Champaign County

Racial Justice Task Force - Organizational Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

Agenda Item

- I. Call To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda
- IV. Welcome & Introductions
- V. Resolution No. 9405 Establishing a Racial Justice Task Force (for information only)
- VI. Adoption of Racial Justice Task Force Mission Statement (to be distributed)
- VII. <u>Task Force Structure</u>
- VIII. Determination of Meeting Days, Time, and Location
- IX. Public Participation
- X. Adjournment

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RESOLUTION NO. 9405

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, research has shown a great racial disparity in our county jail population, especially an over-representation of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, racial disparity in the criminal justice system has become an issue of vital importance both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board seeks to take positive steps to address the issue of racial disparity in the jail population and in the criminal justice system more broadly;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Champaign County Board that a Racial Justice Task Force shall be appointed by the Chair of the Champaign County Board and will report its findings, including a list of recommended actions to address issues of racial disparity, to the Champaign County Board within a time frame and format to be agreed upon by the County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Champaign County Board that this Resolution shall sunset eighteen months from the date of enactment.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED this 22nd day of October, A.D. 2015.

Pattsi Petrie, Chair

Champaign County Board

ATTEST:

Gordy Hulten, Champaign County Clerk And Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board