

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2010 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-67-2010
Proposed by Council Members Dernoga and Harrison
Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Olson, Turner, Dean, Bland
Knotts and Exum
Date of Introduction July 13, 2010

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Greater Washington 2050 Compact

3 For the purpose of endorsing the regional goals in the January 2010 *Region Forward* Report and
4 adopting the *Greater Washington 2050 Compact*.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George's County recognizes and values its status as part of the
6 economically vibrant and socially diverse National Capital Region; and

7 WHEREAS, Prince George's County takes part in regional planning and activities through
8 its participation in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG); and

9 WHEREAS, in January 2008, COG established the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition, a
10 public-private advisory panel, consisting of local government officials, representatives of the
11 Region's business and environmental sectors, and members of the public representing numerous
12 and diverse civic interests, to help shape the Region; and

13 WHEREAS, the Coalition sought to leverage existing regional and local vision plans and
14 reach regional agreement on local actions that can help achieve common regional goals; and

15 WHEREAS, the Coalition examined how other regions have approached similar efforts,
16 sponsored a workshop on future economic, environmental, and demographic trends and changes
17 that could affect the National Capital Region, and commissioned and published a survey of
18 public opinion on regional matters in 2008 and 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, after almost two years of work, the Coalition unanimously approved its final
20 report, *Region Forward - A Comprehensive Guide to Regional Planning And Measuring*
21 *Progress in the 21st Century*, which includes nine regional goals in four themes of accessibility,
22 sustainability, prosperity, and livability; and establishes regional performance targets and

1 indicators to measure required progress toward goals; and

2 WHEREAS, the COG Board approved the *Region Forward* report in January 2010, and
3 recommended that local governments execute a voluntary regional compact incorporating these
4 regional goals, and commit to consider regional implications in their local decisions and actions;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, after review and consideration of these
7 goals and their potential benefit to the Region and the residents and businesses of Prince
8 George's County, believes that adoption of the voluntary *Greater Washington 2050 Compact* to
9 be in the public interest of Prince George's County,

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
11 County, Maryland, that Prince George's County hereby endorses the voluntary *Greater*
12 *Washington 2050 Compact* and, within Prince George's County's legal, financial, and political
13 limitations, commits to follow the principals and goals therein in its decisions and actions.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Prince George's County strongly supports COG
15 review and revision of the regional activity centers map to better align with the long-term,
16 aspirational goals identified in the *Region Forward* Report and those of Prince George's County
17 and other COG member local governments and further requests that this task be a top priority for
18 *Region Forward* implementation and action by Prince George's County staff.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Prince George's County is concerned that some
20 environmental-related targets are too incremental and recommends that COG examine targets for
21 possible modification as part of the approved technical analysis on the 2010 *Region Forward*
22 baseline report.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council supports the
24 County Executive's signature on the voluntary *Greater Washington 2050 Compact* on behalf of
25 Prince George's County.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of Prince George's County is hereby
27 directed to familiarize itself with the voluntary *Greater Washington 2050 Compact* and to alert
28 the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County on significant regional
29 implications of proposed decisions or actions.
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Adopted this 13th day of July, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council