

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

Meeting Date: 2/3/98

Reference No.: CR-3-1998

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Bailey and Wilson

Item Title: A Resolution naming a designee to submit a letter of support on behalf of Prince George's County to the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for Neighborhood Business Development Program Projects

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: ____/____/____

Executive Action: ____/____/____

Committee Referral: 1/6/98 THE

Effective Date: ____/____/____

Committee Action: 1/22/98 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 1/6/98

Pub. Hearing Date: ____/____/____ __:____

Council Action: 2/3/98 ADOPTED

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

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 1/22/98

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-0 (In favor: Council members Wilson, Scott, Estepp and Maloney).

The purpose of CR-3-1998 is to name a designee to submit a letter of approval on behalf of Prince George's County to the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland for Neighborhood Business Development Program Projects. Formerly, the governing body (the County Executive and the County Council acting together) was required to endorse applications for participation in these programs. State legislation has been passed which gives a local governing

body the option of delegating this responsibility to an authorized designee. This program will be coordinated via the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Director of Housing and Community Development explained that Tax credits are awarded annually by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations that sponsor community activities in designated revitalization areas.

Nonprofit organizations market the tax credits to eligible Maryland businesses in exchange for contributions of cash or goods. Businesses which are eligible are those which pay various types of Maryland corporate taxes. The businesses may claim a State tax credit equal to 50 percent of their contributions.

The County Executive is of the opinion that this process will simplify revitalization efforts and make the process less cumbersome for the County and project sponsors. Especially, since the County has embarked upon a coordinated revitalization strategy.

The Office of Law finds the resolution to be in proper legislative form and the Acting County Auditor feels that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-3-1998.

The Legislative Officer is of the opinion that in light of the difficulty in the last two years of providing timely approvals to applicants, the Council may want to consider a process where the list of approved applicants is provided to the Council prior to the filing deadline.

The Committee amended the resolution by adding, the Council shall receive a list of approved applicants prior to the filing deadline which would help ensure that applications of interest to a Council Member or the Council as a whole are considered in a timely manner."

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

CODE INDEX TOPICS: