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Fairbanks Diversity Council

800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

**A RESOLUTION BY THE FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING IN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5939, as Amended, on March 10, 2014, establishing the Fairbanks Diversity Council; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fairbanks Diversity Council is to provide a citizens' forum, to serve as a diversity advisory board, and to recommend the adoption of a Diversity Action Plan to the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, in drafting a Diversity Action Plan, the Fairbanks Diversity Council identified the need to promote diversity in the Fairbanks community by actively supporting the City of Fairbanks Police Department's Community Oriented Policing initiative; and

WHEREAS, members of the Fairbanks Diversity Council strongly support the concept of community policing, which is a philosophy and an organizational strategy that promotes a new partnership between people and their police, based on the idea that law enforcement and the community must work together as equal partners to identify, prioritize, and solve problems such as crime, drugs, fear of crime, social ills, and neighborhood decay, with the long-term goal of improving the overall quality of life for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks Police Department, under the direction of Chief Randall Aragon, has implemented community policing in five neighborhoods throughout Fairbanks and continues to expand their efforts by allocating police officers to particular areas in the community so that they become familiar and can build a rapport with local residents; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies across the country have employed the community policing philosophy, making it a predominant crime-fighting strategy in America today;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks Diversity Council endorses the community policing program of the City of Fairbanks Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as recommended by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, community policing should be infused throughout the culture and organizational structure of law enforcement agencies, including the City of Fairbanks Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as recommended by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, community policing emphasizes working with neighborhood residents to co-produce public safety. Law enforcement agencies, including the City of Fairbanks Police Department, should work with community residents to identify problems and collaborate on implementing solutions that produce meaningful results for the community.


PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of September 2016 by the Fairbanks Diversity Council.

Signed:



John Eberhart, Fairbanks Diversity Council Chair

Attest:


D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk