



MECKLENBURG BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION TO FORM THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY COVID-19 RECOVERY AND RENEWAL TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created an ongoing state of emergency in the County of Mecklenburg, the City of Charlotte, and surrounding Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency for the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020 and issued Executive Order No. 116; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County, in conjunction with the City of Charlotte and the six towns within the County, signed a Joint Proclamation of State of Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the short period of time since March 2020, COVID-19 has spread rapidly, causing sickness and death of Mecklenburg County residents, thereby necessitating significant response actions; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19, together with the necessary public health measures taken to limit its spread, already have imposed, and will continue to impose, significant costs, financial and otherwise, on Mecklenburg County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of COVID-19 is considerable, including the loss of revenue to support county operations and lowered revenue projections; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has further exposed the fatal consequences of racial disparities in America, and specifically has exacerbated pre-existing disparities in our community when it comes to public health, mental and emotional health, hardships suffered by working families, housing and homelessness, employment, education, business, and the non-profit sector, among others; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is not just a global health crisis, but a social and economic crisis, the effects of which will be felt for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this impact is broader than the subject matter of any existing standing committee of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose an immediate and significant threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated, county-wide effort is needed to help facilitate our recovery and renewal efforts, including the deployment of federal CARES Act and other state and federal funding intended to address the negative effects of COVID-19, and to assist Mecklenburg County in deploying resources appropriated in the FY2021 budget for recovery and renewal from the impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, forming a recovery and renewal task force will allow the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners to be pro-active in addressing the needs of our residents through legislation and coordination across sectors as the pandemic progresses, will allow discussion on the particular impact of COVID-19 to occur in a centralized setting, and will help the County formulate a broader post-crisis recovery and renewal effort that builds a stronger, safer, and fairer economy and community; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence in activating our recovery and renewal efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish the Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Task Force (“The Task Force”) for the purpose of addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Mecklenburg County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The Task Force’s work to support the recovery and renewal of Mecklenburg County from COVID-19 shall be governed by the following principles: (a) that recovery and renewal should not be a return to “business as usual”; (b) that recovery and renewal, above all, must be guided by an adherence to public health and scientific expertise, in order to assure the safety of those who live in our County; (c) that excellent public services, public investment and increased community resilience will form the most effective basis for recovery and renewal; and (d) that recovery and renewal must address issues of equity that have been laid bare by the impact of the crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that The Task Force shall examine, surface, and help address COVID-19 impact issues that are specific to workers, businesses, public health, education, the economy, and the overall well-being of the residents in Mecklenburg County, and shall strategize around, formulate policy considerations for, and develop a comprehensive Recovery and Renewal Plan of Action (or a limited series of plans) to be presented and recommended to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners for approval and action in the following substantive areas:

- Access to health care and eliminating health disparities
- Mental and emotional health
- Economic recovery, including help for small businesses
- Non-profit recovery & human services
- Education & childcare

- Working families and vulnerable populations
- Housing and homelessness
- Jobs and workforce development
- Food security
- Arts and culture

The action plan (or plans) shall include and incorporate recommendations from the County Manager's Business Roundtable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is directed and authorized to help form the structure of The Task Force, and shall assign appropriate staff from various county departments, retain appropriate expert assistance, and recommend a budget for The Task Force's work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners will appoint the chair (or co-chairs) and members of The Task Force from nominations received from Board members and the public.

ADOPTED the 2nd day of June 2020.


Clerk to the Board

APPROVED as to Form:


County Attorney

