Pridgen - Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations Annual Report

Whereas the Commission on Citizens’ Rights and Community Relations is a commission listed in our Charter for The City of Buffalo;

Whereas with a mission to strive to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination to encourage equality of treatment and prevent discrimination against persons based on race, ethnic background, cultural background, language, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, nationality and age; and to assure respect for the civil liberties of all citizens;

Whereas the Members of this Commission shall be recognized community leaders, selected for diversity and demonstrated commitment to social justice, with at least one member having experience in law enforcement;

Whereas some of the duties and powers of this Commission are to improve relations among The City's racial, religious, ethnic, and other communities and build an inclusive sense of community throughout The City;

Whereas also to investigate and recommend action in response to incidents, patterns and causes of discrimination on grounds of race, ethnic background, cultural background, language, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, nationality and age;

Whereas they are to assist citizens with filing and pursuing complaints of police misconduct;

Whereas also they are to review, monitor, report on, and recommend to the appropriate city officials action concerning the police department's (i) initial and continuing training program in community relations and respect for citizens' rights; and (ii) standards and procedures for investigating, acting upon, and resolving complaints of police misconduct. Upon completion of the police department's investigation of a complaint of police misconduct, the commission may review the police department's file of the investigation; and

Whereas this commission is required to submit at least once each year, and as requested by the mayor or common council, a report on: (i) its activities; (ii) the state of community relations in the city; (iii) the state of equal opportunity and respect for cultural diversity within city government and in its services and programs; (iv) the state of the police department's initial and ongoing training programs in community relations and respect for citizens’ rights and
standards and procedures for investigating and acting upon complaints of police misconduct; and (v) significant issues that have arisen concerning any of the foregoing matters;: Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-

1) Requests that the Commission on Commission on Citizens’ Rights and Community Relations submit a report to this Honorable Body for the July 21 Common Council Meeting; and

2) Requests that the City Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Mayor Brown and the Commission on Citizens Rights and Community Relations.

Adopt resolves, remainder to LEG

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ADOPTED RESOLVES, REMAINDER TO LEG

RESULT: ADOPTED