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**Report to Mayor and City Council**

Tuesday, July 07, 2020

Consent

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GEORGE FLOYD "JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT" OF 2020 (CITY COUNCIL)**

**I. SUMMARY**

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilwoman Lula Davis-Holmes. The item requests the City Council to affirmatively state its support of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 as passed by the House of Representatives and to direct staff to proceed with having a letter of support signed by all members of the City Council.

The City of Carson has historically taken positions on proposed federal and state legislation of interest to Carson because of the City's location, economy, programs and policies that could affect its residents.

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE staff proceeding with a letter of support for the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020, as passed by the House of Representatives, to be signed by all members of the City Council.

### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action that Council deems appropriate

### **IV. BACKGROUND**

It has been recommended by Councilmember Lula Davis-Holmes that the City express its support for the “Justice in Policing Act” (Act) passed by the House of Representatives but not yet taken up by the Senate. We have been advised by our legislative advocate that the best action for the City to take is to send letters of support to our federal and state elected officials urging their support of this legislation.

The Act would, among other things, prohibit police from using chokeholds, create a national registry to track police misconduct, lower legal standards to pursue criminal and civil penalties for police misconduct, and ban certain no-knock warrants.

### **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact at this time.

### **VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Exhibit - Draft letter of support for the “Justice in Policing Act”.

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