



Legislation Text

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Equal Protection Task Force - 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 foreign-born residents of the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to said Task Force.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 18-18

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

Referred to:

A RESOLUTION concerning

EQUAL PROTECTION TASK FORCE

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 foreign-born 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 R-7-17 expires on June 20, 2018 and the temporary advisory Task Force has yet to be commissioned; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to provide an additional year during which the advisory Task Force may be commissioned address concerns 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.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

1. The members of the Task Force shall be no more than nine (9);
2. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation;
3. The 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. Findings and recommendations of the Task Force shall be submitted publicly in a quarterly report to the Mayor and City Council;
7. 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 (11th Edition);
8. The Task Force 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 Task Force and the Human Relations Commission, the Task Force shall defer to the authority of such Commission; and
10. The term of the Task Force shall end June 30, 2019, unless the City Council takes further action to extend such term.