

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING )  
THE RACIAL EQUITY PERMANENT )  
COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE )  
SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND )  
JUSTICE COUNCIL IN CARRYING OUT )  
ITS POWERS AND DUTIES )

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, Spokane County, Washington is a class A county duly organized and existing; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.01.030, the powers of Spokane County can only be exercised through the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington (“Board” or “Board of County Commissioners”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 72.09.300, every county legislative authority shall by resolution or ordinance establish a local law and justice council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 72.09.300(1), the county legislative authority shall determine the size and composition of the law and justice council, which shall include certain individuals in identified positions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 72.09.300, the Board of County Commissioners under Resolution No. 21-0458 created a local law and justice council to be known as the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of Attachment “A” to Resolution No. 21-0458 provides in part as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners on request of the Council, or on its own action may establish permanent or temporary advisory committees to assist the Council in carrying out its powers and duties as outlined above.

; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of Attachment “A” to Resolution No. 21-0458, the Board of County Commissioners desires to establish a permanent advisory committee to be known as the “Racial Equity Committee”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.01.030, RCW 72.09.300 and Section 8 of Attachment “A” to Resolution No. 21-0458, that the Board:

- (1) Establishes a permanent advisory committee to be known as the “Racial Equity Committee”.
- (2) The Racial Equity Committee shall develop a clear and complete action plan to address the disproportionate impact on people of color within our regional criminal justice system as a matter of fairness and integrity to be presented to the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council.
- (3) The Racial Equity Committee shall have five (5) members. Four members shall be appointed by the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council. The fifth member, who shall be the chair, shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Members of the Racial Equity Committee serve terms of two (2) years. Members of the Racial Equity Committee shall represent stakeholders, experts and community members having a diversity of ethnicity and diversity of opinion on the mission of the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council, namely:

Section No. 7: MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Committee is to create and sustain a cost-effective regional criminal justice system that builds a healthy and strong community by fostering the best possible outcomes for the community which are consistent with the law and community objectives of public safety, accountability, just punishment, appropriate treatment and increase public awareness so as to reduce recidivism and increase system collaboration.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON




ATTEST:

  
JOSH KERNS, Chair

  
MARY L. KUNEY, Vice-Chair

  
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