

Forward Together

An engagement initiative on policing in Modesto



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Bringing it Together

- Recruited Constituent Organizations
- Listening Session on May 22, 2021
- Themes
 - Accountability
 - Policies & Practices
 - Alternate Response Models

Work Group Composition

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- **Constituent & Partner Organizations include:**
 - NAACP
 - LGBTQ
 - Latino Community
 - Faith Community
 - Law Enforcement
 - Stanislaus County
 - Behavioral Health, District Attorney, Sheriff, Public Defender
- **Individuals** (to be selected by the group)
 - Four community members – (not necessarily affiliated with an organization)



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Themes & Focus Areas

- **Accountability**
for police conduct, decisions and how they impact the Modesto community
- **Policies & Practices**
that support safety, fairness and equity throughout the department and community
- **Alternate Response Models**
that ensure the right type of response and resources are applied to a situation



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Next Steps

- **Convene the *Forward Together* work group**
 - Monthly meetings
 - First Meeting planned for July 20, 2021
 - Meetings will be open & subject to the Brown Act
- **Open application process for additional members**
 - Four community members
 - Not necessarily affiliated with an organization
 - To be selected by the group
 - Application period – 4 weeks

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Staff Recommendation

Approve *Forward Together* working group and listening session themes; and direct staff to carry out the appropriate next steps and return to Council with recommendations.

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Questions?

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