

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-008-2026

Draft No.: 1

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 1/27/2026

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 10-0 (In favor: Chair Oriadha, Council Members Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hunter, and Olson)

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole (COW) on March 3, 2026, to consider CR-008-2026. As presented on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, Draft-1 of the resolution is for the purpose of urging the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the Prince George's County Board of Education, Prince George's County Memorial Library System, and the Prince George's Community College (PGCC) to prohibit the use of public property under their control for civil immigration enforcement.

The Fiscal and Policy Note from the County Council's Budget and Policy Division explains that for many years, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has instructed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to avoid conducting immigration enforcement in certain areas. However, on January 20, 2025, the Trump Administration rescinded a prior policy established by the Biden Administration that protected sensitive locations. This change has reduced protections against immigration enforcement in locations such as schools.

The adoption of CR-008-2026 should not have an indirect or fiscal impact, as the proposal may only require police monitoring and enforcement to ensure these public spaces remain free from immigration enforcement activities.

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The legislation reaffirms the County Council's commitment to making the County a safe and welcoming place for all residents, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or national origin, and prioritizes protecting the well-being of communities within the County.

Vice Chair Olson noted that the County Council does not have authority over public spaces controlled by the school system, the library system, or the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

On a motion by Vice Chair Olson, seconded by Council Member Ivey, the Committee of the Whole voted 10-0 favorably on CR-008-2026.