



Board of Police Commissioners

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Detroit Board of Police Commissioners honors *Community and Public Safety Champion Jesse Gonzales*

Jesse Jesus M. Gonzales Sr., a decades-long champion of public safety in southwest Detroit, received a special resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners at its weekly meeting Thursday.

“Mr. Jesse Gonzales has been a tireless worker on behalf of his neighbors and community, which means he has touched most Detroiters because he kept expanding his advocacy until he was impacting the quality of life and public safety for all of us,” said Chairman Willie E. Bell, District 4. “We particularly salute his work in public safety, a dedication exemplified by his graduation from the Citizens Academy for Detroit Police Department and from the one for the FBI.”

In awarding the resolution, Bell added, “As much as we appreciate his work in the community, the Board of Police Commissioners is additionally honored and grateful that, among

his seven children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Mr. Gonzales gave us an exceptional police officer in his daughter, Sgt. Starr Gonzales.”

Bell also noted that FBI Director James B. Comey honored Mr. Gonzales with a Director’s Community Leadership Award just days before his controversial firing by President Donald Trump.

A copy of the resolution is attached.



Created by City Charter in 1974, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners has supervisory authority and oversight over the Police Department. Under the 2012 Charter, the Board is comprised of 11 civilian members; the current members are Bell, Elizabeth Brooks, Willie E. Burton, Lisa Carter, Reginal Crawford, Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Conrad L. Mallet Jr., Derrick Sanders, Richard Shelby and Bishop Edgar

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The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meets weekly on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, except for the second Thursday of the month when it holds community meetings at 6:30 p.m.

For the Board meeting schedule, video, minutes and other information, visit the website at detroitmi.gov/boards/boardofpolicecommissioners.