

**Midtown Community Council (MTCC)**

1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100

Anchorage, AK 99503

**Resolution 2023-06**

November 30, 2023

**REASON,** A resolution supporting AR 2023-405 Contract for pay increases for the Anchorage Municipal Police Dept

**WHEREAS,** the Midtown Community Council (MTCC) is an organization representing the interests of the residents and businesses in the Midtown area of Anchorage; and

**WHEREAS,** the MTCC created a strategic plan with the target of "How to Improve Safety in Midtown, Anchorage;" and

**WHEREAS,** the MTCC believes that if we concentrate on the retention of our trained police officers, we will have more of them on the streets of Anchorage thus lowering long (in some cases 6-8 hours) response times.

**WHEREAS,** the MTCC appreciates the hard work by the APDEA and APD to successfully negotiate a contract that recognizes the work that the brave men and women of APD do daily for the community of Anchorage.

**WHEREAS,** the negotiated contract reflects a commitment by APD to not only recruit and hire professional, educated police employees, but is also focused on retaining those employees.

**WHEREAS,** the APD currently has more officers separating every year from the department, for various reasons, than they can hire.

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the fact that it has become more difficult to attract applicants to a law enforcement career, many agencies are constantly raising the bar, with higher wages, hiring bonuses, moving bonuses, etc. - meanwhile our Anchorage officers are left behind.

**WHEREAS,** the fact that the APD is suffering from high attrition numbers, means that officers are working many hours of overtime right now to adequately staff patrol shifts.

**THEREFORE**, we urge the Assembly to approve the contract so that APD can continue fulfilling their mission of providing excellent public safety services to our community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Midtown Community Council supports the voice of our community and urges the Anchorage Assembly to approve AR 2023-405 to increase safety in our Community Council area by retaining trained police officers.

Resolved, this 13 day of December 2023.

Kristine Stoechner  
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Midtown Community Council President

12-14-23  
Date

Vote: 11 in favor, and 0 opposed.