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A Local Law in relation to establishing a task force to study and report on training provided to members of the police department

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Task force established. There is hereby established a task force to study the police department training curriculum.

§ 2. Duties. The task force established by section one shall be required to study the police department training curriculum and materials provided to recruits and members of the police department and make recommendations for a new police training curriculum. The new training curriculum shall include, but need not be limited to, recommendations for training related to de-escalation tactics, including sociological, psychological and social work programming, policing in minority communities and cultural sensitivity. In formulating its recommendations, the task force shall consider the current police training offered to recruits and members of the police department, the training provided to members of police departments in other large cities, and any other considerations the task force deems relevant.

§ 3. Membership. a. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 90 days after the effective date of this local law. Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the task force, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

1. The police commissioner or such commissioner's designee;

2. The chief of training of the police department or such chief's designee;
3. The chief of community affairs of the police department or such chief's designee;
4. The chief of collaborative policing of the police department or such chief's designee;
5. The commissioner of health and mental hygiene or such commissioner's designee;
6. Three members appointed by the mayor, provided that one member shall be an employee of the police department with knowledge of such department's training curriculum; and

7. Two members appointed by the speaker of the council, provided that they shall each have relevant expertise in the area of police reform.

- b. The mayor may invite officers and representatives of relevant federal, state, and local agencies and authorities to participate in the work of the task force.

- c. One member shall be designated chairperson by the mayor.

§ 4. Meetings. a. The chairperson shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed, except that where not all members of the task force have been appointed within the time specified in subdivision a of section three, the chairperson shall convene the first meeting of the task force within 10 days of the appointment of a quorum.

- b. The task force may invite experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

- c. The task force shall meet no less than once each quarter to carry out the duties described in section two, however such meeting requirement may be suspended when the task force submits its report as required by section five.

- d. Following the submission of the initial report required by section five, the task force may continue to meet if it deems such meetings necessary, and may make supplemental recommendations, as needed, to the mayor and the speaker of the council until such task force is terminated pursuant to section seven.

§ 5. Report. No later than one year after the effective date of this local law, the task force shall submit a

report to the mayor and the speaker of the council setting forth its recommendations for a revised police training curriculum. The report shall also include a summary of information the task force considered in formulating its recommendations. The police commissioner shall publish the task force's report electronically on the website of the police department no later than 10 days after its submission to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

§ 6. Agency support. Each agency affected by this local law shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the task force.

§ 7. Termination. The task force shall terminate 180 days after the date on which it submits its report as required by section five.

§ 8. This local law takes effect immediately.

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