



**City of Rochester, NY  
Rochester City Council**

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**Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0018-2024**

Sponsored by: **Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr., City Council President; LaShay Harris, City Council Vice President, Willie J. Lightfoot, Sr., At-Large**

September 11, 2024

To The Honorable  
Rochester City Council  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

**RE: Memorializing the Monroe County District Attorney and Sheriff to assist the Police Accountability Board (PAB) in the discharge of its duties for civilian oversight of the Rochester Police Department.**

Honorable Council Members:

We ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution urging the Monroe County District Attorney and Sheriff assist the PAB in the discharge of its duties for civilian oversight of the Rochester Police Department and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

**WHEREAS**, We, the undersigned members of Rochester City Council, believe that independent civilian oversight of the Rochester Police Department is an important tool to ensure accountability to the citizens of Rochester; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rochester City Council offered the voters of Rochester, through referendum, an opportunity to weigh in on this topic and the Citizens of Rochester voted overwhelmingly to create the PAB; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has been working diligently to operationalize the vision of Rochester residents in this still relatively new entity; and

**WHEREAS**, through meetings with the PAB; Rochester Police Department (RPD); Corporation Council; Mayor Evans' Administration; and staff to discuss pending issues and challenges related to the work of the PAB, it has become apparent that the PAB cannot properly carry out their work without a cooperative and collaborative relationship with both the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department.

**Now, Therefore, be it RESOLVED**, We, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, urge the Monroe County District Attorney and Sheriff to assist the PAB in the discharge of its duties for civilian oversight of the Rochester Police Department by bringing their respective offices' leadership to meet with the PAB's leadership to work cooperatively and collaboratively to resolve outstanding and emerging issues.

Sincerely,

**Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr., President**  
At-Large Rep.

**LaShay D. Harris, Vice President**  
South District

**Willie J. Lightfoot,**  
At-Large Rep.