

# PETITION TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

We the undersigned, all of whom are qualified electors of the **City of Pittsburgh**, hereby petition the County Board of Elections of Allegheny County to place the following question on the official ballot for the Election to be held on May 18, 2021.

## QUESTION

Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter be amended and supplemented by adding a new Article 10: Powers of the Pittsburgh Police, containing Section 1001, which shall bar employees of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police from executing warrants at any residence without knocking and announcing themselves?

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The Home Rule Charter of the City of Pittsburgh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by adding the following Article:

**Article 10: Powers of the Pittsburgh Police**

**Section 1001: No-Knock Execution of Warrants Prohibited**

- (a) When executing any warrant at a residence, a law enforcement officer shall physically knock and announce the presence of police before forcibly entering and shall wait a minimum of 15 seconds to allow the occupants of the residence to respond and open the door.
- (b) When executing any warrant at a residence, a law enforcement officer shall wear a body camera, keep the law enforcement officer's body camera on and record video on the law enforcement officer's body camera:
  - (i) when the law enforcement officer conducts a search;
  - (ii) for a minimum of five minutes before and after the execution of the warrant; and
  - (iii) during any period that involves a subsequent arrest or search of a person or property.
- (c) When executing any warrant at a residence, a law enforcement officer shall be in uniform or otherwise be wearing clothing that makes the law enforcement officer clearly and immediately identifiable as a law enforcement officer.
- (d) A law enforcement officer who fails to adhere to these standards shall be subject to discipline as provided by Bureau policies and regulation.

**STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR**

I state that my residence is as set forth below; that the signers to the foregoing nomination paper signed the same with full knowledge of the contents thereof; that their residences are correctly stated therein; that they all reside in the county specified below; that each signed on the date set opposite his or her name; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the signers are qualified electors of the electoral districts designated in this nomination paper.

By signing below, I agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, regarding any case or controversy arising out of my activities while circulating papers, which shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\_\_\_\_\_ County  
 County of Paper Signers' Resident

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that I am the person whom I represent myself to be herein, and I state that the Printed Name of Circulator information set forth in this section is true and accurate and made subject to the criminal penalties imposed by law for violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Circulator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THIS STATEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AFTER ALL SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED**