Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Resolution XXX*}

A Resolution Concerning
The Private Police Force and SB793

Introduced By: Vice President **Miranda Bannister** and considered this **30th** day of **April** in the Year **2019**

Sponsored By: Junior Class Senator **Chanel Lee, Freshman Class Senator Alex Forlenza**

Authored by Senior Policy Advisor Olivia Morse of the Policy, Research, and Development Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

Whereas the 2018-2019 SGA Referendum found that, by a significant margin of 74.4% to 25.6%, the student body is not in favor of the private police force.

Whereas numerous student organizations, including the BSU, Hopkins Coalition Against ICE, ASA, etc., have expressed opposition and concern regarding the creation of a private police force.

Whereas over 60 faculty members signed a resolution denouncing the creation of a private police force.

Whereas numerous community organizations, including the ACLU of Maryland, Baltimore Ceasefire, United Workers, etc., have voiced their opposition to the private police force.

Whereas SB793 mandates that Johns Hopkins University receives a majority of support from community members in the patrolled areas for the operation of the University's private police force officers. [1]

Whereas SB793 mandates that Johns Hopkins University hold two public forums regarding matters pertaining to the police force prior to the implementation of said police force.[2]

Whereas Johns Hopkins University has failed to publicly address the student, faculty, and community opposition to the implementation of the private police force.

Whereas the administration of Johns Hopkins University has claimed widespread support from both JHU affiliates and Baltimore community members for the establishment of a private police force, but has failed to produce data or research supporting this claim.

Whereas the administration of Johns Hopkins University has failed to conduct an independent referendum in order to determine the opinions of JHU students, faculty, and staff on the creation of a private police force.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that SGA requests that Johns Hopkins University release a statement detailing how it plans to measure and prove that it has widespread community support for the creation of a private police force.

1. Specifically, we ask that this statement include a list of student and community organizations which have voiced both support and opposition to the creation of a private police force.
2. Furthermore, we ask that this report include a statement detailing how concerns, including racial bias within the police force, student and community safety, mental health implications, etc., that have been voiced by SGA and other student and community organizations will be addressed by the University should the private police force be implemented.
3. We ask that this statement be administered to the entire undergraduate and graduate student body, faculty, and staff of Johns Hopkins University.

Be It Further Resolved that SGA requests that Johns Hopkins University halt all further action on the implementation of the private police force until the public forums mandated in SB793 have been held.

1. Specifically, we ask that Johns Hopkins University refrain from holding these forums until the start of the 2019-2020 academic year in order to allow all Johns Hopkins University students, faculty and staff who wish to attend said forums to do so.
2. We also request that the date, time, and location of the forums be publicized to community members and Johns Hopkins affiliates at least 10 days in advance of the forums, in accordance with SB793.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Johns Hopkins Board of Trustees; Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Maureen S. Marsh; University President, Ronald Daniels; University Provost, Sunil Kumar; and Dean of Student Life, Smita Ruzicka.

The Resolution hereby **X** by a vote of **X** to **X** with **X** abstentions.

Upon adoption, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Senate to be affixed to this resolution indicating the senate's assent and thus officially designating the resolution's adoption as the position and is will of the Senate and the Student Body of The Johns Hopkins University.

Signatures of Enactment:

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Miranda Bannister
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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AJ Tsang
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Aspen Williams
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

ADDENDUM A — DEFINITIONS

1. *SGA* — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
2. *Private Police* — The term "private police" or "private police force" shall refer to the possible armed security force that Johns Hopkins is attempting to establish
3. *Referendum* — refers to the survey put out by the SGA gathering data on several topics one of which was the private police
4. *ASA*- refers to the Johns Hopkins African Student Association
5. *BSU*- refers to the Black Student Union

6. *SB793*- refers to Maryland Senate Bill 793, the Community Safety and Strengthening Act, which permits the creation of the Johns Hopkins University police force in the case that the University comply with certain conditions outlined in the bill.

ADDENDUM B — SOURCES

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[1] http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/sb/sb0793E.pdf

[2] http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2019RS/bills/sb/sb0793E.pdf