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Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:20 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Isaac Allen Testimony for Task Force

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Good morning,

Here is my testimony for the Task Force legislation to be passed. I hope this works

As a youth advocate for civil rights, specifically education and economic development, I know the importance of having adult role models alongside to promote change. I created a group called Student Voice for Howard County to spark student advocacy for creating a culturally responsive school environment/curriculum. We as students have a great magnitude of power, however we know that the support of the proposed Task Force, once approved, will progress us further and deeper in our pursuits. Councilmen Opal Jones and the Task Force members share the same vision as the students. When it comes to change in our society, it is important for people with the same vision to stick together, because when we unite, there is more power to be used. As a student advocate, I see no downside in having a Task Force to promote the change that must happen, especially in a structured manner.

Isaac Allen
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From: Paige Getty <minister@uucolumbia.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 11:33 AM
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Dear Howard County Council,

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (UUC), I enthusiastically endorse Council Resolution 142-2020, establishing a Racial Equity Task Force to study – and to recommend legislative actions to close – racial inequities and disparities in our community.

Founded in 1964, UUC (formerly the UU Society of Howard County) has a membership of about 300 families, most of whom live in Howard County. We represent all districts in the county, though most of our membership is concentrated in Districts 2, 3, and 4. Our building (the Owen Brown Interfaith Center) is in District 3.

As a congregation, we are proud residents of Howard County; we are invested in the health and well-being of all its residents; *and* we recognize that inequities persist, despite our collective good intentions. Our county, like our congregation, is imperfect and must remain vigilant in addressing its shortcomings and disparities, so that all its residents have the access and resources they need to survive and thrive.

At our annual meeting on June 7, 2020, the UUC membership resoundingly endorsed the following congregational resolution. In the spirit of this resolution, you have our full support for the creation of a Racial Equity Task Force, as well as for the ongoing work of that task force.

In community,
Rev. Paige Getty

Resolution adopted by UUC June 7, 2020:

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, Maryland, covenant to affirm and promote the building of a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community where BIPOC, LGBTQ+**, and other marginalized communities find respite from racism and other oppressions. We commit to educating ourselves and to taking actions that dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves, our institutions, and the broader community, working in accordance with each person's unique abilities and approaches.*

* BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, People of Color

** LGBTQ+ = lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning + other sexualities and non-binary genders

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September 10, 2020

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Dear Howard County Council,

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (UUCC), I enthusiastically endorse Council Resolution 142-2020, establishing a Racial Equity Task Force to study – and to recommend legislative actions to close – racial inequities and disparities in our community.

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In community,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paige Getty".

Rev. Paige Getty

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