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Framework for ANC 3/4G's
Task Force on Racism

On June 8, 2020, ANC 3/4G approved a Statement on Racism (<https://bit.ly/3dsxsJ3>). That Statement included creation of a Task Force to identify equity and justice issues within our community and to propose concrete solutions. The Commission discussed the Task Force at its June 22, 2020 meeting and emphasized the Task Force's objective to focus on substantive issues and specific actions that the Commission can take. The Commission indicated that it would establish a framework for the Task Force to guide its work, including its mission, organization, and timetable.

Task Force Mission — The Task Force will determine its own priorities based on input from the community, but it should place greatest emphasis on developing realistic steps that the Commission can take to impact people's lives. The Task Force should recommend actionable items with the intent to close the racial divide.

The Task Force should consider specific actions that the Commission can take on the following topics:

1. Promoting a safe environment for all District residents, including safety from all forms of police bias.¹
2. Addressing our community's need for more affordable housing that will promote income diversity and enrich our civic life;

¹ ANC commissioners across the District will hold two conversations on policing on July 10, 2020 at 4:00 pm and on July 18, 2020 at 10:30 am.

3. Helping to immediately reduce and ultimately eliminate the health disparities between residents on the west side of Rock Creek and those who live on the east side; and
4. Helping to ensure the full staff resources and adjusted funding necessary to help provide a healthy and outstanding education in public schools throughout the District. Resources provided must be respectful a school's overall needs in order to correct the educational divide that currently exists, particularly east of the Anacostia River.

The Task Force may also address other issues, including what our community should do about symbols of our racist history that do not represent current and humanely acceptable values.

Task Force Organization — The Commission will solicit nominations — including self-nominations — to be on the Task Force. The Commission will ensure that the Task Force represents diverse experiences and interests. Commissioners may be ex officio members of the Task Force.

All interested residents are encouraged to participate in the Task Force's meetings. Our community has an abundance of expertise in a wide range of fields, and the Task Force should seek out that expert assistance. The Task Force may look to the experience of other ANCs and other District communities to gather information about actions that our Commission can take.

At its initial meeting, the Task Force should designate a Chair who will lead the group and preside over its meetings. As with all of the Commission's meetings, the Chair should ensure that discussions are civil and respectful of diverse opinions. So long as in-person meetings are not allowed, Task Force meetings will be held virtually, and, in any case, all meetings will be recorded and made available on the Commission's YouTube page.

The Task Force may create subgroups that will analyze designated topics and report to the entire Task Force. To the extent possible, the Task Force should make recommendations based on a consensus of the participants. Outreach to the community through a survey should be considered to gather additional feedback. If a consensus is not reached, a majority of the Task Force or subgroup may make recommendations, noting the minority's positions.

Task Force Schedule — The Commission will organize and schedule the first virtual meeting for July 15, 2020. The Task Force will set the times for all subsequent meetings in coordination with the Commission. Meetings will be held virtually as long as there are restrictions on public meetings at the Chevy Chase Community Center, and

meetings will be noticed at least one week in advance on the Commission's website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts, on NextDoor, and on various listservs.

The Task Force may report to the Commission on any matters whenever it chooses and may make recommendations to the Commission at any time. The Chair of the Task Force should advise the Chair of the Commission in writing at least monthly of the Task Force's activities and progress. The Task Force should prepare a comprehensive report with its findings and recommendations for the Commission's consideration no later than October 15, 2020, so that the Commission may consider those recommendations at its October 26, 2020 meeting.