

**IOWA QUAD CITIES LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

**LETTER OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN**

**THE CITY OF DAVENPORT**

**THE CITY OF BETTENDORF**

**SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**DAVENPORT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE**

**AND**

**DAVENPORT LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS**

Since June 2020, Iowa Quad Cities Law Enforcement Agencies (Davenport Police Department, Bettendorf Police Department, and Scott County Sheriff) and the City Administrators of Davenport and Bettendorf have met regularly with the NAACP and LULAC along with other community members, to discuss community police reform issues that arose nationally in the summer of 2020. This Iowa Quad Cities Law Enforcement Community Partnership (herein referred to as "Partnership) group has met bi-weekly to discuss larger reform efforts in the community and policing such as disproportionality in police operations, strategies to engage people of color in process improvements and recruitment, and review of current public safety organizational policies and other policing matters. This effort was initiated by the current Mayors and administrators of the governmental bodies.

This Letter of Partnership is the result of the ongoing meetings and work that this group has already begun.

The express intent of the parties to this Letter is to work together, in partnership, to maintain and enhance positive relationships between Iowa Quad Cities' law enforcement agencies and the communities in which they serve. The following outlines the structure of the Iowa Quad Cities Law Enforcement Partnership.

**PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE**

*Executive Committee*

The Partnership Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following representatives: President of LULAC, one additional member of LULAC, President of NAACP, one additional member of NAACP, Davenport City Administrator, Bettendorf City Administrator, and the Scott

County Sheriff. The Executive Committee shall nominate and approve the Partnership participants, set and distribute the agenda, take and distribute meeting notes and propose policy priorities for the Partnership to work on subject to the approval of the Partnership.

### *Partnership Membership*

The Partnership will be representative of the Iowa Quad Cities and will include representation from the following groups: Scott County Sheriff's Office, Davenport Police Department, Bettendorf Police Department, City of Davenport Administration, City of Bettendorf Administration, NAACP President or their designee, LULAC President or their designee and 5-7 additional members nominated by the executive committee. It is intended that the members nominated by the executive committee be a broad representation of our community including racial, age and gender diversity. It has been agreed that the participants of the informal partnership group that were participating prior to December 31, 2020 be nominated and approved to continue their service in the newly formed Partnership. The Partnership group shall affirm the policy priorities proposed by the Executive Committee, discuss and work in partnership with the group to address and advance said policy priorities, work with other community groups to share the goals and work of the Partnership.

### *Meeting*

It is the goal of the Partnership to meet on a regular basis as determined necessary by the Partnership membership.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

The Partnership will build upon previous work that has been done by the Davenport Community Advisory Panel both in focus area (from Davenport to Scott County) and mission (from a sole focus on traffic stop study to broader policing and community issues). The initial broader policing and community issues include reducing racial disparities in all contacts between Iowa Quad Cities law enforcement and minorities, recruiting more minorities to law enforcement careers, ongoing training for law enforcement officers, education and access to housing and economic resources.

The Partnership will also focus on education and outreach to the community at large.

### **VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND INTERACTION**

This Letter is the result of voluntary cooperation between the parties. The terms and conditions contained herein are non-contractual and create no independent contractual obligation and/or

duties upon any of the parties hereto. It being distinctly understood and agreed that no party to this Letter shall institute or prosecute any judicial or administrative proceedings of any kind or nature to enforcement any of the terms or conditions herein.

**Terms of Letter**

Signatory parties of this Letter may mutually choose to amend or extend or dissolve the Letter based on evidence of good faith, mutual compliance and benefits to the members of the Iowa Quad Cities community resulting from this partnership. It is also understood that parties of this Letter agree to work in earnest and convene themselves regularly during a three year term to uphold the tenants of the Letter as described herein. This Letter will remain in force for a three year period upon signature of signatory parties with the option to renew upon review and the mutual agreement of all parties.


Signature of Involved Partnership Participants

  
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City of Davenport

  
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City of Bettendorf

  
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Scott County Sherriff's Department

  
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NAACP

  
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