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TO: Police Reform Working Group- Community Engagement

FROM: Ariel Walker
Director, Office of the City Commission

RE: Recommendations on Community Engagement

On April 1, 2021 the Community Engagement Working Group voted to put forward the following recommendations to the Dayton City Commission (abbreviated below):

1. Work with the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center to establish an evidence-based intervention/diversion program for juveniles charged with violence-related offenses.
2. Establish voluntary engagement sessions in K-12 schools in under-served neighborhoods.
3. Establish a community-based policing model pilot project with holistic community safety and wellness programs with Dayton Public Schools and the City of Dayton.
4. Create and maintain meaningful engagement in the Boards or Committees of Black-led organizations.

In reference to recommendation 1 regarding the development of an evidence-based intervention/diversion program for juveniles with the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center for juveniles charged with violence-related offenses, the City Commission Agrees. The City Commission directs the City Manager to work with the DPD to work with the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center to create a culturally sensitive model to work to achieve parity in access and outcomes.

In reference to recommendation 2 regarding the creation of voluntary session in K-12 schools in underserved neighborhoods the City Commission Agrees. The City Commission directs the City Manager to work with the DPD to implement a program where patrol officers in partnership with the Dayton Mediation Center work with youth to improve relationships and build trust. The program design will include recurring, consistent programming with a focus on change.

In reference to recommendation 3 regarding a community-based policing model pilot project with holistic community safety and wellness programs with Dayton Public Schools and the City of Dayton, the City Commission Agrees. The City Commission Directs the City Manager to work with DPD to design and implement a program with the goal of increasing community trust. This program will be analyzed and assessed for effectiveness to its ability to help solve issues regarding health and wellness.

In reference to recommendation 4 regarding command staff participation in the Boards or Committees of Black-led organizations as a means to create and maintain meaningful engagement with the Black community, the City Commission Agrees. The City Commission direction the City Manager to work with the DPD to identify and participate in these organizations.

As all five Reform Committees continue their work and make recommendations, the City Commission is committed to providing updates during the due diligence and implementation process.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the City of Dayton.

Sincerely,



Ariel Walker

Cc: Ms. Dickstein, Mr. Parlette, Ms. Lofton, Ms. Doseck, Chief Biehl