

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2008 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-87-2008

Proposed by Council Members Campos and Dean

Introduced by Council Members Dean, Olson, Exum, Bland, Harrison, Knotts,

Dernoga and Turner

Date of Introduction September 30, 2008

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Federal Leased Office Space

3 For the purpose of supporting the Federal Government's attempt to give full and equal
4 consideration to Prince George's County when choosing leases for federal office space in the
5 Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area.

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County government supports the location and relocation
7 of Federal Agencies to Prince George's County, Maryland; and

8 WHEREAS, Prince George's County encompasses approximately 33 percent of the land
9 area in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and is home to approximately 22.5 percent of the
10 population; and

11 WHEREAS, Prince George's County accounts for only 4.1 percent of Federal leasing
12 dollars and only 5 percent of Federally-occupied office space in the Washington, D.C.
13 metropolitan area; and

14 WHEREAS, these percentages equate to only two million square feet of Federally-occupied
15 office space in Prince George's County out of a total of 48 million square of office space
16 inventory in the Washington Metropolitan Area ;and

17 WHEREAS, other suburban jurisdictions in Maryland and Northern Virginia account for
18 16.5 percent and 37 percent, respectively, of Federally-occupied office space; and

19 WHEREAS, to address this pronounced disparity, in the 2008 consolidated appropriations
20 bill, the Congress required that that the General Services Administration (GSA) give Prince
21 George's County full and equal consideration when analyzing lease proposals; and

22 WHEREAS, this language addresses one of the primary reasons for the imbalance, that

1 agency executives often ignore the delineated area of the prospectus and simply focus on the
2 area where they want to relocate, by requiring agency executives to consider the entire delineated
3 area; and

4 WHEREAS, the appropriations bill also requires for the first time that the General Services
5 Administration provide an explanatory statement when the entire delineated area is not
6 considered, thereby instituting an important measure of oversight that did not previously exist;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Prince George's County boasts a competitive cost structure, a first rate public
9 transit system with 15 Metro stops, a growing inventory of Class A office space and is home to
10 approximately 25 percent of the region's federal workforce;

11 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has several desirable parcels of land which could well
12 accommodate either the location or relocation of Federal Agencies to the County

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
14 County, Maryland, that by the adoption of this resolution the County does hereby show its strong
15 support for locating and relocating federal agencies in Prince George's County; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County is prepared to employ economic
17 incentives, to the extent feasible, to facilitate the location or relocation of Federal Agencies to
18 Prince George's County, Maryland; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall transmit signed copies of
20 this Resolution to the Maryland Federal Delegation and the General Services Administration.

Adopted this 30th day of September , 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive