

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-053-2024

Proposed by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Fisher and Watson

Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Fisher, Watson, Oriadha, Dernoga
Olson, and Hawkins

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 4, 2024

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task Force

3 For the purpose of establishing the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task
4 Force to assess and identify the fundamental needs of the senior citizen population in Prince
5 George’s County; and recommend holistic and sustainable solutions to address the needs of the
6 senior citizen population in Prince George’s County.

7 **WHEREAS**, the senior citizen population in Prince George’s County represent a
8 significant portion of the community, and their well-being and quality of life are of utmost
9 importance; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative to address the diverse needs of senior citizens
11 comprehensively, including but not limited to senior tax credits, access to affordable and
12 equitable healthcare, food insecurity, housing, transportation, social services, asset planning,
13 fraud prevention education and recreational opportunities; and

14 **WHEREAS**, establishing a task force dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by
15 senior citizens will facilitate the development and implementation of holistic solutions that
16 enhance their quality of life and promote their overall well-being; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the County Council is committed to its responsibility to provide holistic
18 services and benefits to meet the needs of the County’s current and future senior citizen
19 population; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the needs and care for the County’s senior citizen population are distinct from
21 the County’s general non senior citizen population; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a collaborative and multi-disciplinary approach involving various
2 stakeholders is necessary to develop effective solutions tailored to the unique needs of senior
3 citizens in our community; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the Council may appoint, for
5 designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall
6 assist in the coordination of County policies and programs.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Prince George's
8 County, Maryland, that the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task Force is
9 hereby established and shall (1) conduct a comprehensive assessment of the needs (i.e., housing,
10 financial and tax policies, etc.) and challenges faced by senior citizens in Prince George's
11 County; (2) develop a strategic plan outlining holistic solutions to address the identified needs
12 and challenges; (3) collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, non-
13 profit organizations, and community groups, to implement the strategic plan; (4) submit quarterly
14 updates to the County Council and County Executive; and (5) provide an annual report
15 identifying equitable and sustainable solutions to address the needs of the senior citizen
16 population in Prince George's County.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior
18 Citizens Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members, representing various sectors and
19 interests, including but not limited to:

- 20 (1) A representative from the Prince George's County Association of Realtors;
- 21 (2) A representative from the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation;
- 22 (3) A representative from the AARP Suitland Chapter #939;
- 23 (4) A representative from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- 24 (5) The Director of Finance or the Director's representative;
- 25 (6) The Director of Social Services or the Director's representative;
- 26 (7) The Director of Family Services or the Director's representative;
- 27 (8) The County Auditor or the County Auditor's representative; and
- 28 (9) Three (3) senior citizens who reside in Prince George's County and represent the
29 Northern, Central and Southern geographic areas of the County, respectively. The Chair
30 of the County Council shall appoint one senior representative to serve as Chair.

31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior

1 Citizens Task Force shall meet quarterly; with the first meeting commencing the first week of
2 October 2024. Additionally, meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the Chairperson.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED** that the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior
4 Citizens Task Force shall present its findings and recommendations to the County Council on or
5 before February 28, 2025.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior
7 Citizens Task Force’s recommendations shall be considered by the County Council and County
8 Executive and taken under advisement to decide implementation of the proposed
9 recommendations.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate
11 technical and administrative support staff to assist the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for
12 Senior Citizens Task Force in its work.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council