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take necessary steps to expand these programs.

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Sponsors: Shiva Bidar, Nasra Wehelie, Rebecca Kemble, Syed
Abbas, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Sheri Carter,
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1		Ryan Pennington	Approve
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1		Elizabeth York	Approve

History of Legislative File

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1	Attorney's Office	02/23/2021	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Public Safety Review Committee; Equal Opportunities Commission					

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| 1 | COMMON COUNCIL | 02/23/2021 | Refer | PUBLIC SAFETY
REVIEW
COMMITTEE | |
| | Action Text: | This Resolution was Refer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE | | | |
| | Notes: | Additional referrals to Equal Opportunities Commission, Common Council Executive Committee. | | | |
| 1 | PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW
COMMITTEE | 02/23/2021 | Referred | EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES
COMMISSION | |
| | Action Text: | This Resolution was Referred to the EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION | | | |
| | Notes: | | | | |
| 1 | PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW
COMMITTEE | 02/23/2021 | Referred | COMMON
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE | 03/02/2021 |
| | Action Text: | This Resolution was Referred to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | | | |
| | Notes: | | | | |
| 1 | COMMON COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | 03/02/2021 | Return to Lead with
the
Recommendation
for Approval | PUBLIC SAFETY
REVIEW
COMMITTEE | Pass |

Action Text: Registratants that Spoke in Support:
Benji Ramierez Gomez
Eugenia Maria Highland Granados, YWCA Madison
Gloria Reyes
Carousel Bayrd, YWCA Madison (available to answer questions)

Ms. Highland Granados and Ms. Bayrd were available to answer questions from the members of the CCEC on the restorative justice initiatives and reports that are currently being generated.

A motion was made by Bidar, seconded by Kemble, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval of the Substitute Resolution to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MPD shall work with the youth program coordinators and the Community Development Office to develop an (Add: quarterly) report to the Madison Common Council summarizing the work done in this Restorative Justice program. Said report should include the number of individuals referred to the program, demographics of the individuals referred when available, and the outcome of said referrals. (Delete: Further the report shall include any efforts made to expand this Restorative Justice program or any process improvements); and,

(Additional Language) BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that no reduction of program scope will occur without approval of the Common Council and that MPD shall include in the quarterly report to the Common Council any expansions or process improvements to the Restorative Justice program.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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| 1 | COMMON COUNCIL | 03/02/2021 | | | |
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Text of Legislative File 64342

Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution endorses all aspects of the restorative justice programs and encourages MPD to take necessary steps to expand these programs. No appropriation is necessary.

Title

Endorsing all aspects of the restorative justice programs and encouraging MPD to take

necessary steps to expand these programs.

Body

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice has been a proven tool to help keep youth that commit minor offenses from entering the criminal justice system. The City is committed to offering restorative justice to as many individuals as possible. Youth of color, particularly Black and African American youth, have been disproportionately ticketed by the Madison Police Department and entered into the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with the Dane County Department of Human Services to provide restorative justice to all youth under the age of 17 who have been referred by the Police Department. Under this program, when a Madison Police Officer has probable cause to believe a youth has violated a Madison Municipal Ordinance, the youth is referred to Restorative Justice instead of following the traditional path into Municipal Court. No citation is issued at this time. The youth can voluntarily choose to participate in this program and if they successfully complete the restorative process, the matter is closed. If a youth chooses not to participate in the Restorative Justice process or if they cannot be contacted by the contracted restorative justice provider, a municipal ordinance citation is issued and the matter is referred to the Madison Municipal Court. In 2019, 641 youth were referred by MPD, 83% of these referrals were for youth of color, and 505 youth opted into the program; and,

WHEREAS, all Restorative Justice contacts after the initial referral shall be through the contracted youth program coordinators. When MPD is notified that an individual has successfully completed the program, MPD shares the outcome with the referring officer, closes the matter and does not have further contact with the individual. No records of referrals will be shared by MPD with others in the criminal justice system, unless required by law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City endorses all aspects of the Restorative Justice program and hereby encourages MPD to take necessary steps to expand this program whenever possible and ensure they remain a part of MPD's every day work in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MPD shall work with the youth program coordinators and the Community Development Office to develop an annual report to the Madison Common Council summarizing the work done in this Restorative Justice program. Said report should include the number of individuals referred to the program, demographics of the individuals referred when available, and the outcome of said referrals. Further the report shall include any efforts made to expand this Restorative Justice program; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that MPD shall make no changes to the Restorative Justice program unless it has obtained prior approval from the Common Council.