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Res. No. 641

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.2913, which would require New York Police Department officers to live within the five boroughs of New York City.

By Council Member Moya, the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams), and Council Members Restler, Hudson and Ossé

Whereas, A.2913, sponsored by Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, was introduced in the New York State Assembly to establish a residency requirement for police officers in cities with a population of one million or more residents, which includes New York City; and

Whereas, A companion version of this bill has yet to be introduced in the New York State Senate; and Whereas, A.2913, if passed, would require newly hired New York Police Department (NYPD) officers to live within one of the five boroughs of New York City within a year of appointment; and

Whereas, According to the NYPD Patrol Guide, NYPD officers are currently allowed to live in the five boroughs or the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, or Orange; and

Whereas, Data from the NYPD indicates that as of 2022, 48 percent of NYPD officers live in New York City, down from 49 percent in 2020, and 58 percent in 2016; and

Whereas, A city residency requirement for NYPD officers has the potential to improve community-police relations, with officers having more of a stake in the city they patrol, and would increase the likelihood New York City taxpayer dollars, which pay for officers' salaries, remain in the communities served by the NYPD; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.2913, which would require New York Police Department officers to live within the

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