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County Executive Gardner to Host Virtual Town Hall to Begin a Community Conversation on Racial Equity

Event to Take Place Monday, July 6 at 6 pm

FREDERICK, Md. – To begin a community conversation on racial equity, Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner will host a virtual town hall on Monday, July 6. Many are energized for positive change following the March for Justice.

People of all ages, races, and backgrounds are united together in a desire to ensure a fair and just community. However, with recent events, including hate-filled graffiti and counter-protestors at a unity rally, the need for a broad conversation is clear. The virtual town hall, which will run from 6 to 8 p.m., will consider a broad range of topics, such as disparities in health, education, jobs and economics, provide a foundation of information and what the people of Frederick County can do to realize change.

“As a nation, we stand at a crossroad in history. I join others in our community and around our nation who call for change,” Executive Gardner said. “We must end systemic racism and ensure the promise of the United States of America – justice and equality for all.”

Panelists will include Frederick County Public Schools Executive Director of Accelerating Achievement and Equity Keith Harris; Frederick County Economic Development Executive Director Helen Propher; Frederick County Health Officer Dr. Barbara Brookmyer; Frederick County Human Relations Commission Chair Mari Lee; and March for Justice Organizers Akiyyah Billups and Alijah Gee. Questions will be taken following each panelist’s comments.

The racial equity virtual town hall will be broadcast live on FCG TV and web streamed at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Racial-Equity. Public comments and questions can be submitted in advance online at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Racial-Equity. People also can listen to and participate in the discussion by calling 1-855-925-2801 and entering code 9464. Press 1 to listen to the meeting, press 2 to record a comment, and press 3 to be placed in line to speak during the town hall.



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