

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 11/19/2001

**Reference No.:** CR-83-2001

**Proposer:** Shapiro

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Shapiro

**Item Title:** A Resolution approving establishment of the Prince  
George's County Arts and Entertainment District

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**Drafter:** Cheryl Harrington  
Legislative Aide

**Resource** Cheryl Harrington  
**Personnel:** Legislative Aide

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Referral:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Effective Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Committee Action:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Date Introduce:** 11/19/2001

**Public Hearing:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ :\_\_ \_\_

**Council Action:** 11/19/2001 ADOPTED

**Council Votes:** RVR:-, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The State of Maryland has passed legislation, Chapter 608, 2001 Laws of Maryland, that will make Maryland the most art friendly state in the country. The newly created Arts and Entertainment District Program enables local jurisdiction - municipalities, counties or a combination to designate special districts within their borders and apply for benefits provided by the new law.

Evidence shows that a creative strategy to draw attention to arts, and entertainment is good for residents, for businesses, and for artists. Performances, festivals, art shows, and other forms of cultural arts generated \$726 million in the State's economy last year.

Arts and Cultural districts have demonstrated that they stimulate neighborhood revitalization, improve the attractiveness and safety of areas, stimulate business activity, attract both residents

and tourists, build the tax base, supplement educational opportunities and provide programs to distressed neighborhoods. Arts and Entertainment activities are catalysts that bring excitement and new business development while also improving the quality of life for the entire community.

Arts and Entertainment District further the goals of Smart Growth by locating within a Priority Funding Area and by carefully coordination with local plans and policies for economic development.

The benefit of an Arts and Entertainment District include: property tax credits for renovation of certain buildings that create live-work space for artists and/or space for arts and entertainment enterprise, an income tax subtraction from income derived from artistic work sold by "qualified residing artists", exemption from the admission and amusement tax levied by an "arts and entertainment enterprise or qualified residing artist" in a district, and financial assistance from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**