

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 230 ON
POLICE USE OF FORCE.

4 WHEREAS, California's law enforcement is charged with a vital role in protecting our
5 communities and keeping people safe; and

6 WHEREAS, we expect our law enforcement officers to engage with the public in a safe and
7 respectful manner at all times; and

8 WHEREAS, peace officers rely on their training to guide interactions with the public and split-
9 second decisions in often tense and life-threatening situations; and

10 WHEREAS, California's policies with regard to the use of force should be updated; and

11 WHEREAS, California's use of force training policies should be standardized across all 500
12 law enforcement agencies; and

13 WHEREAS, there are evidence-based best practices based on sound research and community
14 input that are proven methods to effectively reduce the use of force; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has established case law and reaffirmed a
16 reasonable and enforceable threshold for the use of force as well as strict and objective criteria upon
17 which to judge use of force interactions; and

18 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 surveyed best-practices from around the country and incorporated
19 them into a single piece of legislation that would modernize and update California's use of force
20 policies, and align those standards with the United States Supreme Court's decisions; and

21 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 would mandate that all California law enforcement agencies
22 adopt comprehensive training requirements based on best practices; and

23 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 would provide California's law enforcement communities with
24 the tools and resources needed to minimize the use of force through rigorous training and education;
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26 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 would ensure that California's peace officers would be able to
27 continue to serve their communities and keep them safe; and
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1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 would establish the most comprehensive use of force policies and
2 guidelines in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, it is in the State's best interest for all California law enforcement officers to
4 undergo the best use of force training possible; and

5 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 sets a new national precedent in establishing statewide use of
6 force policy requirements for all departments, and mandates robust training for all California public
7 safety officers on use of force scenarios, including de-escalation, intervention, and medical aid; and

8 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 230 would tangibly minimize the use of force in California.

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10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
11 California, as follows:

12 Section 1: The above recitals are hereby incorporated as if set forth herein in full.

13 Section 2: The City Council of the City of Riverside does hereby support Senate Bill 230.

14 Section 3: The City Clerk of the City of Riverside is hereby directed to convey a copy of
15 this Resolution to the State Legislature and California Governor Gavin Newsom.

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17 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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20 WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

21 Attest:

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23 _____
24 COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

25 I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
26 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at
27 its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

28 Ayes:

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Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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