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**A Resolution**

To be entitled the Removal of Excessive and Abusive Policing Resolution, calling for the dissolution of the University Police Department.

**WHEREAS:** Over-policing specifically targets and endangers people of color; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University’s student population is mostly people of color; and

**WHEREAS:** In order to be truly inclusive, the needs of people of color must be set as a priority and not an afterthought, especially in an institution that historically has disenfranchised people of color; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University falls into San Marcos Police Department’s jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS:** Police Department was created to use discretion and protect students from sever legal consequences, however, University Police Department fails to use this discretion and persecutes students; and

**WHEREAS:** UPD officers do not receive enough training in de-escalation, LGBTQIA+ sensitivity, disability sensitivity, and racial sensitivity out of a lack of priority; and

**WHEREAS:** University Police Department has been documented to use their discretion in favor of white supremacists, releasing 5 trespassing violent militarized white supremacists with with no charges in December of 2017; and

**WHEREAS:** University Police Department has refused to use their discretion in favor of non-violent student protestors resulting 8 separate arrests; and

**WHEREAS:** University Police has a history of using excessive force against students; and therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas State University Student Senate calls for the dissolution of the University Police Department

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Upon passage, this resolution be forwarded to student body president for further action.