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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

February 17, 2021 VIRTUAL Human Rights Commission Meeting
This *DRAFT* was approved in the HRC Meeting on _____

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Chris Gilkes, Mia Wade, Mbonimpa Banabas, Lanessa Chaplin, Nodesia Hernandez, Al-amin Muhammad, Rabbi Dan Fellman, Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Rasheada Caldwell and Agnès McCray

Commissioners absent: Barbara Johnson, Liban Mohamed, John Rushing III, Leo Sanchez

Community members present: County legislators Peggy Chase and Mary Kuhn, Mikiel Anderson

County staff present: Administrator Montanette Murphy, Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, County Lawyer Pam Romeo

Guest Visitor: County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II

- 1) **Attendance**
- 2) **Greetings** – Welcome to HRC meeting
- 3) **Welcome, Commissioners** – Monica greeted the Commissioners and welcomed them to a new year.
- 4) **Guest Visitor-** County Executive Ryan McMahon gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccinations in the county and discussed how the county plans to rebuild post-Covid. County Executive McMahon thanked the Commission for their work in the community.
- 5) **County Law introduction:** Pam Romeo spoke briefly about her role as it relates to the HRC.
- 6) **Approval of January minutes:** All ayes.
- 7) **Administrator's Report:**
 - 1) Montanette gave an update on the 2020 HRC annual report.
- 8) **Commission elects chairperson:** Rasheada Caldwell is the new Chair.
- 9) **Commissioners Share:** Commissioners discussed the I-81 report, participating in a coat drive and reading to children.
 - a) **Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.:** There was no new/old business or announcements.