



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Brighton Seeks Community Input on Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Initiative**

The Town of Brighton's Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory (IDEA) Board will host a community conversation about ways to promote inclusion, diversity and equity in a "World Café" style remote meeting open to all Town residents on Thursday, August 27 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM and Saturday, September 26 from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM via Zoom videoconferencing. Interested participants can register on the Town's website at <https://secure.rec1.com/NY/Town-Brighton-Parks-Recreation/catalog> or by contacting Bridget Monroe at 784-5252 or [bridget.monroe@townofbrighton.org](mailto:bridget.monroe@townofbrighton.org).

The IDEA Board is comprised of volunteers charged with creating a vision and strategy for encouraging and supporting a more inclusive, more diverse and equitable Brighton community. They developed the framework for the community conversations and will use the input from Brighton residents to help create a Diversity Plan for the Town. The Plan will serve as a roadmap for diversity and inclusion initiatives in Brighton on an ongoing basis.

The IDEA Board has been meeting for a year under the guidance of consultants Gwen Webber-McLeod and Kathryn Adams, as well as Special Advisor to the Supervisor, Sheila Gaddis, IDEA Board Chair, Felicia Garcia-Hartstein, and Town Board Liaison, Robin Wilt. Supervisor William W. Moehle noted that "Diversity and inclusion are core values in Brighton, and this work will build on Brighton's identity as a community that embraces and celebrates people of all backgrounds."

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