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On Tuesday, June 30, 2020, the St. Louis County Board of Police Commissioners held a special meeting wherein a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Louis County Police Department and the Ethical Society of Police - St. Louis County Chapter was ratified by signatures from Chief Mary Barton and Board Chairman Ray Price. County Executive Sam Page had previously signed the MOU on June 19, 2020.

This is a significant milestone in the Department's history. It is the first time since established in 1955 that St. Louis County Police Department and its governing body has recognized that its employees from historically marginalized groups have unique life's experiences and perspectives from which to draw upon for valuable input and have agreed to allow ESOP to be that representative voice.

Although this agreement comes after over a year of opposition from various entities and negotiations, we remain optimistic and eager to work collectively with all interested parties to improve upon the practices and policies that often prove to be barriers for fairness, equity and inclusion for all.

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