

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND****2009 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-91-2009Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Campos and Dernoga

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction November 17, 2009**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 State of Maryland Community Investment Tax Credit Program

3 For the purpose of approving the project submitted by CASA de Maryland, Inc. to the Maryland  
4 Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's  
5 Community Investment Tax Credit Program.6 WHEREAS, Sections 6-401 through 6-406 of the Housing and Community Development  
7 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, established the Neighborhood and Community Assistance  
8 Program to assist nonprofit organizations in carrying out approved projects in designated priority  
9 funding areas, to encourage businesses to invest in priority funding areas, and to strengthen  
10 public-private partnerships; and11 WHEREAS, Section 6-404 provides for the allocation of tax credits to business entities that  
12 contribute to approved projects of nonprofit organizations that provide services to priority  
13 funding areas; and14 WHEREAS, Section 6-405(c) provides that the Maryland Department of Housing and  
15 Community Development may not approve a proposal for participation in the Neighborhood and  
16 Community Assistance Program unless the proposal is approved by the governing body of the  
17 county that includes any of the priority funding area benefited by the project; and18 WHEREAS, CASA de Maryland, Inc., a nonprofit organization, proposes to implement an  
19 educational and service program in its newly-established Multicultural Service Center in the  
20 Langley Park area, as more particularly described in Attachment "A" (the "Project"); and21 WHEREAS, CASA de Maryland, Inc., has applied to the Maryland Department of Housing  
22 and Community Development for approval of the Project and an allocation of tax credits for

1 business entities that contribute to the Project pursuant to the Department's Community  
2 Investment Tax Credit Program; and

3 WHEREAS, the County Council has previously expressed approval of developing a  
4 Multicultural Service Center in the Langley Park area by the adoption of Council resolution CR-  
5 60-2002; and

6 WHEREAS, the County Executive, by his signature, expresses approval of the Project.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's  
8 County, Maryland, hereby expresses approval of the Project, as set forth in Attachment "A",  
9 submitted by CASA de Maryland, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community  
10 Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilynn M. Bland  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
JACK B. JOHNSON

## **Attachment A**

### **Executive Project Summary**

CASA de Maryland, Inc. (CASA) is a 501(c)(3) community-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life and social and economic well being of the Latino and immigrant community in Maryland. Since its founding in 1985, CASA has provided key services to residents of the areas immediately adjacent to the property known as the McCormick-Goodhart Mansion (Mansion), a Prince George's County Historic Site located in the Langley Park neighborhood of Hyattsville, Maryland. CASA takes pride in its accomplishments as a community resource, facilitator and advocate for more than 20,000 low-income Latino community members each year. With an overall operating budget of just over \$6,000,000 and a staff of over 70, CASA not only provides direct services, but also teaches participants ways to more fully participate in social, economic, and civic life through programs like employment, legal, and social services, education, health promotion and access, community organizing, and leadership development.

Thanks to CASA's tenant organizing work in apartment complexes surrounding the Mansion, and to its strong partnerships with the business community, CASA negotiated an agreement with Sawyer Realty Holdings LLC to purchase the property to renovate for use as a Multicultural Service Center. Renovation funds have been nearly secured, and renovations began in December 2008. The Center will be both historic and green, and CASA will share the space with four additional nonprofit organizations in Langley Park. The Center is within walking distance of over 2,000 residential units in the heart of Langley Park's low-income immigrant community. CASA will establish its education and service programs at this new site, expanding the number of people to be served by its English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), financial literacy, computer training, citizenship, health and legal programs to serve over 6,000 individuals annually.

Partners in this project, to date, include the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Maryland Historic Trust, Bank of America, Enterprise Community Investment, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development, and the Montgomery County Department of General Services. Private partners include the Kresge Foundation, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, the University of Maryland, and the Washington Adventist Hospital. Donations obtained through the tax credit program will support CASA's program costs of implementing its ESOL, financial literacy, computer training, citizenship, legal, and health programs at this new site.