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The City of Northampton Seeks Applications for Commission to Study Racialized Harms Perpetrated Against Black Residents and Workers in Northampton

NORTHAMPTON - In a demonstration of its commitment to racial, economic, and social justice, the City of Northampton seeks residents to serve on a Commission to Investigate Racialized Harms Perpetrated against Black Residents and Workers in Northampton.

Upon the recommendation of City Councilors At-Large Marissa Elkins and Jamila Gore, and Ward 4 City Councilor Garrick Perry, with the unequivocal support of Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, the Northampton City Council voted on February 16, 2023, to unanimously adopt [R-23.239 A Resolution to Create a Commission to Investigate Racialized Harms Perpetrated against Black Residents and Workers in Northampton, MA](#).

The resolution calls for establishing a joint Mayoral-City Council Commission to study racialized harms perpetrated against Black residents, workers, and students in Northampton, historically and currently. The Commission will explore which initiatives should be funded and implemented by the city to support redress and fair treatment for Black people who live, work, and learn in this community, as well as investigate ways to restore, grow, and nourish the Black community and culture in Northampton for future generations.

Residents interested in serving on the Commission are invited to fill out an [application](#) by Friday, May 5, 2023. The size, composition, and appointment process of the Commission is described on its webpage, [here](#).