

# Howard County Council

## Racial Equity Task Force



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**Meeting:** Racial Equity Task Force – Kickoff

**Date:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 4:30 PM

### Task Force Members Attending:

Allison Sayers	Jean Silver-Isenstadt	Suzanne Haley
Aaron Johnson	Isabella Battish	Rich Gibson
Allyson Owens	Jonathan Studdard	Rashida George
Ayesha Holmes	Laura Mettle	Phillips Engelke
Beth Hufnagel	Kathryn Valentine	Paula Goodwin
Bitia Dayhoff	Karen Randall	Patricia Silva
Buffy Illum	Jumel Howard	Pamela Pina
Chiara D'Amore	Ian Kennedy	Nia Leak
Dana Davenport	Jacky McCoy	TiQuoria Jackson
Darin Atwater	Leonardo McClarty	Vonda Orders
David Koralov	Maya Carey	Ying Matties
Delora Sanchez Ifekauche	Meina Liu	Young Ran Smith
Eduardo Ribeiro	Michael Allen	Yvette Oquendo
Erika Chavarria	Minah Woo	Yvonne Commodore-
Grace Ko	Myiesha Padder	Mensah
Gus Bibum	Nat Alston	Zainab Chaudry
Jonathan Edelson	Natalie Pretzello	Zikora Akanegbu
Jonathan Branch		Rahel Petros
Jessica Coates		Ying Matties

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## **DRAFT Minutes:**

### **I. Call to Order**

Lauren Marra, Facilitator opened the meeting with an introduction of Groundwork Partners and her colleague, Karla Morrison-Brooks.

### **II. Kickoff Presentation**

Lauren asked the Howard County Council Members to share a few words.

Council member Opel Jones – discussed the process of the bill; thankful to the community for the wonderful work they will be completing

Councilmember Deb Jung – thanked those on the call for agreeing to participate in the important work for the County

Councilmember David Yungmann – thanked those participating on the Task Force for their service to county and their fellow residents. Hoped this would allow an opportunity to connect leaders in the community and form networks.

Councilmember Christiana Rigby – expressed gratitude to each member for their willingness to serve and their dedication, passion and persistence.

Councilmember Liz Walsh – expressed excitement to see what the Task Force would accomplish and happy the Council funded the endeavor in partnership with Horizon Foundation.

Lauren and Karla then resumed the meeting

*\*Refer to additional meeting materials on the Racial Equity Task Force Website titled: "Presentation"*

Gary Kuc and Amanda Mihill from the Office of Law then presented

Gary and Amanda presented to the subgroup on The Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act

*\*Refer to additional meeting materials on the Racial Equity Task Force Website titled: "Open Meetings Act Guidelines" and "Public Information Act Guidelines"*

Gary and Amanda then opened the floor for questions and points of clarification.

Lauren then resumed the Kickoff meeting agenda using the "Presentation" (slide show) which discussed the Task Force overview, goals, structure and stakeholder groups

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### **III. Closing**

The facilitators then opened the meeting to the subgroup members to ask clarifying questions before the meeting ended.

Meeting adjourned.

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