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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
**FROM:** CITY CLERK JENNIFER LAND  
**DATE:** AUGUST 11, 2020  
**RE:** **ITEM 9A:** Resolution of Support for the City of Turlock Police Department

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Councilmember Larson has submitted the attached Resolution of Support for the City of Turlock Police Department, for review and consideration by the City Council.

The citizen-initiated resolution is presented as Attachment A to the proposed resolution with an updated ratio of police officers per thousand residents of 1.06.

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A } RESOLUTION NO. 2020-  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE }  
CITY OF TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT }  
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**WHEREAS**, law enforcement departments across our country have come under scrutiny during 2020, due to the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation has called on the critical evaluation of the use of police force, police accountability, and police budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 8, 2020, Turlock Police Chief Amirfar ordered the use of carotid control holds to be discontinued as the Turlock Police Department understands and is mindful of the responsibility regarding the use of force per Turlock Police Policy section 300; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last five (5) years the Turlock Police Department has reduced the use of force by 65% and in 2019, the Turlock Police Department had a reported use of force in 0.5% of total arrests, 0.16% of total police reports, and 0.02% of total police responded to incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turlock Police Department has and will continue to provide mandated training regarding use of force to be in compliance with recent and future changes in law and continue to promote community policing, and treat all individuals equally regardless of their race; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition that the past several years of decreasing the police department's resources due to City-wide budget constraints as demonstrated by the current staffing ratio of 1.06 officers per one thousand residents, an understaffed Dispatch Center for all emergency services calls, and the elimination of successful Community Outreach Programs, Street Crime Unit, and the C.A.R.E team; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the need to assure all citizens of Turlock that their safety is of paramount importance and the City of Turlock is committed to community-based policing by the desire of reestablishing such successful programs and units as soon as funding becomes available; and

**WHEREAS**, Turlock citizens authored a resolution, as presented as Attachment A, for Council consideration that demonstrates a clear desire for City leaders to produce a statement similar in sentiment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Turlock does hereby adopt a Resolution of Support for the City of Turlock Police Department and declares its full faith and confidence in our local police department and its management.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Turlock fully supports the Chief of Police and the endeavor to complete the formation of the Community Advisory Board to the Chief of Police to further promote community participation in the Police Department. The formation will be in a manner consistent with restrictions placed on gatherings due to COVID-19 and when it is safe and healthy to bring people together again, this level of interaction is imperative to a healthy and transparent discussion with the leadership of the Turlock Police Department to further promote community trust and wellbeing.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Turlock this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
NOT PARTICIPATING:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Land, City Clerk,  
City of Turlock, County of Stanislaus,  
State of California

## ATTACHMENT A

### CITIZEN REQUESTED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the increase in crime rates in the City of Turlock; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the recent vandalism of Turlock City Hall and of multiple local businesses and in recognition of the increasing concerns of citizens of Turlock for their safety and that of their property; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the calls for review of Police procedures and Defunding the Police; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Police Chief Amirfar's recent report addressing such a review and delineating the multiple years of positive organizational conduct and exceptional performance by members of the Turlock Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition that the past several years of Defunding and under staffing of the Turlock Police Department has resulted in it being reactive rather than being proactive as demonstrated by the elimination of Community Outreach Programs, C.A.R.E. teams, probation and parole checks (California Penal Code section 290 sex registrants) and gang compliance checks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Defunding of the Police Department during the past two years has resulted in Turlock having ratio of 1.06 officers per one thousand residents; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Community Priorities Advisory Committee (CPAC) report, the Dispatch Center is severely understaffed and the loss of even one person would be catastrophic impacting police, fire, and emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the need to assure the citizens of Turlock that THEIR SAFETY is of paramount importance to this council and all city staff, and that the security of their homes, businesses, and schools shall not be compromised or neglected by way of budget cuts or staff reductions during this especially tumultuous time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Turlock does hereby adopt a Resolution of Support for the City of Turlock Police Department and declares its full faith and confidence in our local police department and its management and encourages the City Manager and Police Chief to continue their review of policies and use of increased training to ensure ALL citizens are treated with respect, dignity and fairness.