

Huntington Town Task Forces and Committees

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The Town of Huntington has established several task forces that have been created to advise the Town Board on matters that are specific to the section of the community the Task Force or Committee represents or works with.

The Town of Huntington Department of Human Services functions as the connection between the Town and the Task Forces or Committees. It works with and supports all Task Forces or Committees in their efforts and initiatives.

The following are the Task Forces and Committees the Human Services Department works with:

(1) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) -- People with Disabilities

This committee was established on August 24, 1976 through Resolution #37. It is celebrating its 45 year anniversary this August. The Town Supervisor will present them with a Proclamation at the August 2021 Town Board meeting.

The purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee is:

- To insure non-discrimination and full participation to people with disabilities in all aspects of community life within the Town of Huntington.
- To accomplish removal of architectural and other physical barriers in the use of public buildings and facilities by people with disabilities.
- To implement or cause to be implemented by the appropriate public agency provision of adequate public services including social, educational and recreational and other necessary services for people with disabilities.
- To obtain and disseminate information on existing services available to people with disabilities.
- To obtain information on deficiencies in services available to people with disabilities.
- To guarantee participation by people with disabilities in planning Town programs designed to meet identified needs.

The CAC – People with Disabilities, currently has 11 members appointed by the Town Board.

(2) Veteran Advisory Board

This Advisory Board was established on November 29, 1988 by Resolution #1988-13.

The purpose of this Advisory Board is:

- The continued remembrance and appreciation for the sacrifices veterans have made in the defense of the freedoms we all enjoy.
- To ensure that Huntington residents who serve our country are afforded every possible consideration in matters in which the Town Government plays a role.

This Advisory Board currently has 10 members appointed by the Town Board.

(3) Hispanic Advisory Task Force

This Advisory Task Force was established on June 3, 1991 by Resolution 1991-15.

The purpose of this Task Force is:

- To assist the Town Board in implementing a plan to strengthen Latino participation in Town affairs and to address the special needs of the culturally diverse community.

This Task Force currently has 11 members appointed by the Town Board.

(4) African American Advisory Task Force

This Advisory Task Force was first established on December 4th, 1991, and then it was reinstated on September 15, 2020 by Resolution 2020-428.

The purpose of this Advisory Task Force is:

- To assist the Town Board in implementing a plan to strengthen African – American participation in Town affairs and to address the special needs of the culturally diverse community.

This Task Force currently has 10 members appointed individually by each member of the Town Board and as liaisons to the Town Board.

(5) Anti-Bias Advisory Task Force

This Task Force was first established on December 6, 1994; then it was reinstated on December 18th, 2018 by Resolution 2018-589.

The purpose of this Task Force is:

- To promote diversity and inclusivity and to address incidents of bias, bigotry or prejudice.

This Task Force currently has a 5 person Steering Committee appointed individually by each member of the Town Board. In addition to the steering committee, approximately 25 additional community members join in on the monthly meetings.

(6) Asian American Advisory Task Force

This Task Force was established on April 13, 2021 by Resolution 2021-236.

The purpose of this Task Force is:

- To advise and assist the Town Board in formulating and implementing a plan to strengthen Asian-American participation in Town affairs and processes, addressing issues germane to the Asian-American community and promoting greater cultural understanding.

This Task Force currently has 7 members appointed individually by each member of the Town Board and as liaisons to the Town Board.