



## City Council

### Briefing on the Public Engagement Process for Re-Imagining Public Safety

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#### **Title**

Briefing on the Public Engagement Process for Re-Imagining Public Safety

#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

On January 14, 2021, the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety unanimously approved a public engagement process for Re-Imagining Public Safety.

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Receive a briefing on the public engagement process for Re-Imagining Public Safety.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to receive a briefing on the public engagement process for Re-Imagining Public Safety.

##### **Staff Contact:**

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##### **Presenter(s):**

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#### **Background and Analysis:**

The Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety is scheduled to meet through August of 2021. During that time, the Committee will work with City staff and Council to develop a greater understanding of the current public safety system and consider recommendations on policy and budget options that will reduce inequities, eliminate bias, and create a public safety system that works for all.

Providing staff guidance on engaging the community in a broad and highly inclusive public process to “Re-Imagine Public Safety” is included in the Committee’s 2021 work plan. At their January 14, 2021, meeting, the Committee approved the attached process overview that uses a Participatory Leadership approach.

During the presentation staff will share the approach and how it will be implemented; including the timeline, phasing, and use of a Community Work Group to lead this effort. Staff will also discuss the

process for selecting Community Work Group members as well as roles and responsibilities for the Work Group, Council, Staff, and the newly formed Social Justice and Equity Commission.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

There is broad community member interest in the City hosting a community-wide engagement process on re-imagining public safety in Olympia. In addition to informing possible recommendations for the 2022 budget process, the Re-imagining Public Safety process contributes to the Olympia Comprehensive Plan's Public Health & Safety focus area, and can inform other City efforts aimed at addressing social justice and equity issues.

**Options:**

1. Receive the briefing.
2. Do not receive the briefing.
3. Receive the briefing at another time.

**Financial Impact:**

The approved 2021 Operating Budget includes \$100,000 to support this process.

**Attachments:**

Project Overview

Organizational Structure and Roles & Responsibilities