Pridgen - Buffalo Police Department Police Review Addition

Whereas on June 6, 2020, the Common Council of The City of Buffalo NY, unanimously approved Resolution 20-706 submitted by Councilmembers Pridgen, Bollman and Wyatt to entitled “Improving BPD Policies”;

Whereas the resolution called for Mayor Brown to establish a task force comprised or representation from The Council’s Police Oversight Committee and any other relevant departments or agencies;

Whereas it is imperative that this committee begin meeting as soon as possible to begin the formation, commit to a structure and schedule;

Whereas the issues before the City of Buffalo and the Country will only be rectified with partnerships and cooperation from all levels of government working together to;

Whereas the Council acknowledges and applauds Mayor Brown for announcing on June 8, 2020 his previous meetings with various stakeholders in the community;

Whereas the Council acknowledges and applauds Mayor Brown for his Executive order no. 2020-001, which has the purpose of eliminating the potential for physical interactions between police and citizens for minor, non-violent offenses and creates a new police detail to protect the First Amendment Rights of Citizens; and

Whereas Resolution 20-706 did not include the Buffalo Police Advisory Board to The Council (BPAB) or specifically allow for an appointee from The Council: Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-

1) Clarifies its intent and requests that the task force to be created pursuant to Item 20-706 is comprised of a representatives from BPAB, a representative(s) appointed by the president of The Council, and representatives of any other relevant departments or agencies as the Mayor may deem appropriate.