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CITY OF BEACON RELEASES DRAFT POLICE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION COLLABORATIVE REPORT

Beacon, NY: The City of Beacon today released for public comment its draft [Police Reform and Modernization Collaborative Report](#). The report is in response to Governor Cuomo's [Executive Order 203](#), requiring local governments to produce a plan for reforming police agencies in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd in May 2020. The goal of the report is to promote community engagement in public safety reforms and address racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color. The City will accept public comment at a Public Hearing at 7 p.m. on March 15th and will accept written comments until March 16th via email to cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org.

The City has held three public forums on police reform and modernization since May 2020. In January 2021, Mayor Kyriacou appointed an eighteen-person committee to evaluate current police practices and draft recommendations for additional reform. Members of the committee included a broad cross section of the Beacon community, including Beacon 4 Black Lives representatives, religious leaders, educators, City and County officials, and non-profit directors. The committee was co-chaired by Mark Ungar, a professor and author of publications on public safety, and Pastor John Perez of Beacon's Faith Temple Church of Christ of God and chair of the City's Human Relations Commission. A full list of committee members is contained on page 4 of the report.

Mayor Kyriacou said, "I want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who donated their time and expertise to produce this Report. I have full faith that our Police Department will continue to lead the Hudson Valley into the next chapter of modern policing, and this Report will help us achieve that result."

Pastor John Perez, Co-Chair of the Committee said, "Beacon has been working on reforming its police for many years, and I appreciate the committee members who have worked on this report to continue moving Beacon forward with additional reforms."

Mark Ungar, Co-Chair of the Committee said, "I want to thank every member of the committee for their commitment to security reform in Beacon, and I look forward to incorporating recommendations from the entire community."

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