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Agenda Item Number

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September 23, 2019

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Request from Garnet Nordin, 2514 Kingman Blvd., to speak regarding Des Moines Metro Organizing for Action Team proposal for social profiling ordinance.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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REGISTRATION FORM TO SPEAK AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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To: The Honorable Mayor  
And  
Members of the City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa  
c/o City Clerk

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I/we Garnet Nordine  
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hereby request permission to speak at the Des Moines City Council

meeting of September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019, regarding

After reviewing the proposed new city ordinance, the Des Moines Metro Organizing for Action Team has compiled a new report, proposing additional items be included in this ordinance. Copies of the report will be presented to all council members.

Have you contacted any City Staff regarding the subject matter of your request? If so, please advise which department or individual.

Name: Garnet Nordine (less than 5 min.)  
(Signature)

Address: 2514 Kingman Blvd., DM

Daytime Phone: 515-865-4452

**PROCEDURAL RULES OF DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL:**

Part III. Agenda

Rule 16. Citizen Agenda Requests. Any citizen may request the right to have an item placed on the Agenda (including a request to speak) by filing such request in writing with the City Clerk prior to 5 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the Council meeting.

9-7-19

To the City Council:

From: The Des Moines Metro Organizing for Action

As a volunteer with The Des Moines Metro Organizing for Action, I want to thank the Council, for hearing our concerns last October and entering those concerns into the file and forwarding them to the City Manager.

We are thrilled this, revolutionary social profiling ordinance is being drafted, to benefit our African American family members, friends and Des Moines community. Our hope is that this type ordinance, will spark a fire and that other cities across the country will adopt such an ordinance.

After reviewing the newly proposed City Ordinance, (regarding social profiling), we as community members and organizers, are raising the following issues, that we believe need to be amended/improved or still need to be addressed, in this ordinance.

1 Many African American people are socially profiled while shopping/looking around at some private businesses around the city. These types of things have been well publicized

through the media. Many have occurred within the City of Des Moines.

We propose that anyone who wishes to conduct business within the City of Des Moines be made aware that we are a welcoming and inclusive city to everyone, and have this posted somewhere, within the business establishment, for all to see.

2 We propose that city funding be set aside for training, regarding social profiling and for the city to mandate this training, for all private business establishments. We also request that all private business establishments, be required to take this training on a yearly basis, as they continue to learn new ways to eliminate it. We propose that any new private businesses, wishing to conduct any form of business, within the City of Des Moines, be made aware that we are a welcoming and inclusive city and agree to this new ordinance.

3 We are asking for the word RESPECT, to be included, within the ordinance and how this word is being defined, within the ordinance.

4 We are proposing that all city employees, especially law enforcement, be required to take a yearly training/review of respectful "Communication Skills". We are proposing that all law enforcement employees, be required to learn de-escalation skills, rather than just "commanding" specific behaviors, from those they believe, have violated the law. We believe, that by

learning de-escalation skills, the violence and shootings, experienced by many African American citizens, from law enforcement, could start to be eliminated completely.

5 We would like to see the specifics of how one files a complaint, regarding social profiling, to be “posted” in all public and private businesses. We would like for all public and private employees, be able to assist anyone, on how to do this, if anyone believes they have been socially profiled.

In conclusion, we are requesting that this new report, from the Des Moines Metro Organizing for Action team, in response to the current proposed, social profiling ordinance, be entered into the file and forwarded, to the city legal department, for its review and possible inclusion into the new ordinance, before it is entered into law.