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Fwd: Equal Protection Task Force R-7-17

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Sat, May 6, 2017 at 5:02 PM

To: "Ald. Joe Budge" <aldbudge@annapolis.gov>, "Ald. Jared Littmann" <aldlittmann@annapolis.gov>, "Ald. Kenneth A. Kirby" <aldkirby@annapolis.gov>, "Ald. Ian Pfeiffer" <aldpfeiffer@annapolis.gov>, Mayor <mayor@annapolis.gov>

Remaining Colleagues and Mayor:

Please see below.

Feel free to contact me at any time should you have any further concerns, comments, etc.

I am hopeful that our Rules Committee meeting will be a positive one on May 9; thereafter, I will be requesting that Jacqueline add R-7-17 to our City Council agenda for May 22, 2017. I am cc Jacqueline here.

Thanks again.

Rhonda

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From: **Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles** <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov>

Date: Sat, May 6, 2017 at 4:56 PM

Subject: Re: Equal Protection Task Force R-7-17

To: Roxana Rodriguez <rrodriguez@annapolis.gov>

Cc: "Ald. Ross Arnett" <aldarnett@annapolis.gov>, "Ald. Sheila Finlayson" <aldfinlayson@annapolis.gov>, "msfin@aol.com" <msfin@aol.com>, Cyndi Gaines <cgaines@annapolis.gov>

Roxana:

Thanks so much for your invaluable insight here.

I too got a bit behind in my duties as well. (Us folks with 2 jobs sometimes find ourselves running a bit behind.)

Not a problem at all.

On April 11, 2017, this Resolution was postponed until the next Rules and City Government Committee meeting--Tuesday, May 9--for me to investigate further--more specifically, for me to discuss this legislation with you, our City's Hispanic Community Services Specialist, for the purpose of gaining your thoughts and perspectives regarding this Resolution.

I am forwarding your e-mail here to my colleagues on the Rules Committee (Chair, Alderman Arnett, and Member, Alderwoman Finlayson). The insight and recommendation here will assist us in our vote on May 9--hopefully, to recommend this Resolution to the full City Council for a final and favorable vote. I sit as a Member on this Committee.

I am also forwarding your e-mail here to Alderman Paone who sits on the Public Safety Committee (Chair, Alderwoman Finlayson) since this legislation was referred to the Public Safety Committee on April 10, and was voted on favorably to recommend it to the full City Council, likewise for a final and favorable vote. I sit as a Member on this Committee as well.

I am also asking here that if Alderman Arnett and/or Alderwoman Finlayson would like for Roxana to appear before the Rules Committee on this coming Tuesday, May 9, then please let Roxana and me know via this e-mail so that Roxana can arrange her schedule to appear at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

Otherwise, Roxana and I can meet face to face sometime after May 9 for the purpose of initially discussing the logistics, etc., of the Task Force. Beyond that, my role is to allow Roxana and her "team" to develop the Task Force as they best see fit; and to provide any support and assistance that they request of me.

If anyone has any objections and/or additions to make to what has been proposed in this e-mail, then please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, I will assume that we are prepared to vote on May 9 to favorably refer this Resolution to the full Council for a favorable vote.

I am also cc here our City Council Associate, Ms. Cyndi Gaines. I am requesting that she make this e-mail a part of the official record of our May 9 meeting.

Roxana, thank you again.
Rhonda

On Fri, May 5, 2017 at 4:45 PM, Roxana Rodriguez <rrodriguez@annapolis.gov> wrote:
Hi Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles,

Pardon me for not getting back to you immediately, but I soon as I send an email for the business seminars I received many replies, calls and also I wanted to take the time to read and understand in depth the Advisory Task Force before getting back to you.

What are your thoughts regarding the formation of this Advisory Task Force?
Do you believe that it would be worthwhile and beneficial?
What benefits do you see?
What challenges do you see with the formation of this Advisory Task Force?

I strongly believe this is absolutely great, creating an advisory would give the Council and the Mayor to understand more about the challenges the Immigrant community encounters. It would be worthwhile and beneficial not only for the Hispanic community but for the entire city. There are so many non-hispanics city residents looking for ways and resources to assist their Immigrant workers, friends, neighbors, etc... It will be beneficial because the city would be aware of the issues and collaboratively work with already existing resources around the City, or find a solutions for thoses issues that affect the immigrant community.

The challenges finding the right individuals, building the group to work together without trying to solve situations or getting use to work with the Human Relations Commissions, keep this group engage because of their individuals responsibilities, etc... but it can get it done, no doubt.

Let me know if we can get together soon, Tue, Wed & Thurs work better before 10am or after 2pm.

And thanks so much for working on this to make better the lives of the immigrant community, and the city.

Roxana

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 12:50 AM, Ald. Rhonda PindellCharles <aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov> wrote:

Roxana:
Hope all is well.

If you are unaware, in late winter, I introduced a City Council Resolution, R-7-17, Equal Protection Task Force. Its purpose is set out in the title: For the purpose of creating 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 FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS; and matters relating to said TASK FORCE.

See attached (some very minor changes/amendments have been made to the Resolution.)

With your leadership, it is my goal to secure 7-9 persons to serve on this 1 year Advisory Task Force. They would meet monthly if needed, in a public forum; listen to the thoughts and suggestions of members of the community; and after 1 year, they would provide the Council with a report outlining your findings and suggestions on how to proceed forward.

I am reaching out to you for your insight and opinion for several reasons:

You are our City's Hispanic/Latino Outreach Specialist.

You have an excellent relationship with our minority community.

You are very knowledgeable about what the immigrant community is in need of and/or could benefit from and/or the challenges that they face.

You would be able to easily find persons to serve on this Advisory Task Force.

I recall our conversation in the hallway of City Hall back in December, and our discussion regarding people that we both knew and/or have worked with who would be strategic in assisting the immigrant community overall. In my mind, this Advisory Task Force would be the perfect vehicle to make that happen.

My thought is that an immigration Ordinance is great; however, I believe that more is needed--something tangible--a roadmap to follow as we tackle the issues confronting the immigrant community. I have worked with the immigrant (Latino, Asian, and Middle Eastern/South Asian) communities since 2004. From Oct. 2004-Oct. 2005, I was the

Program Manager for the Office of Minority Health, Anne Arundel County Health Department, where we made sure that the health messages were disseminated to the African-American, Latino/Hispanic, and Asian communities. From Jan. 2006-present, I have worked at Anne Arundel County Public Schools with 4 different minority communities on a consistent basis--African-American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian, and South Asian/Middle Eastern.

What are your thoughts regarding the formation of this Advisory Task Force? Do you believe that it would be worthwhile and beneficial? What benefits do you see? What challenges do you see with the formation of this Advisory Task Force?

Please contact me at your earliest convenience. And we can certainly sit down for coffee/tea and talk more about this--especially, what your vision is.

Thanks so much.
Rhonda

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