

Resolution No.

A resolution directing the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department to adopt policies and procedures aimed at increasing institutional trust in vulnerable communities.

WHEREAS all people present in Nashville deserve to trust and be trusted by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, institutional trust is vital to the MNPd completing their mission; and

WHEREAS, questioning victims of crime about their civil immigration status erodes community trust and disincentives vulnerable communities from calling upon the police when life saving services are needed; and

WHEREAS, perpetrators of crime are known to target immigrant communities due to their civil immigration status; and

WHEREAS, every person should have fair access to life saving emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Metro has a duty to administer services in an ethical and non-discriminatory manner; and

WHEREAS, protecting the integrity of Metro agencies is a vital function of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd) is hereby directed to adopt policies that require officers to, at the outset of their investigation, notify victims of crime that disclosure of information regarding their civil immigration status is voluntary and not required for the investigation of the alleged crime.

Section 2. The MNPd is directed to review and revise community engagement and investigation guidelines to prioritize investigation tactics that avoid the collection of civil immigration information of victims of crime, prioritizes the collection of personal information not including immigration status, and requires officers to give notice prior to taking a statement that victims of crime are not required to disclose their civil immigration status.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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