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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2025-111, As Amended

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
ESTABLISHING A TASKFORCE TO EXPLORE REIMAGINING THE FORMER
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly first established a Public Safety Advisory Commission in May of 1995 through the approval of AO 95-65(S), with an emphasis on community membership, and had the duty, among other things, to create a comprehensive public safety plan for the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2020, Internal Audit submitted *Sunset Audit Report 2020-S1, Public Safety Advisory Commission* to the Assembly with a recommendation to temporarily reauthorize the commission and hold a worksession to discuss its role and whether the commission should continue to be reauthorized or not; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this audit, Assembly members appointed three Alaska Native women to the commission in hopes it could focus on the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Two Spirit within the Municipality and extended the duration of the commission to October of 2023; and

WHEREAS, with a change in administration and a large turnover of members within the commission, Internal Audit suggested a review of the viability of the commission via *Sunset Audit Report 2023-S1, Public Safety Advisory Commission*, once again suggesting a worksession and review of the purpose of this commission; and

WHEREAS, during the debate and vote of AO 2023-69, As Amended, the Assembly agreed to terminate the commission on January 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, since the termination of the commission in early 2024, several Assembly members have explored the viability of bringing back the Public Safety Advisory Commission in some form; and

WHEREAS, to explore this possibility, it is suggested that the Assembly create a task force; and

WHEREAS, multiple current resources exist which this task force should take advantage of, including the APD 2024-2026 Strategic Plan and APD 2009-2023 Office Involved Shooting Review; in addition, APD will be working with a contractor during the remainder of 2025 to conduct a comprehensive review of APD's policies, tactics, training, and supervision related to de-escalation and use of force and getting regular updates on this work could be of benefit to the task force.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. To create a special time-limited task force with the purpose of convening and presenting suggestions to the Anchorage Assembly and Municipal Administration regarding the viability of reimagining the former Public Safety Advisory Commission with an updated mission, duties, and name.

Section 2. The task force shall be convened by the Chair of the Assembly's Public Health and Safety Committee or their designee, who shall determine its membership from a broad array of stakeholder organizations, to include the Mayor or their designee, Municipal agencies including the Anchorage Police Department, the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association, Anchorage School District, and community groups, and meet publicly and provide prior public notice of its meetings. If a designee is chosen to convene the task force, the Assembly shall be notified by AIM.

Section 3. The task force's suggestions shall include, but it not limited to: exploring the role of the community in public safety, including opportunities for public engagement; providing a recommendation on forming a new entity to replace the former Public Safety Advisory Commission, including its mission, duties, membership and name; creating a draft ordinance as part of the final report to memorialize its suggestions in Municipal code; recommending whether a regular systemic review of policies, practices, procedures, and training with the police department should be conducted, to include its frequency, scope and options for community engagement; and other items as identified by or referred to the task force by the Chair of the Assembly's Public Health and Safety Committee. The task force shall review and consider the existing and ongoing analysis and strategy within APD.

Section 4. Provide monthly updates to the Assembly via AIM to the Assembly meeting agenda through the Chair of the Assembly's Public Health and Safety Committee.

Section 6. Submit a final report via AIM to the October 21, 2025, Assembly meeting agenda for review by the Assembly at a meeting of the Public Health and Safety Committee.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of April, 2025.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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