

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2017 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-97-2017

Proposed by Council Member Toles

Introduced by Council Members Toles, Lehman, Taveras, Glaros, Turner and Patterson

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction November 14, 2017

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Project Labor Agreements

3 For the purpose of expressing the Prince George's County Council's support for the execution of  
4 Project Labor Agreements by the Prince George's County Executive on County-funded  
5 construction projects.

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council enacted legislation in 2011 expressly  
7 granting the County Executive the authority to include a clause requiring Project Labor  
8 Agreements on all solicitations issued for County construction projects with an estimated dollar  
9 value of \$1,000,000 or more; and

10 WHEREAS, since the legislation was enacted, the Prince George's County Executive has  
11 executed only one Project Labor Agreement on a County construction project; and

12 WHEREAS, neighboring jurisdictions have made great use of Project Labor Agreements to  
13 ensure that construction projects are built on time, on budget, and employ local residents,  
14 including the DC United Soccer Stadium, the Wizards' Practice Facility, the Northeast Boundary  
15 Tunnel, and the South Capitol Street Bridge in the District of Columbia; and

16 WHEREAS, the Purple Line, a 16-mile light rail line that will extend from Bethesda in  
17 Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County will be built under a project  
18 labor agreement to ensure local hiring and project delivery goals are achieved; and

19 WHEREAS, the Baltimore-Washington area construction labor market is approaching full  
20 capacity, Project Labor Agreements can enable the County to secure trained, skilled workers for  
21 County projects; and

1           WHEREAS, in the legislative findings and statement of policy in the Prince George's  
2 County Code, Subtitle 10A, Sec. 10A-157, the County Council found that Project Labor  
3 Agreements:

- 4           1) Provide a reliable means for ensuring that construction projects will be adequately staffed  
5           with sufficient numbers of highly skilled and properly trained craft personnel and,  
6           therefore, such agreements promote the efficient, economical and safe completion of such  
7           contracts, and that for this reason alone, the County has a sufficient compelling interest in  
8           allowing the use of Project Labor Agreements for construction projects to protect its  
9           investments and proprietary interests in such projects;
- 10          2) Promote timely, successful project delivery by including legally enforceable guarantees  
11          against labor strikes and employer lockouts and also provide procedures to ensure the  
12          peaceful, efficient and orderly resolution of labor-management disputes or other disputes  
13          or potential disruptions that could otherwise interfere with the execution of construction  
14          projects;
- 15          3) Have a long and extensive history of effectively protecting and promoting the financial  
16          investments and proprietary interests of both public and private project owners in the  
17          planning, execution and management of major capital facility projects, and have a proven  
18          track record of being an effective tool for these purposes;
- 19          4) Provide a reliable means for ensuring that construction craft personnel employed on  
20          projects are paid appropriate wages as required by law, receive essential construction  
21          safety training and are covered by applicable unemployment and workers compensation  
22          laws;
- 23          5) Facilitate employment opportunities and apprenticeship and other skill training  
24          opportunities for local workers and County residents by utilizing local union training  
25          centers, hiring halls and referral systems, which allow more Prince George's County  
26          residents to participate in County-funded projects; and
- 27          6) Promote meaningful employment and skill training opportunities for its residents; and

28           WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council reaffirms the benefits and value that  
29 Project Labor Agreements can provide to the County, as outlined in the Prince George's County

1 Code, Subtitle 10A, Sec. 10A-157; and

2 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County has a number of large construction projects in the  
3 pipeline that would benefit from Project Labor Agreements, including the Regional Medical  
4 Center, the Regional Health and Human Services Center, South County Roadway Improvements,  
5 Curb and Road Rehabilitation 2, and MD 4 (Penn Ave), among others.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George’s  
7 County hereby urges the County Executive to include a clause requiring a Project Labor  
8 Agreement in the solicitations of the above-mentioned projects, or other similar projects.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Derrick Leon Davis  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council