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Hi Team,

Sorry to cast a wide net, but I am not sure about what this reporter is asking for. Have we recognized an African-American Heritage Cultural District ? I don't recall hearing anything about this.

If no, do you know what he may be thinking about?

Thanks!

Ashley

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From: **Polly McDaniel** <pmcdaniel@ashevillenc.gov>
Date: Mon, Jan 7, 2019 at 11:19 AM
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Hi Ashley,
This came in from Thomas Calder of MX:

"I'm checking into whether the city has or hasn't officially recognized the new African-American Heritage Cultural District. If it's possible to get back to me today, that would be ideal." Â Â

Is this part of an Equity Department initiative? They have applied for a grant related to this? Also he asked me on the phone what verbiage we are using in general to refer to communities of color. Is African-American correct rather than black? I think he wants to be culturally sensitive and correct.

Thanks,
Polly
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