

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dave Morell, Connie Ladenburg and Marty Campbell  
2 Requested by: County Council

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6 **RESOLUTION NO. R2020-76**  
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10 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Establishing a Public Review**  
11 **Committee to Review Responses from County Law and**  
12 **Justice Departments on Policies, Procedures and Best**  
13 **Practices Pursuant to Resolution No. R2020-43.**  
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15 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council is committed to working to reform current  
16 County policies, procedures and best practices to ensure equity and fair delivery of  
17 services to the public; and

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19 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council passed Resolution No. 2020-43 which  
20 directed the Executive to provide a thorough review of policies, procedures and best  
21 practices of the Sheriff's Department, Corrections system, Assigned Counsel, Medical  
22 Examiner, and Economic Development Department; and

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24 **Whereas**, Resolution No. 2020-43 also requested the Judicial Branch and the  
25 Office of the Prosecuting Attorney to provide a thorough review of their policies,  
26 procedures and best practices; and

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28 **Whereas**, the Council desires to work closely with the public to ensure  
29 transparency and community confidence in the review of these reports on current  
30 policies, procedures and best practices, and in setting forth a perspective to guide and  
31 inform Councils' development of an action plan; and

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33 **Whereas**, the establishment of a Public Review Committee is necessary to assist  
34 in the review of the assessments for each department and to inform the Pierce County  
35 Council in their development of an action plan to create equitable, diverse, inclusive and  
36 fair policies, procedures and best practices within the County; and

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38 **Whereas**, the Council will consider the review and recommendations of the  
39 Public Review Committee to develop an action plan that may lead to modification of  
40 existing policies and practices in a manner that is understanding to the diverse  
41 communities of Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,

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43 **BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:**  
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45 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby establishes the Public Review  
46 Committee to review the reports delivered to the County Council pursuant to Resolution  
47 No. 2020-43, and to provide recommendations on policies, procedures and best



1 practices of the county. The Committee's review and recommendation should be  
2 delivered to the County Council no later than October 30, 2020.

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4 Section 2. The Public Review Committee shall consist of 14 members. Each  
5 Councilmember shall appoint two persons from his/her respective district. Of the two  
6 appointments, at least one shall serve or represent marginalized and/or underserved  
7 communities.

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9 Section 3. The Public Review Committee shall review the responses from the  
10 County Executive on the policies, procedures and best practices of the Pierce County  
11 Sheriff, Pierce County Corrections, Pierce County Assigned Counsel, Pierce County  
12 Medical Examiner, Pierce County Economic Development Department; and the  
13 responses from Pierce County Superior Court, Pierce County District Court, Pierce  
14 County Juvenile Court, and the Pierce County Office of Prosecuting Attorney on  
15 policies, procedures and best practices to:

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- 17 • Identify any gaps in analysis or review provided by the law and justice
- 18 systems in response to Resolution No. 2020-43;
- 19 • Identify any best practices, policies or procedures that should be developed,
- 20 researched, or reviewed further; and
- 21 • Recommend key priorities and strategies for consideration in the
- 22 development of an action plan to implement both short- and long-term action
- 23 by the County Council relative to the participating Executive departments to
- 24 achieve meaningful reform.

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26 Section 4. The Council acknowledges that the priorities and strategies for the  
27 Judicial Branch are governed by the Supreme Court and each individual Court. The  
28 Courts have submitted their reports to the Council as requested. Any comments and  
29 recommendations provided to the Council by the Committee in response to the Courts'  
30 reports will be submitted to the Superior Court, Juvenile Court and District Court for their  
31 review.

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33 Section 5. Administrative support to the Committee shall be provided by the  
34 Office of the Pierce County Council which may necessitate the need for a facilitator.



1            Section 6. The Public Review Committee is advisory to the Pierce County  
2 Council. Recommendations from the Committee are intended to aid the Pierce County  
3 Council in the evaluation of policies, procedures and best practices within the law and  
4 justice departments and the Economic Development Department, and does not  
5 preclude the Pierce County Council from considering policy and legislation regarding  
6 law and justice matters prior to October 30, 2020.

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9            **ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**

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11 ATTEST:

**PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Pierce County, Washington

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17 **Denise D. Johnson**  
Clerk of the Council

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**Douglas G. Richardson**  
Council Chair

