

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

Meeting Date: 7/22/97

Reference No.: CR-39-1997

Proposer: Del Giudice

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Del Giudice

Item Title: A Resolution to create a task force to address the specific housing and service needs of the senior citizen population

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ___/___/___

Executive Action: ___/___/___

Committee Referral:(1) 6/10/97 THE

Effective Date: ___/___/___

Committee Action:(1) 7/10/97 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 6/10/97

Pub. Hearing Date: (1) ___/___/___ __:___ __

Council Action: (1) 7/22/97 ADOPTED

Council Votes: DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 7/10/97

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Scott, Bailey, Del Giudice and Esteppe).

Council Resolution 39-1997 proposes the creation of a task force to address the specific housing and service needs of the County's senior citizen population. The task force will be charged with making recommendations to the County Council regarding land use, housing, financial and tax policies, and services as they affect senior citizens. The task force will include representatives from the Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association Senior Housing Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the banking industry, the senior citizen service sector, the senior citizen population and representatives of the County government, including M-NCPPC.

The Planning Board supports and agrees that comprehensive review of the requirements for seniors is appropriate given the rapidly evolving housing and service needs for the senior citizen population. Planning staff is aware of several housing developments that have required amendments to the Zoning Ordinance because they were new types of development not covered by current regulations.

The Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association supports CR-39-1997 and believes the senior housing market over the past several years has evolved rapidly. In order for the County to take advantage of this market, we need to look at what in fact the senior demands in the County are and also at the current regulatory process to insure that we can accommodate those trends and those projects that will be beneficial to our citizens.

The Director of the County's Department of Housing and Community Development explained that one area where funding is not as readily available is in the area of housing for seniors who are "aging in place." Many seniors who are physically able to live in their own homes do not have the financial resources available to them to do so. He further stated that there is a need to address the growing concerns of "aging in place."

The Chamber of Commerce support the resolution and the Acting County Auditor has determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-39-1997. The Legislative Officer finds it to be in proper legislative form.

The committee moved favorable with amendments to add to the composition of the task force--representation from both public and private sector and Prince George's County Municipal Association.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

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