

Information Item

Date: January 16, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager, Katherine P. Allen, Assistant Chief of Police

Subject:

Updated information regarding approval of a resolution to create a fourth police district in the City of Winston-Salem to address an increase in calls for service in the downtown area.

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Over the past ten years there has been an increase in calls for service in the downtown Winston-Salem area that has demanded additional downtown staffing. There has also been an increase in the overall population of the area of roughly forty-four percent. The proposal for a fourth police district in the city is to address the growing need for coverage in this specific area, specifically the transient and unhoused population as well as local business owners and downtown citizens. This information item is to provide an update regarding said proposal.

