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

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 24-18**

**Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Rodriguez,  
Alderwoman Tierney, Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Henson,  
Alderman Savidge, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Paone**

**Referred to:**

Public Safety Committee

Housing and Human Welfare Committee

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** this additional advisory Task Force is commissioned to address concerns and questions raised about the needs, circumstances, and issues of African-American residents in the City of Annapolis in each of the following areas: 1) transportation, 2) education, (3) communication, 4) economics and finances, 5) social and political concerns, 6) health care, 7) housing; and 8) city services and outreach.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that establishment of the Annapolis Equal Protection Task Force - African-American Residents be and the same is hereby approved.

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

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