

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-016-2025
Proposed by Council Member Burroughs
Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey and Watson
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction February 18, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Qualified Data Center Task Force

3 For the purpose of creating a Qualified Data Center Task Force to study the potential risks,
4 community benefits, and revenue potential of Qualified Data Center uses in Prince George's
5 County; to develop potential location and procedural policies for the siting of Qualified Data
6 Center uses; to specify appointment qualifications for membership of the Task Force; to set forth
7 reporting requirements for the Task force; and to provide for the administrative support of its
8 work.

9 WHEREAS, Qualified Data Center ("QDC") uses involve a building or group of buildings
10 used to house computer systems, computer storage equipment, and associated infrastructure that
11 businesses or other organizations use to organize, process, store, and disseminate large amounts
12 of data, which may be a co-located or hosting data center where equipment, space and bandwidth
13 are available to lease to multiple customers, or an enterprise data center owned and operated by
14 the company it supports; and

15 WHEREAS, QDC uses necessarily require specific power and space requirements to ensure
16 compatibility of the use with surrounding properties and residents of the County, require large
17 amounts of water for cooling, and potentially contribute to noise pollution while also offering
18 economic benefits like job creation and tax revenue; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States is experiencing significant data
20 center growth driven by robust fiber infrastructure, proximity to Washington, D.C., and high
21 demand from major tech companies; and

22 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the County Charter provides that the County Council may

1 appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County
2 who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
4 County, Maryland, that there is hereby created a Qualified Data Center Task Force to study the
5 potential risks, community benefits, and revenue potential of Qualified Data Center uses in
6 Prince George's County, and to recommend potential location and policies for the siting of
7 Qualified Data Center uses.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned study should address the following
9 considerations with regard to Qualified Data Center uses in Prince George's County: impact of
10 data centers on existing and future local energy demands and potential impacts to County
11 ratepayers and taxpayers in meeting future energy demand; environmental impact of data centers
12 on the air, water and woodland quality and supply in Prince George's County including
13 recommended measures to mitigate negative impacts; impact on quality of life aspects of areas
14 surrounding data centers such as viewsapes, open and green spaces, accessibility and urban
15 mobility, and social or recreational facilities.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Qualified Data Center Task Force will be
17 composed of twenty (20) members, to be appointed by the Chair of the County Council, as
18 follows:

- 19 1. Two (2) representatives, appointed by the Chair of the County Council, shall serve as Co-
20 Chairs of the Qualified Data Center Task Force;
- 21 2. One (1) representative from the Office of the County Executive;
- 22 3. One (1) representative from the County Department of Permitting, Inspections and
23 Enforcement;
- 24 4. One (1) representative from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)
25 Water;
- 26 5. Two (2) representatives from the professional, building construction industry;
- 27 6. Two (2) representatives from County electric service providers as follows: one (1)
28 representative from Exelon and one (1) representative from Southern Maryland Electric
29 Cooperative (SMECO);
- 30 7. One (1) representative from the Maryland Public Service Commission;
- 31 8. One (1) representative from the County Economic Development Corporation;

- 1 9. Two (2) representatives from registered civic associations or environmental groups in the
- 2 County;
- 3 10. Two (2) representatives from the data center community;
- 4 11. One (1) representative from Work Force Development;
- 5 12. Two (2) representatives from the labor community;
- 6 13. One (1) representative from the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel; and
- 7 14. One (1) representative from a higher education institution within the County.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department shall provide staffing for
9 the Qualified Data Center Task Force and shall submit research, policy and regulatory
10 recommendations within a report to the County Council on or before November 30, 2025.

11 Adopted this 15th day of April, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs, III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council