

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2003 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-57-2003
Proposed by Council Member Dean
Introduced by Council Members Dean, Shapiro, Knotts, Harrington and Peters
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction September 16, 2003

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Environmental Justice Task Force (Solid Waste Management)

3 For the purpose of extending and expanding the mission of the Environmental Justice Task Force
4 to advise the County on proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance, the Zoning
5 Ordinance, and the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan to mitigate the negative impacts of
6 solid waste facilities on low income and minority communities.

7 WHEREAS, the County Executive proposed the adoption of the County's Ten Year Solid
8 Waste Management Plan and such plan was approved by the County Council in 2002, with the
9 adoption of CR-44-2002; and

10 WHEREAS, the County's Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan provides criteria for the
11 location of proposed public and private facilities for the collection, processing, transfer,
12 recycling, transformation, and disposal of solid waste; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council adopted CR-73-2002 to appoint the Environmental Justice
14 Task Force to advise the County on methods and criteria to mitigate the negative aspects of solid
15 waste facilities on low income and minority communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the Environmental Justice Task Force has presented its majority and minority
17 reports to the County Council and indicated that members of the Task Force would be willing to
18 extend its work to provide additional information and recommendations to the Council; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to expand the mission and scope of the Task Force
20 to consider existing siting and operational criteria for municipal solid waste facilities, Class III
21 fill operations, sand and gravel mining and reclamation operations, cement plants, and such other
22 related facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, provides that
 2 the Council may appoint, for designated periods, temporary advisory boards of citizens of the
 3 County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 5 County, Maryland, that the Environmental Justice Task Force is hereby reconstituted to evaluate
 6 and recommend to the County Council appropriate amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance,
 7 the Zoning Ordinance, and the 2001-2011 Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan to ensure
 8 that negative impacts upon existing low income and minority residential and commercial
 9 communities are considered and mitigated during the review of all proposed solid waste facilities
 10 in the County.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Justice Task Force shall be
 12 composed of no less than 15 or more than 21 members:

13 1. The Chairman of the County Council or the Chairman's representative, who shall serve
 14 as the presiding officer;

15 2. The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources or the Director's
 16 representative;

17 3. The County Attorney, or the County Attorney's representative;

18 4. The Planning Director, or the Planning Director's representative;

19 5. A representative selected by the Prince George's Chapter of the National Association
 20 for the Advancement of Colored People;

21 6. A representative of the Maryland Black Mayors Association;

22 7. A representative of the Maryland Department of the Environment;

23 8. A representative selected by the Patuxent Chapter of the Sierra Club;

24 9. A representative selected by the Coalition of Central Prince George's County
 25 Community Organizations; and

26 10. Twelve citizens of the County and industry representatives selected by the Chairman or
 27 the Chairman's representative of the County Council.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Justice Task Force shall present its
 29 evaluation and recommendations to the County Council by March 1, 2004.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate
2 technical and administrative support personnel to assist the Task Force in its work.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Peter A. Shapiro
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council