

**RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINORITY LIAISONS
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Morgantown's work to build an inclusive city requires the participation of minority representation in addition to communication with neighborhood and commerce organizations, and

WHEREAS, diverse minorities in the City are particularly susceptible to misunderstanding, broad-brush categorization, unnecessary barriers, neglect, discrimination and even abuse, and

WHEREAS, minority liaisons working individually and collectively can be an effective/efficient means for problem solving as well as generating public innovation, and

WHEREAS, minorities are an important part of the DNA of a community, and City work with liaisons can be an important means for a city to invest in its own citizens:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Morgantown City Council establish a Minority Liaisons Coordinating Council (MLCC) for the purpose of:

1. Promoting the citizen participation of minority groups in the governance of the City;
2. Promoting awareness, civility and fairness for all minorities;
3. Processing individual concerns and identification of problems common to minorities;
4. Discussing options and alternatives in problem solving, and as a group, recommending and advocating for solutions serving the common good;
5. Participating in comprehensive planning to accommodate minority interests and concerns when possible;
6. Recommending training and education assistance and resources to address minority issues when needed; and,
7. Working collaboratively with the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and in coordination with the City Manager with other boards and commissions of the City as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MLCC membership include individual liaison representatives who are Morgantown citizens invited by the City Manager, assisted by the HRC, if needed, and recommended by such organizations as:

- Mon-Preston NAACP (Racial Diversity)
- Islamic Center (Muslims)
- Fairness WV (LGBTQ)
- Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living (Persons with Disabilities)

- West Virginia Advocates for Special Education (Parents of Persons with Special Needs)
- Morgantown and Trinity High Schools (Youth from Morgantown)
- Others as Needed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MLCC select a convener and recorder and meet no less than quarterly with a City staff administrator.

ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, William A. Kawecki, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Morgantown to be affixed this 18th day of June, 2019.



William A. Kawecki, Mayor



Christine M. Wade, City Clerk