



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 14, 2022

Media Contact: Chondria Andrews
240-542-2026
candrews@greenbeltmd.gov

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED REPARATIONS COMMISSION

GREENBELT, MD — This week, the City of Greenbelt City Council officially announced the newly appointed 21-member Reparations Commission.

“As we move ahead with this important initiative, Council is excited to select a group of diverse and dynamic community members to lead. We spoke with many uniquely qualified applicants, which made our selection process challenging. Congratulations to the new members and we look forward to the collaborative recommendations from this body,” said Mayor Emmett V. Jordan

The Reparations Commission was set in motion, in the last City election, which was held in November 2021. Voters passed the referendum that directed the City council to create a 21-person commission to review and discuss the issue of reparations for African Americans and Native Americans in the City of Greenbelt and make recommendations. On November 2, 2021, the question passed with a vote of 1,522 in favor and 910 against.

The Reparations Commission members that were selected are:

Tom Adams
Chelsea Barnes
Rhema Bjorkland
Francis DeBernardo
Lorena Ferdinand
Yahshuah Ford
Joseph Hamlin
Adriane Harris
Konrad Herling
Chiquita Jackson
London McCloud
Mark Miller
Shabnam Mojtajedi
Denise Nadasen
Robert Rand
Lois Rosado
Rene’ Sewell-Raysor
Jonathan Taylor
Pamella Taylor
Sarah Wampler
James Williams, Jr.

Alternates:
Gail Crichlow
Mark Wilson

The Reparations Committee is set to have their inaugural meeting in January 2023.

###

About Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt is a diverse, welcoming community of 25,000 residents and 600 businesses located just outside Washington, D.C. It is widely known as an affordable public cooperative community founded in the New Deal era. Greenbelt prioritizes being environmentally friendly and has abundant parks, trails, and lakes to enjoy. The City has a national historic landmark district and is home to the nation's first space flight complex, the NASA Goddard Flight Center. For more information on the city, go to www.GreenbeltMD.gov.