

Resolution to Curtail Police Violence

Adopted unanimously on March 11th, 2015

WHEREAS the homicide of Eric Garner is another in a long list of incidents of excessive and fatal force used by police officers;

WHEREAS police officers have killed many and wounded more, including Eleanor Bumpurs, Ashanti Bartlett, Michael Stewart, Mike Brown, Sean Bell, Ramarley Graham, Oscar Grant, Amadou Diallo, Kendrec McDade, Joseph Guzman, Trent Benefield, Henry Glover, James Brissette, Ronald Madison, Kathryn Johnson, John Crawford, Rodney King, Anthony Baez, Donovan Jackson, Juan Vaquez, Abner Louima, Ousmane Zongo, Timothy Stanbury, Kahlif Snowden, Askia Sabur, Robert Davis, Ethan Saylor, Dymond Millburn, and Diana Johnson;

WHEREAS these actions and others like them violate the public trust and perpetuate the belief that some police officers in New York City and around the country do not value the dignity and life of black men, women, and children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Three Parks Independent Democrats calls upon the Mayor, City Council, Police Commissioner, and all relevant authorities, to:

1. Institute effective training procedures aimed at eliminating these transgressions;
2. Strengthen the Citizens Review Board in its efforts to monitor and report abuses to the Mayor, City Council, district attorneys, and others;
3. Launch an investigation into the homicides of Eric Garner and Ramarley Graham to ensure that justice is served; and
4. Terminate stop-and-frisk and broken-window policies.