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To: Honorable Council President Sam Newby
From: CM's Joyce Morgan & Michael Boylan
Re: Safer Together 2020-2021 Report, 2021-2022 Action Steps
Date: September 17, 2021

Communication is one of the foundational building blocks on which society verbalizes its needs and wants. This was the premise behind the creation of the **Safer Together** series of workshops. Council Member Boylan and I have completed the charge given by former Council President Tommy Hazouri, and we are now engaged in the current charge of Council President Sam Newby, as we will continue hosting community discussions under the **Safer Together** initiative:

Council Member Boylan and I have compiled this document as both the final report of the 2020-2021 workshops and the initial statement as we move forward to the next round of community conversations. During our member to member noticed Safer Together meeting, we each responded to the Final Report for 20-21 presented to us by our consultant, Dr. Tammy Hodo. It was prepared by both Dr. Hodo and her associate Dr. Brian Van Brunt. A copy of that final report is attached as well as the written comments from Councilman Boylan and Councilwoman Morgan.

In summary, both reports emphasized the need for a continuation of proactive dialogue and conversations to increase trust, transparency, and help build a respectful relationship between the ALL members of the community and law enforcement. We both acknowledged the presence of Steve Zona from the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police and his representative and Vice President, Randy Reaves. We both also acknowledged that the Jacksonville Sheriff's office provided participants at every workshop and we thanked them for Director Mike Bruno for leading that effort. However, Council Member Boylan added that Sheriff Mike Williams did not actively engage in any of the discussions.

Through the hours of discussions, Council Member Boylan and I both heard a continued call for enhanced and elevated steps to achieving Community Policing in Jacksonville. We believe it will certainly be an important part of bridging the gap to barriers that have kept some members of the community, especially minorities, at odds with a system they feel is biased against them.

Council Member Boylan and I thank everyone who attended each workshop providing valuable information, comments, and insight on their individual perspectives. Some remarks were certainly more painful than others, some touched on the more sensitive subjects of mental health.

The issue that seemed to garner the lion's share of the conversation and corresponding angst among the community participants, law enforcement officials, and union officials was the call for some type of Citizens Review Board or Policy Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1- Citizens Review Board or Policy Review Board discussions to continue immediately
- 2- Community Policing including JSO budget considerations
- 3- Conversations on strengthening Community Partnerships

Mr. Boylan and I have scheduled the first 3 meetings to take us through the end of 2021 and are as follows.

Friday, October 15, 2021 8:30 am to 10:30 am	Citizens Review/Policy Review Board
Friday, November 19, 2021 11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Citizens Review/Policy Review Board
Monday, December 13, 2021 6:00 pm to 8: pm	TBA

Respectfully submitted,

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