


Civil Rights Commission - 7/1/20 agenda

Inbox

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Honorable Select Board members,

I am writing to thank you for considering the establishment of a Civil Rights Commission, or an alternatively titled public body with a mission to encourage equity, diversity and inclus just society - with opportunity, dignity, safety, health and educational access for everyone - must go forward in every community. Our local government has a role to play. The policie government should be considered through this lens.

As a next step for Natick, an appointed committee has certain benefits in providing an opportunity for Town residents to help inform and shape the Town's approach to these matter: the public. I hope that as we consider the Town's policies on issues that have an impact on racial justice - such as housing, which has been a historic tool of discrimination in our reg committee.

As Board members consider this initiative, I suggest reviewing the work that the MMA and National League of Cities have done. See this article for more information: <https://www.mma.org/real-program-works-directly-with-cities-towns-on-race-equity-issues/>

In closing, I am asking that this correspondence and others related to this topic be available in Novus for the benefit of Board members, Town staff and the public.

Thank you for your service to Natick.

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