

# Task Force (Draft) Proposal

## Minneapolis Criminal Justice Reform Task Force

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### Purpose

- Develop recommendations for how the Minneapolis City Council, Mayor and City departments can eliminate racial disparities within the areas of the criminal justice system that the city of Minneapolis controls or influences. This may include recommendations for:
  - Amending city ordinances
  - Reforming practices and policies of the Police Department and City Attorney's office that disproportionately impact people of color.
  - Minimizing collateral consequences for those charged with or convicted of a crime.

### Overview

- The Task Force will be established through City Council Resolution
- The Task force is loosely modeled off of the President's Task Force for 21st Century Policing, giving focus to Policy & Oversight, Procedural Justice & Transparency, Training & Education, and Technology & Social Media
- The National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice has been informed of this effort and recognizes it as complementary to its work with the police department and the community in Minneapolis.
- The scope can be broad and determined by its membership within the charge given to it by the Council but shall include three general phases:
  - Intentional listening to community members,
  - Creation of plans of action as a result of the listening, and
  - Providing recommendations to the City Council, Mayor and, if appropriate City department leaders.
- A report will be issued and the task force's work will be completed with 9 months of its creation.
- Staff Force will be staffed by \_\_\_\_\_.

## Make-up of Task Force

- Seven Government Representatives (6 city, 1 county)
  - City Attorney
  - Hennepin County Public Defender
  - Minneapolis Police
  - Office of the Mayor
  - City Council
  - Civil Rights
  - Neighborhood and Community Relations
  
- Seven (or more?) Community Members
  - Chosen to be representative of various individual, organizational and community perspectives on criminal justice with priority given to those with experience and expertise in the areas of criminal justice reform and racial equity.
  - Resolution could Identify Co-Chairs
  - Some ideas for Community Reps:
    - American Civil Liberties Union, Minneapolis
    - Police Conduct Oversight Commission
    - Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
    - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
    - Council on Crime and Justice;
    - Legal Rights Center
    - Downtown Council
    - Business Organization/Representation
    - Police Chief's Citizen Advisory Council