



2017 Public Policy Initiatives

To: The Honorable G.T. Bynum
Mayor, City of Tulsa

Issue: Community Policing

The Smart Growth Tulsa (SGT) Community Policing Initiative is a development of community partnerships, problem solving and an organizational commitment from the City of Tulsa to change its current policing strategy by engagement and participation in activities, policies and actions that directly promote the Community Policing philosophy by specifically implementing and measuring organizational strategies to address root causes and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder.

Community Policing should be implemented and managed by the City of Tulsa that includes:

- **Caliber Self-Assessment of Community Policing Tool:** SGT urges COT to complete within the 100 day community policing taskforce deadline the Community Policing Self-Assessment tool, a U.S. Department of Justice nationally recognized standard to establish a baseline of COT readiness and areas of opportunity. SGT notes that Chief Jordan is aware of this tool since inception and is urged to open transparency into its immediate completion.
- **Implement 10 Principles of Community Policing:** SGT urges a FY 2017 action plan for implementing these principles city-wide. SGT's position is that the City of Tulsa must fully implement versus a phased in approach that will create disparities of services and outcomes.
- **Leadership Implementation Plan:** SGT affirms the standard of Community Policing that effective implementation is based on leadership changes and training of existing staff and is not reliant on increasing staffing. We urge a specific plan that addresses how leadership will be accountable to successfully implement Community Policing in FY 2017.
- **Deliver Racial Bias Training:** SGT urges the City of Tulsa to adopt Racial Bias training within FY 2017 for all Public Safety officials.
- **Implement a Community Selection Process for Police Chief:** SGT urges citizen participation in the community policing process. This includes open and transparent participation in the selection of future Police Chiefs for the City of Tulsa.
- **Commit to Tulsa's participation in the US DOJ Presidential 21st Century Community policing program:** Utilize implementation guide, best practices and model policies to improve Tulsa's community policing efforts.

Position:

Smart Growth Tulsa advocates the City of Tulsa implement the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services philosophy of community policing.

SGT seeks to partner with the City of Tulsa in the implementation of this change to address longstanding, racial, criminal justice and social impacts of a disparate policing strategy.

"SGT encourages Tulsa to join the COPS Office in supporting national efforts to implement the recommendations outlined in the [President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report](#). The Task Force recommendations provide meaningful solutions to help law enforcement agencies and communities strengthen trust and collaboration, while ushering the nation into the next phase of community-focused policing."