

**A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central
Committee
Resolution #2020-015
Regarding Law Enforcement Accountability**

- A. WHEREAS as noted in Article V Plank 1 of the WCDCC Platform, WCDCC believes that the formation of independent oversight bodies to hold law enforcement accountable is necessary, and
- B. WHEREAS as noted in Article V Plank 2 of the WCDCC Platform, WCDCC believes that all evidenced police misconduct must result in thorough investigation and a fair outcome including criminal penalties to offending officers and restoration to victims, and
- C. WHEREAS a police oversight measure ([Portland Measure 26-217](#) - 2020) passed in the November 2020 election and establishes an independent community police oversight board with the power to investigate complaints made against the Portland Police Bureau, issue disciplinary actions up to and including termination of offending law enforcement officers, and recommend changes to policing policy, and
- ~~D.~~ WHEREAS a senate bill ([SB 621](#) – 2021) was introduced by Sen. Lew Frederick in the first legislative session, which would affirm the ability of a city charter to establish a community oversight board to review disciplinary matters regarding law enforcement officers if a measure with the question of whether to establish such a board were passed by majority vote on an election ballot, and
- E. Whereas a number of Washington County law enforcement entities have established or are in the process of establishing community review boards

THEREFORE We, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) Resolve as Follows:

1. We reiterate our call for police accountability measures and strongly endorse the passage of Senate Bill 621; further, we exhort all our Representatives and Senators to work for its passage.
2. We urge that all county and city jurisdictions establish community police or sheriff oversight boards with authority to rule on matters such as deaths in custody, use of deadly force, complaints of force that result in injury, discrimination, and violation of federal or state constitutional rights, and that such boards have authority to pursue redress through the legal system.