

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) comprises 24 of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has been guided by the overarching goals of Prosperity, Accessibility, Livability, and Sustainability as espoused in COG's *Region Forward Vision* for the region; and

WHEREAS, equity is achieved when all people are fully able to participate in the region's economic viability, contribute to the region's readiness for the future, and connect to the region's assets and resources; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020 the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R26-2020 affirming that COG's work will be anti-racist, advance equity, and be woven into COG's *Region Forward Vision* to ensure a more prosperous, accessible, livable, sustainable, and equitable future for all area residents and throughout COG's analyses, operations, procurement, programs, and priorities; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020 COG established the Chief Equity Officers Committee as the hub for regional racial equity work of COG and a venue for chief equity officers of member COG jurisdictions to convene and collaborate; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Equity Officers Committee has identified developing a regional racial equity training for elected officials as a focus in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Committee would like to receive input from and collaborate with board members to design a training(s) that meet the needs of local elected officials in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Board authorizes the creation of a Racial Equity Training Task Force to provide input and direction to the Chief Equity Officers Committee and COG Staff to help develop a regional racial equity training(s) for member local government elected officials. The Task Force will be chaired by Vice Chair Kate Stewart and composed of COG Board members appointed by the Board Chair. The Task Force will sunset at the conclusion of the training development.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors

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