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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

August 18, 2021 VIRTUAL Human Rights Commission Meeting

These minutes were approved in the HRC Meeting on _____

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Chair Rasheada Caldwell, Christopher Gilkes, Leo Sanchez, Al-Amin Muhammad, Mia Wade, Agnes McCray

Absent: John Rushing III, Liban Mohammed, Lanessa Chaplin, Barbara Johnson, Mbonimpa Banabas, Nodesia Hernandez

Community members present: Nilieka Brown

County staff present: Montanette Murphy

Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.

- 1) **Attendance:** Attendance taken.
- 2) **Greetings and Welcome**
- 3) **Approval of May/June/July minutes:** Minutes approved.
- 4) **Approval of June/July/August agendas:** Minutes approved.
- 5) **Recognition of visitors:** Visitor was recognized and introduced.
- 6) **Guests:** Julia B. Day, Regional Director of the Rochester/Syracuse Office of the New York State Division of Human Rights. Ms. Day discussed the functions, purview and responsibilities of the NYS DHR office.
- 7) **Administrator's Report:** HRC will need to decide and vote on which summer month to take off. Commissioners voted not to meet during the month of July, beginning in 2022.
- 8) **Chair's report:** No report.
- 9) **New business/Old Business/Announcements:** We Rise Above the Streets will host its 5th annual BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Billings Park. The event will feature a nail shop, barber shop, women's hair care table, a popcorn machine, a band, vendors, a deejay and other entertainment. Also coming up, Chairperson Rasheada Caldwell announced Colvin's Way will host an event on Wednesday, Sept. 29 that will help families who live near Colvin Street with home improvements and lawn and sidewalk care. More details are upcoming about Colvin's Way.
- 10) **Meeting ended at 6:43 p.m.**