

RESOLUTION NO. 20230309-026

WHEREAS, the Austin Police Department's Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to provide residents with an inside look at the operations of the Austin Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy provides residents with an understanding of the operations of the Austin Police Department, and an opportunity to engage with police officers in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy provides a valuable opportunity for residents to learn about the work of the Austin Police Department and to build relationships with police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy serves as an important bridge between the Austin Police Department and the residents of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy provides an opportunity for residents to learn about the Austin Police Department's policies, procedures, and strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy provides the opportunity for residents to interact with police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy enables residents to gain an understanding of the challenges that police officers face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Police Academy is an important program for police-community relations; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Police Department's Citizen Police Academy was suspended in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

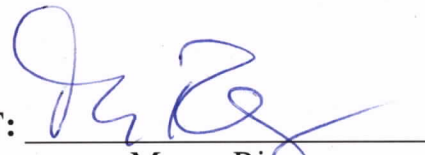
The City Manager is hereby directed to review the feasibility of restarting the Austin Police Department's Community Police Academy as soon as practicable, including:

- Recommendations for how the program's application and screening can be made accessible to a broad and diverse cross-section of the community;
- Recommendations for how the curriculum can be developed, maintained, and delivered in a way that provides opportunities for, and respects, a diversity of opinions regarding police practices and City policy;
- The feasibility of providing college credit or certification hours to individuals who successfully complete the Community Police Academy; and
- Explores safeguards to prevent political activity such as lobbying or organizing using this publicly funded program and its membership or alumni.

The City Manager is directed to report findings back to the Council by May 22, 2023.

ADOPTED: March 9, 2023

ATTEST:


Myrna Rios
City Clerk