



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 32

December 16, 1991

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE  
FOR THE INCREASE THE PEACE CORPS**

WHEREAS, the effort to establish harmony and goodwill in the City of New York would be aided by individuals who are trained to assist in preventing and resolving conflicts in their communities and who are prepared to foster understanding and respect among diverse groups within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York is home to a multitude of fair-minded individuals willing to act to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods and in the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a program to select, train and assist such individuals would provide them with the knowledge and resources necessary to enable them to assist in preventing and resolving conflicts in their communities and to establish harmony, goodwill, understanding and respect among diverse groups within their communities and in the City as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered;

Section 1. a. Establishment of the Mayor's Office for the Increase the Peace Corps. There is hereby established within the Office of the Mayor, the Mayor's Office for the Increase the Peace Corps, to be headed by an Executive Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Executive Director shall report to and be directly accountable to the Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Affairs (Deputy Mayor).

b. Establishment of Increase the Peace Corps. There is hereby established an Increase the Peace Corps, to be headed by the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for the Increase the Peace Corps and to be comprised of people who have volunteered for and have been selected by the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps for participation. Anyone, regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, income, or alienage or citizenship status, may apply for membership in the Increase the Peace Corps. It shall be the goal of the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps to select, train and deploy increase the Peace Corps volunteers in the City's communities. Applicants will be selected on the basis of criteria established by the Executive Director, including leadership ability, motivation, dedication, initiative, creativity, experience and fair-mindedness.

c. Increase the Peace Corps volunteers shall:

- (1) work to prevent and to resolve conflicts among diverse groups in the community;
- (2) participate in the orientation training program and in periodic additional training programs administered by the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps;
- (3) assist the Office for the Increase the Peace of Corps in the development, implementation and maintenance of program designed to increase contacts and improve relations among diverse groups in the community; and
- (4) participate in existing community organizations in an effort to increase contacts and improve relations among diverse groups in the community.

Section 2. Operating Board. a. There shall be in the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps an Operating Board consisting of the Commissioner of the Community Development Agency, the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights, the Chair of the New York City Housing Authority, the Commissioner of Youth Services and the Director of the Community Assistance Unit, who shall serve ex officio, and three members who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Mayor shall designate one member of the Operating Board to serve as chair. The members of the Operating Board shall serve without compensation.

b. The Operating Board shall have the following powers and duties;

- (1) to advise and assist the Executive Director in regard to the development, Implementation and maintenance of Increase the Peace Corps program and the identification of existing programs, in which Increase the Peace Corps volunteers could participate;

(2) to ensure that city agencies cooperate with and assist the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps and Increase the Peace Corps volunteers; and

(3) to advise and assist the Executive Director in fundraising efforts and enlisting the participation and support of private corporation, individuals an non-profit making organizations.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of Executive Director. The Executive Director shall have the following powers and duties:

a. to develop, establish, evaluate and revise criteria and programs for the selection and training of Increase the Peace Corps volunteers;

b. to develop, implement and maintain programs, and to identify existing programs, that will use Increase the Peace Corps volunteers to prevent and to resolve conflicts in the community and to foster understanding and respect among diverse groups within the community;

c. to consult with the Operating Board on the development, implementation and maintenance of Increase the Peace Corps programs and the identification of existing programs, in which Increase the Peace Corps volunteers could participate;

d. to prepare, and submit to the Deputy Mayor and to the Operating Board, a semi-annual report which shall contain a description of: the criteria for selection of Increase the Peace Corps volunteers; the training provided to Increase the Peace Corps volunteers; Increase the Peace Corps programs, and other programs, in which Increase the Peace Corps volunteers participate; the cost of Increase the Peace Corps programs; Increase the Peace Corps programs in the development stage; the anticipated cost of such programs; and such other information as the Deputy Mayor or Operating Board may request;

e. to appoint and supervise a staff, within available resources;

f. to oversee the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps budget and expenditures;


g. to promote public awareness of Increase the Peace Corps goals, programs and achievements; and

h. to perform such other related functions as the Mayor or Deputy Mayor shall direct.

Section 4. Advisory Council. There shall be in the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps a broad-based advisory Council, which shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. Members shall include representatives of community, business, labor, religious and educational groups, government agencies and the media. The members of the Advisory Council shall serve without compensation.

Section 5. All City agencies are directed to cooperate with and to provide all necessary assistance to the Office for the Increase the Peace Corps.

Section 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.



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MAYOR