



Legislation Text

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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**

**Resolution 7-17**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (11<sup>th</sup> 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.