

Supporting Racial and Social Equity

Dear Mayor Compton and Town Councilors,

We are proud to live in a town that deliberately considered and passed an anti-discrimination statement and resolution, which RASEC initiated and many people contributed to. Thanks to the work of the RASEC committee, we better understand Washington Grove's past exclusionary policies and their impact on neighboring communities.

We support the mission and aspirations of RASEC and have personally profited from the informative links RASEC has provided since its inception. We appreciate their early leadership on the question of Accessory Dwelling Units and the numerous forms of their outreach programs, the survey on resident perceptions, the history walks and organized discussions with neighbors -- all aimed toward reconciliation and closer connection. We look forward to DEI presentations as suggested by RASEC.

Many in the Grove are questioning old boundaries, initiating positive personal interactions with Emory Grove residents and other neighbor communities. We agree that nonresident input and perspective are absolutely vital to accomplishing the committee's and the Town's non-discriminatory goals.

We hope that the committee, and all of us, will continue this cooperative work, deepening communication and further building relationships within and outside the Grove in a spirit of tolerance and mutual respect.

Sincerely,

Ann Philips and Ken Shapiro