

RES22-007

Wilmington, Delaware
February 3, 2022

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Oliver

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes the fundamental and critical role of promoting human rights and addressing discrimination at the local level; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes the valiant efforts by congressional Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and Senator Cory Booker in the introduction of H.R. 40 and S. 1083, respectively, to establish a “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans” in the United States in order to address the injustice, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States by studying the discriminating effects of slavery and recommending appropriate remedies to Congress; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20-080 as amended, established a *City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States* (hereinafter the “Taskforce”), shall be established. The City Council President of the 108th Session of City Council (hereinafter “President”) shall appoint members, and the appointments shall be approved by a majority of all members of City Council. The Taskforce shall be composed of issue area experts in fields closely related to African American history, economic development, finance and other related fields who have actively demonstrated an interest and expertise in efforts to promote diversity, equality, equity and understanding of civil and human rights, and to dismantle injustice, discrimination, bigotry, hatred and harassment within the city, as evidenced through the production of a resume, recommendation letter(s) and any other relevant documentation. The proposed members shall hold no other public office or

paid public employment. The President shall designate one member as the chairperson and one as the vice chairperson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, this Resolution amends the Reparations taskforce, City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States, that was adopted by Resolution No. 20-080 as amended, to change the composition of the taskforce to add that one member shall be a current Wilmington City Councilperson, and to remove the language that proposed members shall hold no other public office.

Passed by City Council,
February 3, 2022

ATTEST: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution amends the composition of the *City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans* to add a current Wilmington City Councilperson.