

8. Authorization to Create the New Castle Council on Race and Equity

Council Member Levin moved, seconded by Council Member Katz to approve the following:

Whereas the Town of New Castle believes that Black Lives Matter and the physical and psychological harm institutional bias causes throughout our society;

Whereas we acknowledge that these biases exist in our community as well;

Whereas we accept the challenge to create a more just society, one whose foundation must include racial equity;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that The New Castle Town Board establishes a Council on Race and Equity, a task force led by Black and POC community members, to create an Action Plan over the next 3-4 months; and

Be it resolved that the Town Board appoints Zabeen Mirza and Nichelle Maynard-Elliot as the co-chairs for the Council.

Be it resolved that The New Castle Council on Race & Equity will host listening sessions to gather feedback and generate ideas from the community.

Be it further resolved that The New Castle Council on Race & Equity seeks to:

1. Commit to the achievement of true racial equity;
2. Deploy the necessary resources to support sustainable racial equity;
3. Utilize the power of government institutions and influence to uphold racial equity; and
4. Work in partnership with others to achieve racial equity beyond our borders.

VOTE	AYES	NAYS
Supervisor Pool	X	
Deputy Supervisor Saland	X	
Council Member Katz	X	
Council Member Levin	X	
Council Member Lichtenthal	X	