

Cornell University Student Assembly

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1 S.A. Resolution #28
2 Campus Policing Reform
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4 ABSTRACT: The Student Assembly calls for Cornell University to adopt the following changes to
5 university's policing system.
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12 **Whereas,** the student body has expressed concerns regarding our campus police system, and the
13 effects police presence has on students, specifically students of color, in realms of mental health,
14 ability to focus on academics, and overall safety.
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16 **Whereas,** in recent months police brutality towards minorities and people of color has once again
17 invoked national attention following repeated incidents of fatal police encounters.
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19 **Whereas,** the history of prisons and police have disproportionately affected members of the African
20 American community, in addition to mental and psychological trauma resulting from constant news
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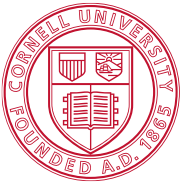
23 **Whereas,** for the reasons stated and unstated above, certain students feel less than safe around
24 police officers, a sentiment which is often extended to campus police
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26 **Whereas,** Cornell prides itself in being a campus for “any person and any study” and must make
27 sure that goes to ensure any student feels safe on campus
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29 **Whereas,** Cornell has already recognized the need to update its police system's policies and
30 procedures and looks to establish a new system to respond to students' calls.
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32 **Whereas,** the Cornell Student Assembly recognizes the work of the CUPD and their efforts
33 pertaining to diversity and de-escalation training.
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35 **Whereas,** there are shortfalls in the communication between CUPD and the student body in regards
36 to department policy, training program, and internal complaints about police officers.
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39 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the Student Assembly calls for the CUPD to annually publish
40 information on the CUPD website regarding relevant procedures and policies: namely, diversity and
41 de-escalation training, the use of force policy, and complaints by members of the Cornell
42 community.

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44 **Be it further resolved,** that Cornell establish an unarmed support unit including social workers,
45 mental health professionals, and others deemed fit, with the set purpose of helping students in non-
46 violent situations such as mental health issues and drug or alcohol use.

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48 **Be it further resolved,** that Cornell administration prioritizes pre-emptive funding and support for
49 CAPS and other university mental health and social services

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51 **Be it finally resolved,** that the Cornell administration re-evaluate when it is deemed necessary for
52 campus police to carry firearms and create a system to limit the number of police or frequency the
53 police carry them when on duty.

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56 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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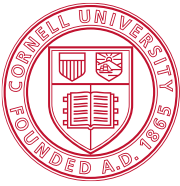
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