

TAKOMA PARK REIMAGINING  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
TASK FORCE



## TASK FORCE GENERAL OVERVIEW

- The purpose of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force is to develop recommendations that make Takoma Park a safer, more livable community for all residents, with an emphasis on addressing racial inequalities that exist in government and services evolving around public safety.
- In light of what is happening in our country, we believe that as a city, it is our duty to take inventory of our public safety practices, with emphasis on the experiences of our Black and Brown communities.
- This Task Force is our opportunity to bring new voices into the process as we take stock of what is working, what is not, and as we explore best practices in public safety.



## TASK FORCE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Task Force to provide recommendations to City Council in June
- Task Force members will:
  - Review disaggregated data on arrests, citations, and stops, to ensure that the City's public safety approaches advance racial justice
  - Develop approaches to engage and empower residents, particularly groups who have been marginalized, in policing oversight and community policing practices
  - Create alternative models to better address issues that are commonly correlated with police interaction, such as mental health, substance abuse, and other social service needs
  - Remain transparent and provide equitable opportunities



## COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE

- Task Force will have up to 15 members
- Each Task Force member will be a part of a Subcommittee
- Task Force Membership potentially will include:
  - Black & Brown residents, youth and business owners
  - Local experts in civil liberties, social justice, and police reform
  - Members of local advocacy-driven organizations (ACLU, NAACP, BLM)
  - A member from the resident committee
  - A member of Police Chief's Advisory Board
  - Mental health and other social service professionals
- Facilitation: LINK Strategic Partners and Expectant Advisory, LLC



## APPLICATION REVIEW

- Application deadline was February 5, 2021
- 39 applications were received
  - 72% (28 out of 39) of the applicants self-identify as a person of color.
  - Race/ethnicities in the applicant pool include:
    - Black/African American, White, Latinx/Hispanic, Asian, Middle Eastern/North African, Indian
    - All wards are represented in the applicant pool
- Subgroup is currently reviewing the applications
  - Subgroup: Mayor, Councilmembers Seamens and Searcy
  - Criteria for review consists of
    - Residency
    - Expression of Task Force
    - Organization and Community Affiliation
    - Diversity and Inclusion
    - Overall composition of the taskforce



## TASK FORCE TIMELINE

- Member Confirmations by 02/24/2021
  - **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Subgroup recommendations for task force selection will be sent to the Council along with full list of applicants and draft resolution.
  - **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Council will vote on resolution finalizing task force selection.
- Task force Meetings:
  - Week of 03/08/2021
  - Week of 03/22/2021
  - Week of 04/05/2021
  - Week of 04/19/2021
  - Week of 05/10/2021
- Sub-Committee Meetings
  - Week of 03/15/2021
  - Week of 04/01/2021
  - Week of 04/12/2021
  - Week of 04/26/2021
- Final report to City Council by June 4, 2021



**QUESTIONS?**

