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### County Creates Advisory Task Force for Racial Reconciliation

**DINWIDDIE, VA** - County Administrator, W. Kevin Massengill announced today the creation of an Advisory Task Force for Racial Reconciliation. Dinwiddie County recognizes that implicit biases and prejudices permeate each town, city, and county throughout the Nation. Dinwiddie County is committed to addressing these disparities in an effort to strengthen and improve the overall community.

Task Force members will include a cross-section of County and community leaders coming together to initiate a dialogue focused on racial reconciliation. “Now more than ever it is important for the Dinwiddie community to pull together to listen and learn from one another”, stated County Administrator, W. Kevin Massengill. “Concerns regarding equity and racism should never be silenced; local governments need to seize this moment for genuine conversation. This advisory task force will develop sound actionable recommendations and assist us in developing a culture of accountability that starts with individual responsibility.”

Regarding the Advisory Task Force for Racial Reconciliation, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Dan Lee stated “As chairman and a lifelong resident of Dinwiddie County I am encouraged by the opportunity to embrace the issues surrounding this very important topic. Our goal is to bring about change, and to do that we must have open and honest conversation.”

Mr. Massengill and his leadership team are working to assemble a group with representatives from all aspects of the Dinwiddie community. Given the current closure of County facilities due to the pandemic, the initial meeting of Dinwiddie County’s Advisory Task Force for Racial Reconciliation will be virtual. Citizen participation is greatly encouraged and dates and times will be made available in advance of subsequent meetings.

Additional information on the Task Force will be shared on the Dinwiddie County website, as it becomes available.

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