

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	7A
Meeting Date	September 23, 2013
Prepared By	Jessie Carpenter City Clerk
Approved By	Brian T. Kenner City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Voting Task Force
Background	<p>The City Council adopted a Right to Vote Resolution on May 13, 2013. Resolution 2013-25 affirmed the right to vote, established a Voting Task Force, and supported a Constitutional Amendment to grant an individual right to vote. The Voting Task Force was established to make recommendations on policies or regulations needed to strengthen the right to vote and voter participation in City elections.</p> <p>Up to 11 members are to be appointed to the Task Force by the Council. Members shall be Takoma Park residents or shall represent organizations with expertise in election laws or policy, voting rights or voter registration. At least two members of the Task Force are to be selected by the City's Board of Elections and recommended to the City Council for appointment. The Council seeks to appoint at least two youth members aged 16 to 21 on the date of appointment.</p> <p>On July 8, the City Council appointed Oliver Njong and Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum, representing the Board of Elections; Patricia Hart, representing FairVote; Camille Kirsch, youth representative and Ward 1 resident; Lucas Richie, youth representative and Ward 2 resident; Tim Anderegg, Ward 6; and Alex Koroknay-Palicz, Ward 5.</p> <p>Applications to serve on the Task Force have been received from Abigail Kiesa of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement and Megan Schreiber, Ward 1 resident. The applications have been provided to the City Council for review.</p>
Policy	In Resolution 2013-25, the City Council affirmed that the right to vote is a fundamental right to be cherished, protected and exercised
Fiscal Impact	None at this time.
Attachments	Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Voting Task Force
Recommendation	Adopt the resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2013-
PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE VOTING TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the City Council established a Voting Task Force to make recommendations on any policies or regulations needed to strengthen the right to vote and voter participation in City elections; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is to consist of up to 11 members who are Takoma Park residents or who represent organizations with expertise in election laws or policy, voting rights or voter registration; and

WHEREAS, at least two members of the Task Force are to be members of the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Council shall aim to appoint at least two youth members aged 16 to 21 on the date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed six members to the Task Force on July 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, applications to serve on the Task Force have been received from Abigail Kiesa and Megan Schreiber; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found the applicants to be appropriate candidates for appointment to the Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the Voting Task Force:

Name	Ward
Abigail Kiesa	N/A
Megan Schreiber	Ward 1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT members' terms shall expire on June 30, 2014 unless the term of the Task Force is extended by the Council.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2013 by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Attest: _____
Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk