



JUMP TO SUBPAGE...

[Government](#) » [Mayor's Office](#) » [Executive Offices](#) » [Office of Communications](#) »

Press Releases

Print [Feedback](#)
 Share & Bookmark Font Size:

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms Creates Advisory Council to Examine Atlanta’s Use of Force Policies and Procedures

Post Date: 06/04/2020 3:01 PM

Mayor’s Office of Communications
55 Trinity Avenue, Suite 2500 • Atlanta, Georgia 30303



Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms Creates Advisory Council to Examine Atlanta’s Use of Force Policies and Procedures

ATLANTA—Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms issued an Administrative Order to convene an Advisory Council comprised of community members and partners to examine the City’s use of force policies and procedures. The Advisory Council will make recommendations for operational or legislative changes to the City’s existing use of force policies.

“What we have seen on the streets of our city over the past few days is a byproduct of an inexcusable racial bias that has been ingrained into the fabric of this nation,” said Mayor Bottoms. “While an open dialogue on racial injustice is desperately needed, action is needed as well. The establishment of this Advisory Council is designed to ensure that there is meaningful reform in action long after the fires burn out and the smoke clears.”

The Advisory Council will develop strategies to prevent misconduct by law enforcement officials while engaging the communities they are sworn to protect. The Council will make recommendations to Mayor Bottoms within 14 days of the issuance of the Administrative Order, followed by a more comprehensive report no later than 45 days from the date of the Order.

Mayor Bottoms issued the Administrative Order following a virtual town hall hosted by former President Barack Obama and the My Brother’s Keeper Foundation which featured a discussion on nationwide police reform in the wake of several days of protest across the country. President Obama challenged local leaders to examine their use of force policies by engaging a diverse cross-section of community leaders and stakeholders and use the opportunity to reform existing policies.

More than 1,000 people are killed by police every year in America, and black people are three times more likely to be killed than their white counterparts.

The Administrative Order is the latest move by the Bottoms Administrative to enact meaningful criminal justice reform in the city of Atlanta.

In her first month in office, Mayor Bottoms eliminated cash bond in Atlanta, ensuring that no one languishes in jail because of an inability to pay. Mayor Bottoms also worked with the City’s Department of Corrections and Department of Watershed Management to establish the City’s *Preparing Adult Offenders through Treatment and Therapy (PAT3)* program to assist prison inmates with finding jobs.

###

For more information about the City of Atlanta, please visit www.atlantaga.gov or watch City Channel 26. Follow the City of Atlanta on Facebook and Twitter [@CityofAtlanta](#).

[Return to full list >>](#)



Atlanta City Hall Annex
Atlanta City Hall Tower
Mon-Fri - 8:15 am to 5:00 pm



City Directory

