### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff;

v.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY, et. al.,

Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-00099-JKB

Defendants.

#### NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC FORUMS FOR MONITOR SELECTION

Plaintiff, the United States of America, and Defendants, the Police Department of Baltimore City and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, (collectively "the Parties"), are engaged in a selection process that will lead to the appointment of a Monitor by the Court. *See* Consent Decree ¶¶ 442-480 (D. Md. Jan. 12, 2017), ECF No. 2-2 ("Consent Decree"). The Monitor will "assess and report on whether the requirements of … [the Consent Decree] have been implemented and provide Technical Assistance in achieving compliance." Consent Decree ¶ 442.

Public input is an important part of the Monitor selection process. *Id.* ¶ 444. To facilitate further public input, the Parties will select finalists from the pool of Monitor applicants who will be invited to participate in two public forums with community members on August 15 and 16. Detailed information about the date, time, and location of each forum is provided in Attachment A.

Information identifying the finalists will be posted on or about August 8 at the following

URL: (1) <u>www.justice.gov/crt/special-litigation-section-cases-and-matters0#police</u> for the

Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division; (2) consentdecree.baltimorecity.gov/Independent-

Monitor for the City; and (3) https://www.baltimorepolice.org/transparency/city-baltimore-

consent-decree for the Baltimore Police Department. Members of the public may submit

questions for the finalists through August 13 via email to <u>Baltimore.Consent.Decree@usdoj.gov</u>.

On August 14, the Parties will post the questions they receive on the websites listed above.<sup>1</sup>

The August 15 forum will be in West Baltimore at:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. BCCC - Liberty Campus Fine Arts Auditorium 2901 Liberty Height Ave Baltimore, MD 21215

The August 16 forum will be in East Baltimore at:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Morgan State University Student Center, 2d Floor, Ballroom C 1700 East Cold Spring Lane Baltimore, MD 21251

At each forum, finalists will have the opportunity to answer the written questions members of the public submitted prior to the forums and speak one-on-one with community members in break-out sessions. *Id.*  $\P$  444(d). One hour of each forum will be reserved for finalists to answer written questions from the public submitted prior to the forums. The second hour of each forum will be reserved for members of the public to speak one-on-one with teams of finalists.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Parties will not post or ask questions that contain irrelevant, threatening, or inflammatory material, or which reveal confidential information. Similar questions submitted by different individuals may be combined or posed together.

To ensure that members of the public are provided a full hour at each forum to speak oneon-one with finalist teams, if the number of written questions submitted by members of the public exceeds the time available for responding to them within the allotted hour, finalists will provide written answers for any questions not addressed during the forums. The written responses will be posted at each of the Parties' websites listed above on or about August 17.

Following the public forums, members of the public may share their feedback on the finalists and make recommendations to the Parties through August 23. Comments following the public forums should be submitted via email to <u>Baltimore.Consent.Decree@usdoj.gov</u>.

By August 25, after considering the feedback and recommendations from the public on the finalists, the Parties will propose one of the finalists for the Court's consideration or, if they cannot agree, the United States and the City Defendants will each submit one of the finalists to the Court. Consent Decree ¶ 444(c). The Court retains the final authority to choose the Monitor.

## ATTACHMENT A







# COMMUNITY FORUMS FOR CONSENT DECREE INDEPENDENT MONITOR FINALISTS

# **TWO LOCATIONS:**

## WEST BALTIMORE Tuesday, August 15, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Baltimore City Community College Fine Arts Auditorium 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

## EAST BALTIMORE Wednesday, August 16, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Morgan State University Student Center, 2nd floor Ballroom C 1700 East Cold Spring Lane Baltimore, MD 21251

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION: We would like to hear from you! Please email your questions to: Baltimore.Consent.Decree@usdoj.gov by August 13, 2017.

### IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND:

The City of Baltimore, Baltimore Police Department, and the Department of Justice will continue to take public comments via email through **August 23, 2017**. You can email your comments to: Baltimore.Consent.Decree@usdoj.gov. The forums will also be televised live through the City's CharmTV Channel 25 and via the website - http://charmtv.tv/

### PLEASE VISIT ANY OF THESE WEBSITES FOR CONSENT DECREE INFORMATION:

consentdecree.baltimorecity.gov

https://www.baltimorepolice.org/transparency/city-baltimore-consent-decree www.justice.gov/crt/special-litigation-section-cases-and-matters0#police