

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2010 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-62-2010

Proposed by Council Member Olson

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Harrison, Dean, Dernoga, Exum, Bland, Knotts,  
Campos and Turner

Date of Introduction July 13, 2010

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Steering Committee

3 For the purpose of establishing the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Steering Committee to  
4 encourage continued coordination and intra-governmental collaboration with nonprofit  
5 organizations, law enforcement, and the education community working towards the prevention,  
6 intervention, and suppression of youth and gang violence.

7 WHEREAS, the Joint County Gang Prevention Task Force was duly established to examine  
8 gang prevention, suppression, and youth education strategies; and

9 WHEREAS, the Joint County Gang Prevention Task Force Final Report and Executive  
10 Summary was issued in September 2004 included several recommendations to address gang  
11 violence; and

12 WHEREAS, in furtherance of the recommendations of the 2004 Joint County Gang  
13 Prevention Task Force Report, the County Council Adopted CR-25-2008 creating the Youth and  
14 Gang Violence Prevention Task Force to review and evaluate the County's violence-prevention  
15 programs and their impact upon County youth and recommend appropriate changes, including  
16 measurements of success, to ensure a well-coordinated and systematic violence-prevention effort  
17 in the County; and

18 WHEREAS, the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force met bi-weekly from July  
19 2008 to November 2008, heard community input, evaluated data, and developed additional  
20 recommendations and strategies towards the mission to curb youth and gang violence in the  
21 County; and

22 WHEREAS, the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force Report (hereinafter

1 referred to as the “Task Force Report”) was presented to the County Council on March 16, 2010;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Task Force Report articulated 23 recommendations including the creation  
4 of a Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee to help the County coordinate gang  
5 prevention and intervention efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, the Steering Committee will be responsible for recommending policy,  
7 reviewing activities of the County’s Gang initiative, enhancing interagency and organizational  
8 collaboration, and continuing the assessment of gang related activities, and

9 WHEREEAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the Council may appoint, for  
10 designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall  
11 assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland, that the Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee is hereby established  
14 to encourage continued coordination and intra-governmental collaboration with nonprofit  
15 organizations, law enforcement, and the education community working towards the prevention  
16 and intervention of youth and gang violence.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Steering  
18 Committee shall be composed of 26 members:

- 19 1. The Chairman of the County Council or the Chairman’s representative, who shall  
20 serve as the presiding officer;
- 21 2. A member of the County Council, who shall serve as the presiding officer in the  
22 absence of the presiding officer;
- 23 3. A representative of the County Executive;
- 24 4. A member of the Board of Education of Prince George’s County;
- 25 5. A representative of the County Police Department;
- 26 6. A representative of the Sheriff;
- 27 7. A representative from M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation;
- 28 8. A representative from the Prince George’s County Youth Commission;
- 29 9. A representative from the Prince George’s County School System;
- 30 10. A representative from the Office of the State’s Attorney;
- 31 11. A representative from the Department of Corrections;

1 12. A representative from the Department of Health;

2 13. A representative from the University of Maryland/Department of Criminology and  
3 Criminal Justice;

4 14. A representative from the Department of Family Services;

5 15. A representative from the Department of Social Services; and

6 16. A member from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
7 (NAACP); and

8 17. Ten (10) leaders from the non-profit or civic community who operate youth violence  
9 prevention programs, who shall be selected by the Chairman of the County Council.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Steering  
11 Committee shall meet in public session on call of the chairman at least quarterly; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Steering  
13 Committee shall report on its activities to the County Executive and County Council, and make a  
14 summary available to the general public; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate  
16 technical and administrative personnel to assist the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention  
17 Steering Committee in its work.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
19 Maryland, that the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Steering Committee is hereby created  
20 under the direction of the County Council effective through December 2012 and shall be  
21 reconvened thereafter as needed to continue the charge of the Steering Committee.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council