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Subject: Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group Invitation to Sponsor 2 Spring Events

Dear Selectmen,

This Spring, Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group is presenting two major events in our series of programs focused on stereotypes, stigmas, and identity. We invite you to join our growing group of co-sponsors for these events. We're proud to say some organizations have approached us and asked to be included.

We will offer "Unconscious Bias" – a presentation followed by question and answer – on Thursday, April 7 in Town Hall, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. I have attached our initial flyer.

With Arlington Center for the Arts, we present "Stereotypes: A Conscious Look at Race, Faith, Gender and Orientation" photography exhibit at ACA. The show will be in their Gibbs Gallery from March 7 – April 15, with a reception on March 31. Details about time and some Saturday open dates/times are in the works.

For your information, here are links to the show:

http://artnewengland.com/ed_review/stereotypes/
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/2015/09/16/exhibit/6qH0SfCDptRbikRppVCpaP/story.html>

Co-sponsoring these events simply means the Board of Selectmen will be listed on our flyers and in our publicity. We'd love to have you be one of our sponsors!

Thanks for considering our invitation to co-sponsor "Unconscious Bias" and "Stereotypes."
Mary Harrison, Diversity Task Group

Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group

Presents

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

Every day we make thousands of decisions, both big and small. Some, such as how much toothpaste to squeeze when brushing our teeth, have become so routine that we're hardly even aware of them. Others, such as choosing a job or a spouse, we make with great deliberation.

This seminar explores the mistakes that our minds make even when making big, important, thoughtful decisions, and how—without realizing it—our minds can lead us to behave in ways that don't align with our personal values.

This seminar isn't about dividing people into good and bad, us and them. Rather, it is an entertaining and interactive look at how our brains evolved in a world that presented us with very different choices from the world in which we live today. It is about identifying and understanding our unconscious biases, and learning how we can make smarter decisions in our families, careers, and communities.

Presenter: Christopher Dial is the Lab Manager of the Social Cognition Laboratory in the Department of Psychology at Harvard University. His work is focused on identifying, understanding, and managing unconscious biases. Christopher has worked and consulted in psychological sciences for more than a decade.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

Doors open 7:00 p.m. Program starts 7:30 p.m.

ARLINGTON TOWN HALL 730 MASS AVENUE

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