been the 55th law enforcement agency nationwide to earn the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) accreditation in 1987, and has since then been continually re-accredited; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Police Department is also distinguished in concurrently holding all three CALEA accreditation awards: Law Enforcement Accreditation, Public Safety Communications Accreditation, and Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation, making them the fifth law enforcement agency in the country to earn the TRI-ARC Award of Excellence from CALEA in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the values statement of the Prince William County Police Department (PWCPD) affirms that, "equality in the delivery of police services is essential," and commits themselves "to uphold these values and to foster cooperation and respect within our community;" and

WHEREAS, the PWCPD, during its fifty years of existence, has been, and continues to be, a model law enforcement agency with an excellent reputation; and

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WHEREAS, the PWCPD, during its fifty years of existence, continues to diversity its workforce and strive toward collaborative partnerships in the community based on trust; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Community Services and Police Department have developed a Co-Responder Program that was approved by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution Number 20-435 on June 16, 2020, stating that it, "hereby supports our local law enforcement agencies and pledges to fully fund them to help keep county residents safe;" and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution Number 20-531 on July 14, 2020, stating that it, "pledges to continue to fund the Prince William County Police Department at appropriate levels consistent with the Board of County Supervisors adopted strategic goal of having safe and secure communities throughout Prince William County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby directs the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan Development Team to strike all language, references, and consideration to defunding the police or reallocating funds away from the police from the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board