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2 **Equal Protection Task Force - African-American Residents** – For the purpose of  
3 establishing a temporary advisory Task Force commissioned to provide the Mayor and  
4 City Council with a public forum for studying and preparing reports about the issues of  
5 African-American residents of the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to  
6 said Task Force.

7 **..Body**

8 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
9 *City of Annapolis*

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11 **Resolution 24-18**

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13 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Rodriguez,**  
14 **Alderwoman Tierney, Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge**

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16 **Referred to:**

17 Public Safety Committee

18 Housing and Human Welfare Committee

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20 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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22 **EQUAL PROTECTION TASK FORCE – AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESIDENTS**

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24 **FOR** the purpose of establishing a temporary advisory Task Force commissioned to  
25 provide the Mayor and City Council with a public forum for studying and  
26 preparing reports about the issues of African-American residents of the City of  
27 Annapolis; and matters generally relating to said Task Force.

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29 **WHEREAS,** the City Council adopted R-7-17 on June 19, 2017 for the purpose of  
30 establishing a temporary advisory Task Force to study and prepare reports  
31 about the issues of foreign-born residents of the City of Annapolis; and

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33 **WHEREAS,** the City Council further wishes to establish a temporary advisory Task  
34 Force to study and prepare reports about the issues of African-American  
35 residents of the City of Annapolis;

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37 **WHEREAS** this additional advisory Task Force is commissioned to address concerns  
38 and questions raised about the needs, circumstances, and issues of  
39 African-American residents in the City of Annapolis in each of the  
40 following areas: 1) transportation, 2) education, (3) communication, 4)  
41 economics and finances, 5) social and political concerns, 6) health care, 7)  
42 housing; and 7) city services and outreach.

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44 **NOW, THEREFORE,**  
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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that establishment of  
2 the Annapolis Equal Protection Task Force – African-American Residents be and the  
3 same is hereby approved.

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5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that  
6 in support of those purposes:

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- 8 1. The members of the Task Force shall be no more than nine (9);
- 9 2. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation;
- 10 3. The members of the Task Force shall elect from among their membership a chair,  
11 vice chair and secretary;
- 12 4. The City Council shall solicit volunteers for membership on the Task Force from  
13 the Annapolis area;
- 14 5. The Task Force shall meet publicly at least quarterly and, where feasible, shall  
15 take testimony from the public at each meeting;
- 16 6. The Task Force may adopt bylaws and rules of procedure as it deems necessary  
17 and desirable for the conduct of its meetings and activities;
- 18 7. Findings and recommendations of the Task Force shall be submitted publicly in a  
19 quarterly report to the Mayor and City Council;
- 20 8. The chair, vice chair and secretary shall ensure that the business of the Task Force  
21 shall be conducted consistent with the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings  
22 Act and Robert's Rules of Order (11<sup>th</sup> Edition);
- 23 9. The Task Force shall have no authority to render public decisions or opinions, or  
24 accept complaints, or act as a mediator to resolve disagreements;
- 25 10. In the event of any actual or perceived conflicts between the Task Force and the  
26 Human Relations Commission, the Task Force shall defer to the authority of such  
27 Commission; and
- 28 11. The term of the Task Force shall end June 30, 2019, unless the City Council takes  
29 further action to extend such term.  
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