



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT

September 2, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Forming the Racial Equity and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION

The Council approved the formation of a Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ) at a July 15th special meeting and assigned Vice Mayor Ackerman and Councilmember Hellman to serve on it. On August 5th at a regular meeting, the Council provided additional direction to staff regarding the formation of the RESJ as follows:

The attached resolution formally establishes the RESJ Committee. It reflects the Council's direction as follows:

- 13 RESJ members- 2 councilmember and 11 community members.

Members must be individuals who reside in the 94930 zip code area, or who work in or own a commercial storefront business in downtown Fairfax.

The RESJ may have youth members (under 18). However, youth members are non-voting members. There are two applicants for the RESJ who qualify as youth. The resolution reflects the appointment of up to two (2) ex-officio youth (non-voting) members. The RESJ could recommend a future policy to the Council regarding the voting status of the youth member when they turn 18.

- The RESJ will develop its own goals/objectives and workplan with the aid of a professional facilitator. The RESJ's goals, objectives and a work plan will be brought to the Town Council for consideration.
- The RESJ will form a subcommittee of its members to explore police practices, public safety alternatives and funding, and other related issues.
- Town staff shall not be a member of the RESJ, but will attend meetings as requested by the RESJ. Staff will be assigned to assist the RESJ with meeting minutes and agendas/notices.

- Committees usually have an initial term for members. While the Council did not establish an initial membership term, we recommended an initial term of one (1) year. The Council can always modify the membership terms later.

The Council can always revise this formation resolution in the future, if appropriate, based on the activities and recommendations from the RESJ.

The RESJ Committee and the Subcommittee are subject to the Brown Act, which requires the meetings to be open and public, with proper notice to the public. The Committee will need to decide whether it wishes to hold regularly scheduled meetings.

The selection and appointment of members to the RESJ is the next item on tonight's agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENT

Resolution