

RESOLUTION # 31-2020

Resolution Ensuring Diversity and Standards for the Geneva Community Compact Committee

WHEREAS, the Geneva Community Compact was formed in a spirit of cooperation between the Geneva Police Department and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of a working group such as this requires not only diverse representation consistent with the demographics of the community at large but also standards of attendance and engagement to facilitate proper functioning of the group; and

WHEREAS, the current composition and operations of the Geneva Community Compact does not ensure adequate representation in key areas of diversity such as age, Spanish-language speakers, and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the focus on police reform and accountability brought about locally by the Peoples Peaceful Protest, nationally by Black Lives Matter, and on the state level by Governor Cuomo's directives to local municipalities, requires that the Geneva Community Compact embrace its role as a representative and committed vehicle of change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

The composition of the Geneva Community Compact be expanded to include representatives from the Peoples Peaceful Protest, from the Spanish speaking community, and from direct members or representatives of agencies serving particularly vulnerable populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that selection for and continued membership on the Geneva Community Compact require a commitment to regular attendance at meetings, engagement in topics of discussion and research in between meetings, and an understanding of the unique and important role that the Compact should play in guiding and assisting in efforts to reform policing in the City of Geneva.