



Whereas, Since such a large proportion of the New York City police force is made up of non-residents, there has historically been a lack of police understanding and sensitivity to the cultural, ethnic, racial and religious diversities of New York City, and further, such imbalance has often resulted in mistrust, tension, and, at times, violence; and

Whereas, New York City residents who are hired to protect New York City are arguably more familiar and have a greater stake in protecting the City in which they live, and further, this familiarity and greater stake can ease the mistrust and tension, and potentially reduce the incidents of violence and police brutality; and

Whereas, There ought to be a major affirmative hiring plan to recruit police officers from the residents of New York City not just to take the police officer entrance exam, but also to offer guidance through the ensuing application process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Legislature of the State of New York to amend New York State Public Officers Law to require that the hiring of police officers to the New York City Police Department be restricted to New York City residents.

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