

Committee to Combat Racism and Bias

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Dear Town of York Residents and Employees,

Over the past eleven months, most of us have reflected on the circumstances and actions that lead to the death of George Floyd. We have engaged in anti-racist dialogues, and begun to examine our own biases and search for ways to make our community more racially equitable and inclusive. A civil rights movement has been reignited in communities of every demographic, including our own.

On Tuesday, former officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty on all counts in the murder of George Floyd. It has been described as “painfully earned justice.” Although it may appear that justice was served, we are reminded of the many Black and Brown lives that have been taken since George Floyd’s and realize the work is not over. Tuesday’s verdict brings a renewed feeling of hope that injustices experienced by the BIPOC community will continue to be acknowledged and validated and that justice will continue to prevail. Most important, it brings us the truth that systems in place need to be re-examined and broken down so that these injustices cease.

We are thinking of the family, friends and community of George Floyd. His life mattered.

Sincerely,

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