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A Local Law in relation to the creation of a task force regarding a museum about New York city's African-American civil rights history

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Task force on a museum about New York city's African-American civil rights history. a.

There shall be a task force to consider a museum about New York city's African-American civil rights history.

b. The task force shall consist of 11 members as follows:

1. The chancellor of the department of education or such chancellor's designee;
2. The commissioner of the mayor's office of immigrant affairs or such commissioner's designee;
3. The commissioner of the department of cultural affairs or such commissioner's designee;
4. The chairperson of the city commission on human rights or such chairperson's designee;
5. The commissioner of the department of records or such commissioner's designee;
6. The commissioner of the department of parks and recreation or such commissioner's designee; and

7. Five members, representing each of the 5 boroughs, 3 of whom are appointed by the mayor and 2 of whom are appointed by the speaker of the council, provided that each such member shall have relevant experience with historical, cultural, educational or charitable organizations, associations or corporations and is or was connected to the history of African-American civil rights in New York city.

c. The mayor, after consultation with the speaker of the council, shall designate a chairperson of the task force.

d. Each member of the task force shall serve without compensation. All members shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this local law.

e. No appointed member of the task force shall be removed except for cause by the appointing authority. In the event of a vacancy on the task force during the term of an appointed member, a successor shall be selected in the same manner as the original appointment to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

f. The chairperson of the task force may invite any other person considered to have relevant expertise to attend meetings of the task force as a non-voting member, including but not limited to:

1. The chair and executive director of the civic engagement commission or such chair and executive director's designee;

2. The executive director of the commission on gender equity or such executive director's designee;

3. The director of the mayor's office of criminal justice or such director's designee; and

4. The chair of the landmarks preservation commission or such chair's designee.

g. The task force shall meet at least quarterly.

h. The task force shall consider the following topics:

1. A plan related to the feasibility of establishing a museum about New York city's African-American civil rights history;

2. Potential sites for the museum;

3. Resources that would be necessary for the museum to provide outreach to the 5 boroughs;

4. The level of coordination among appropriate stakeholders that would be necessary for the implementation and operation of a museum about New York city's African-American civil rights history; and

5. Any other considerations deemed by the task force to be relevant to development of the report required by subdivision i of this section.

i. No later than March 1, 2021, the task force shall submit to the mayor, the speaker of the council and

post online a report that contains its findings and conclusions and any recommendations related to establishing a museum dedicated to the history, significance and documentation of the history of African-American civil rights in the city of New York, as well as any minutes of task force meetings.

j. The task force shall dissolve upon submission of the report required by subdivision i of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and is deemed repealed upon issuance of the report required by subdivision i of section one of this local law.

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