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Substitute resolution creating a task force relating to African-American male unemployment. This resolution creates a task force relating to African-American male unemployment in the City of Milwaukee. Task force members, in addition to Common Council members, shall represent business, professional, faith-based, community based and educational organizations. The Chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee and Vice-Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee shall serve as co-chairs of the task force, and the task force shall be staffed by the City Clerk's Office. The task force shall report its findings to the Common Council within 6 months of the date of its first meeting.

Whereas, Joblessness among working-age African-American males has grown considerably since the 1970s; and

Whereas, The unemployment rate of African-American males in the City of Milwaukee is unconscionably high; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has one of the highest rates of African-American male joblessness and largest racial disparities in jobless rates among United States cities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that a task force shall be created relating to African-American male unemployment; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the task force membership shall consist of the following:

1. Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee or his designee.
2. Vice-Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee.
3. Chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee.
4. Green Jobs Marketing Representative, Laborer's International Union of North America Great Lakes Region Organizing Committee.
5. First Vice President of the Milwaukee Branch of the NAACP.
6. Organizer of the Institute for Wisconsin's Future.
7. Senior Fellow and Founding Director of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Center for Economic Development.
8. President of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.
9. President of the Greater Milwaukee Committee.
10. Human Resources Director of the Milwaukee Workforce Investment Board.
11. Executive Director of the African-American Chamber of Commerce.
12. Executive Director of the Social Development Commission or her designee.
13. Dr. Michael Rosen, Economics Professor at the Milwaukee Area Technical College.

14. Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ.
 15. Pastor Ken Wheeler, Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope.
 16. Gerard Randall, New American Institute.
 17. Executive Director of the Urban League or his designee.
 18. Executive Director of the Spanish Center or his designee.
 19. Dr. Lenard Wells, Concordia University Wisconsin.
 20. 1 member appointed by the Mayor.
 21. 1 member appointed by the Common Council President.
- ; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee and Vice-Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee shall serve as co-chairs of the task force; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office shall staff the task force; and, be it

Further Resolved, All City departments are directed to assist the task force in carrying out its mission; and, be it

Further Resolved, The task force shall report its findings and recommendations for implementations to the Common Council within 6 months of the date of its first meeting and then be automatically dissolved.

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