

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1998 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-70-1998

Proposed by Council Member Bailey

Introduced by Council Member Bailey

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction September 22, 1998

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

Empowerment Zone

For the purpose of supporting the designation and establishment of an Empowerment Zone in conjunction with the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Zone Enhancement Act of 1998 provides for the funding of Round II Empowerment Zones to assist in the revitalization of economically disadvantaged communities through a program of community-based public and private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a portion of the County as an Empowerment Zone provides tax incentives, eligibility for Social Services Block Grant funds, and a variety of Federal agency resources committed to Empowerment Zones by the President's Community Empowerment Board; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has issues a Notice Inviting Applications: Second Round Designation of 15 Urban Empowerment Zones; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County Maryland plans to file a Notice of Intent to Participate in the Round II application process in conjunction with the District of Columbia for a contiguous area that includes the City of Seat Pleasant and the eastern portion of the District of Columbia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Council supports Prince George's County and the District of

Columbia's joint application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for designation of an empowerment zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council supports:

1. Any and all necessary agreements with the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia to identify eligible census tracts to be included in the proposed Empowerment Zone, as well as , any agreements necessary to file a joint application with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the designation of an Empowerment Zone.
2. The joint strategic vision that incorporates a comprehensive planning process by the residents, businesses, educational institutions, civic and community organizations and other affected entities indigenous to the proposed Empowerment Zone.
3. Private sector and public sector programs and activities that will strengthen and complement the strategic vision for the proposed Empowerment Zone.
4. All necessary agreements with the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to define the partnership agreements between and among the participants operating within the Empowerment Zone, as identified in the strategic vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the County Council is authorized on behalf of the Prince George's County Council to take all necessary actions to facilitate the application for designation of the proposed Empowerment Zone.

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 1998.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Ronald V. Russell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council