Prince George's County Council
Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/13/2007
Reference No.: CR-081-2007
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Exum, Dean, Harrington, Bland
Sponsor(s): Exum, Dean, Harrington, Bland, Olson, Campos, Knotts, Turner, Dernoga
Item Title: Resolution concerning Workers' Rights for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the workers at Smithfield Foods, Inc. who have of alleged several claims of unfair labor practices against the Company's Tar Heel, North Carolina Division.

Drafter: Carmen N. Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Kendal C. Gray,Legislative Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:
Date Presented:
Executive Action:
Committee Referral:
Effective Date:
Committee Action:
Date Introduced: 11/6/2007
Public Hearing:
Council Action (1) 11/20/2007 - ADOPTED
Council Votes: MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:
(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)
Smithfield Foods, Inc. is the world's largest pork processor and hog producer, with revenues approaching $12 billion in fiscal 2007. In additional to several processing plants in North America and overseas, Smithfield Foods, Inc. manufactures products under dozens of brand named product lines. The Smithfield Foods, Inc. processing plant located in Tar Heel, N.C. employees about 5,500 workers who have filed several actions against the Company with the National Labor Relations Board. These claims include unfair labor practices, whereas Smithfield Foods, Inc. has created an environment of intimidation, racial tension, fear and even violence. Several jurisdictions both in North Carolina and outside of the State have adopted Resolutions in support of the workers rights at the Tar Heel, N.C. processing plant for Smithfield Foods, Inc.

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