



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

March 17, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ) to develop its own application, interview, selection, and appointment process for filling vacancies on the RESJ

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ) to develop its own application, interview, selection, and appointment process for filling vacancies on the RESJ.

BACKGROUND

In August 2020, the Council interviewed applicants for the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ). In September 2020, the Council appointed members to the RESJ. The composition of the RESJ consisted of two (2) Councilmembers, Mayor Ackerman and Vice-Mayor Hellman; eleven (11) members who reside within the 94930-zip code area, or who work in or own a commercial storefront business in downtown Fairfax; and up to two (2) youth members. The RESJ currently has two vacancies: one regular and one youth member.

DISCUSSION

At its February 2021 meeting, the RESJ discussed its desire for developing its own application, interview, selection, and appointment process for filling vacancies on the RESJ. While the RESJ has yet to work out the specific details of its own process, the RESJ is requesting the Council authorize the RESJ, in-lieu of the Council, to make appointments to fill vacancies. However, the composition of the RESJ would remain the same and any modifications would require prior Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

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