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CITY OF FERGUSON MOVES FORWARD WITH SELECTING AN INDEPENDENT MONITOR FOR THE CONSENT DECREE

FERGUSON, Mo. – The City of Ferguson has announced the next steps for selecting an Independent Monitor for the Consent Decree, which is part of the Department of Justice agreement approved by Ferguson City Council members on March 15, 2016.

The Independent Monitor will assess and report on whether the requirements of the Agreement have been implemented. The Independent Monitor will also determine whether the implementation is resulting in constitutional and otherwise lawful policing and administration of justice and increased community trust between the public and the Ferguson Police Department and Court.

The Independent Monitor will work with the Parties to identify and address any barriers to compliance. The City of Ferguson has released the following timeline for selecting the Independent Monitor:

- The City of Ferguson in conjunction with the Department of Justice issued an RFA (Request for Applications) for an Independent Monitor for the Consent Decree on May 12, 2016, with a deadline of June 10, 2016. The City of Ferguson received nine proposals.
- Ferguson City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, Ferguson Police Chief Delrish Moss, Ferguson Legal Counsel and Department of Justice officials narrowed the candidates to seven on June 16, 2016. The seven firms were:
 - Husch Blackwell
 - Ebevy YG Learning Solutions
 - Lemire
 - Squire Patton Boggs
 - EPAC
 - Police Performance Con.
 - Police Foundation
- Ferguson City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, Ferguson Police Chief Delrish Moss, Ferguson Legal Counsel and Department of Justice officials will conduct phone interviews of the seven candidates on June 27 and June 28 of this year.

- The City of Ferguson will place the seven Independent Monitor candidates on its website: www.fergusoncity.com and ask for community feedback via email by June 29, 2016. The community can email their feedback to the following individuals:
 - Ferguson City Manager De'Carlton Seewood (dseewood@fergusoncity.com),
 - Department of Justice, Amy Senier (amy.senier@usdoj.gov),
 - Ferguson Counsel, Jared Hasten (JHasten@winston.com).
- On June 30, 2016, Ferguson City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, Ferguson Police Chief Delrish Moss, Ferguson Counsel and Department of Justice officials will select finalists for in-person interviews and inform finalists later that day. The number of finalists selected for in-person interviews is yet to be determined.
- In-person interviews will be held July 11 and 13. Location TBD.
- The Independent Monitor candidates will participate in a community forum the evening of July 11 or 12. Location TBD.
- There will be a second community feedback session on July 14.
- On July 15, the parties will confer and seek to reach agreement on an Independent Monitor.
- The parties will submit their selection to the Court, or notice that they have not been able yet to reach agreement, on July 19.

For more information concerning the selection process, please visit the City of Ferguson's website at: www.fergusoncity.com.

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