

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

Resolution No. CR-125 -2025
Proposed by Council Members Fisher, Harrison, and Watson
Introduced by Council Members Fisher, Harrison, Watson, Oriadha, Burroughs, Olson,
Hawkins, and Adams-Stafford
Co-Sponsors Council Member Ivey
Date of Introduction October 14, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 A Domestic Violence Workgroup

3 For the purpose of establishing a Domestic Violence Workgroup and providing the purpose and
4 objectives of the Workgroup, defining the composition of the Workgroup, and requiring the
5 issuance of a report regarding domestic violence prevention and response in Prince George’s
6 County.

7 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County continues to experience significant numbers of
8 domestic violence cases, demonstrating an ongoing public safety concern requiring
9 comprehensive strategies to address effectively; and

10 WHEREAS, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that nearly twenty
11 (20) people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States,
12 highlighting the widespread nature of this crisis; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, Maryland
14 reported thirty-eight (38) intimate partner fatalities in 2023, emphasizing the critical need for
15 coordinated intervention and prevention efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, according to the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, of the ninety-
17 one (91) homicides reported in 2023 in Prince George’s County, twenty percent (20%) of those
18 homicides were domestic violence incidents; and

19 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pervasive issue affecting individuals and families
20 throughout Prince George’s County and the State of Maryland which significantly contributes to
21 homelessness among women and children, impacting community resources and stability; and

1 WHEREAS, domestic violence incidents often result in substantial healthcare costs,
2 financial strife, and have severe long-term physical and psychological impacts on victims,
3 including increased risk for chronic health conditions such as depression, substance abuse, and
4 suicide; and

5 WHEREAS, addressing domestic violence through a coordinated public health approach is
6 necessary to reduce its occurrence and support affected families effectively and financially; and

7 WHEREAS, collaboration among various public safety, health, human services, and
8 community organizations is essential to strengthen the county’s comprehensive response to
9 domestic violence; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George’s County provides that the
11 County Council or the County Executive may appoint temporary advisory boards to assist in
12 county policy and program considerations.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
14 County, Maryland, that a Domestic Violence Workgroup is hereby established to assist the
15 County by examining and proposing solutions aimed at reducing domestic violence and
16 enhancing victim support in Prince George’s County:

17 (a) The Workgroup shall examine the causes, current response practices, gaps in service
18 provision, and propose actionable strategies and recommendations to improve domestic violence
19 prevention and response efforts within the County.

20 (b) The Workgroup shall have one year to develop and submit a comprehensive strategic
21 plan on preventing and responding to the domestic violence crisis in Prince George’s County.

22 (c) The Workgroup shall be comprised of the following members:

23 (1) The Prince George’s County Police Chief, or their designee;

24 (2) The Prince George’s County Sheriff, or their designee;

25 (3) A representative from the Prince George’s County Department of Health;

26 (4) A representative from the Prince George’s County Department of Housing and
27 Community Development;

28 (5) A representative from the Prince George’s County Department of Social Services;

29 (6) A representative from the Prince George’s County Family Justice Center;

30 (7) The Prince George’s County State’s Attorney, or their designee;

31 (8) The Prince George’s County Fire Chief, or their designee;

1 (9) The Prince George’s County Public Schools Superintendent, or their designee;

2 (10) A representative from the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical
3 Center’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center (DVSAC);

4 (11) A representative from Community Legal Services of Prince George's County;

5 (12) A representative from the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA);

6 (13) A representative from the Prince George’s County Circuit Court, Civil Domestic
7 Division; and

8 (14) A representative from the Prince George’s County Association of Realtors
9 (PGCAR); and

10 (15) A representative from the University of Maryland Medical Center’s The Bridge
11 Program: Domestic Violence Awareness; and

12 (16) A representative from Maryland’s Department of Housing and Community
13 Development; and

14 (17) A representative from the Prince George’s County Redevelopment Authority; and

15 (18) A representative from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
16 (DPIE); and

17 (19) A representative from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
18 Commission; and

19 (20) A representative from Southern Management Companies; and

20 (21) A representative from the Prince George’s County Department of Family Services

21 (22) Representatives from nonprofits, which shall include:

22 (a) Together We Can, or their designee;

23 (b) MERCY House, or their designee;

24 (c) The Armor Group, or their designee;

25 (d) House of Ruth, or their designee;

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Prince George’s County Chair shall appoint one
27 (1) County Council member with the advice and consent of a simple majority vote by the County
28 Council. The member shall serve a one (1) year term.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all members or designees must report to the County
30 Council within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this resolution, specifying who the
31 representative shall be.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Workgroup shall meet monthly, commencing
2 within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this resolution.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Workgroup shall elect the Chair by simple
4 majority vote at its first meeting.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no member shall receive compensation but may
6 receive reimbursement for expenses under Standard State Travel Regulations as provided by the
7 County Budget.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Branch shall provide staff and
9 technical support to the Workgroup.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Workgroup shall submit its annual report of its
11 findings, recommendations, and progress to the County Executive and County Council no later
12 than thirty (30) days after the final meeting of the twelve (12) month period.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council