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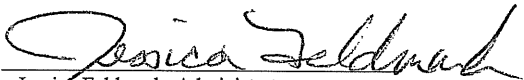
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Resolution No. 16 -2015

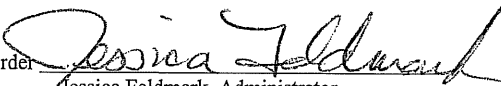
Introduced by: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, and Jon Weinstein

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Howard County Police Department's Citizen Advisory Council establish a Committee on Community Policing and make recommendations related to community policing.


Introduced and read first time February 2, 2015.

By order 
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

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13 policing, including the use of resources which may strengthen community trust and
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