

RES 22-078

Wilmington, Delaware
December 1, 2022

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WHEREAS, a *City Council Reparations 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"), was established by Res. 20-080 as amended and the composition amended by Res. 22-007; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Taskforce were nominated based on their issue area expertise in fields closely related to African American history, economic development, finance and other related fields. They 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; and

WHEREAS, Taskforce members have confirmed their commitment to meet on a quarterly basis, at a minimum, and to participate in additional meetings as deemed necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the members of the *City Council Reparations 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* appointed by the City Council President of the 108th Session of the City Council and approved by a majority of all members of City Council shall be as follows:

Shane Cannon

Bebe Coker

Dr. Michael H. Casson, Jr.

Alisia Drew

Darryl L. Chambers

Dr. Jason L. James, Jr.

Renata B. Kowalczyk

Coby Owens

Leandra C. Marshall

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these individuals shall be responsible for making findings and recommendations to City Council regarding issues of systemic racial disparity, racist practices and procedures and/or institutional discrimination against African Americans, resulting from the delivery or provision of City government services or the implementation or effect of City policies, and resulting from the delivery or provision of other government-provided services or widely implemented business practices or the implementation or effect of government policies or business practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Taskforce shall recommend, among other things, the form of compensation that should be awarded, the instrumentalities through which it should be awarded, and who should be eligible for this compensation within 180 days of its appointment.

Passed by City Council,
December 1, 2022

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution names the appointments to the *City Council Reparations 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.*