

## **Next Steps for ANC 3/4G on its Task Force on Racial Equity November 21, 2020**

On June 8, 2020, ANC 3/4G adopted a statement on racism (<https://bit.ly/3dsxsJ3>) and created a Task Force to identify racial equity and justice issues within our community and to propose concrete solutions. The Task Force was to report to the Commission on October 26, 2020, with recommended actions (<https://bit.ly/2AIW1Ex>).

The Commission discussed the Task Force's reports at its regular October 26th meeting (video available at [https://youtu.be/dwjeMw\\_gKUI](https://youtu.be/dwjeMw_gKUI)) and at a special November 16th town hall meeting (<https://youtu.be/O5IFnEd8Lr8>). About 40 residents attended the town hall, in addition to four current commissioners and 16 members of the Task Force.

Task Force members have worked diligently to prepare reports and recommendations to the Commission on three topics — Community, Education/Mental Health, and Housing. (The reports are available at <https://bit.ly/3oCmMi3>.) We have begun to receive residents' feedback, and there appears to be support for most of the recommendations, though a few recommendations need more community input before the Commission can decide what action to take, if any.

Only one Commission meeting remains this year on December 14th, and there will be five newly elected commissioners and two continuing commissioners beginning in January. In order to round out its work on the Task Force reports, the current Commission will consider a resolution on December 14th adopting or modifying the recommendations in the Community and Education/Mental Health reports and the recommendations in the Housing report except for

its recommendation 5 relating to single-family zoning. The current Commission will also consider a resolution extending and continuing the Task Force's work, including work on the Housing group's recommendation 5 so that the new Commission can decide what steps, if any, it will take in 2021 based on additional study and community input. The new Commission, in coordination with the Task Force, will also decide what steps it will take to implement the other recommendations adopted on December 14th.

The Commission greatly appreciates Task Force members' dedication and commitment in researching, analyzing, and compiling the information and recommendations in their reports. We are all striving to make our community better and more inclusive, but we will not achieve these goals immediately. We encourage everyone to participate in upcoming meetings and to provide any written comments or questions on this topic to [3G@anc.dc.gov](mailto:3G@anc.dc.gov).