



City of Annapolis

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~~Equal Protection Commission~~**TASK FORCE** - For the purpose of creating a TEMPORARY ADVISORY TASK FORCE ~~Commission to study and~~ 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 ~~to recommend and act to understand, mandate and enforce~~ "equal protection under the law" in Annapolis; and all matters relating to said ~~Commission~~**TASK FORCE**.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
**City of Annapolis**

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Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Paone

Referred to:  
Public Safety Committee  
Rules and City Government

A RESOLUTION concerning

**EQUAL PROTECTION ~~COMMISSION~~ TASK FORCE**

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**WHEREAS** ~~the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all persons equal protection of law; and~~

**WHEREAS** ~~the Mayor and City Council have a fundamental and compelling interest in providing all persons in Annapolis with equal protection applicable to the laws of the City as codified in the Annapolis City Code, as revised from time to time; and~~

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and City Council desire to address ~~the~~ concerns, ~~fears~~ and questions raised about THE NEEDS, CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ISSUES OF FOREIGN-BORN 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, AND 7) CITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH ~~matters of equal protection enforcement of laws under the City of Annapolis jurisdiction.~~

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City of Annapolis Equal Protection ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE be and the same is hereby appointed.

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

1. The members of the ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE shall be no more than NINE (9), with a chair to be elected;
2. The members of the ~~Commission~~TASK FORCE shall serve without compensation;
3. The members of the ~~Commission~~ 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.
45. The ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall meet publicly at least ~~once a month~~QUARTERLY and, where feasible, shall take testimony from the public at each meeting;
56. Findings and recommendations OF THE TASK FORCE shall be submitted publicly in a quarterly report to the Mayor and City Council; and
67. The CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE business of the ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall be conducted consistent with the provisions of THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND Robert's Rules of Order (11th Edition).
8. THE TASKFORCE SHALL HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO RENDER PUBLIC DECISIONS OR OPINIONS, OR ACCEPT COMPLAINTS, OR ACT AS A MEDIATOR TO RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS;
9. IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE TASKFORCE AND THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, THE TASKFORCE SHALL DEFER TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUCH COMMISSION; AND
10. THE TERM OF THE TASKFORCE SHALL END ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, UNLESS THE CITY COUNCIL TAKES FURTHER ACTION TO EXTEND SUCH TERM.

ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2017.

**Aye:** 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Pfeiffer

**Abstain:** 2 Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

THE ANNAPOLIS  
CITY COUNCIL

  
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Michael J. Pantelides

Date 6-23-2017

ATTEST

  
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Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC

Date 6/29/17