

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 Qualified Data Center Task Force will be
9 composed of seventeen (17) members, to be appointed by the Chair of the County Council, as
10 follows:

- 11 1. Two (2) representatives of the County Council, appointed by the Chair of the County
12 Council, shall serve as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Qualified Data Center Task Force;
- 13 2. One (1) representative from the Office of the County Executive, appointed by the County
14 Executive or their designee;
- 15 3. One (1) representative from the County Department of Permitting, Inspections and
16 Enforcement, appointed by the County Executive or their designee;
- 17 4. One (1) representative from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)
18 Water;
- 19 5. Two (2) representatives from the professional, building construction industry;
- 20 6. One (1) representative from each Exelon and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative
21 (SMECO) who provides electric services in the County;
- 22 7. One (1) representative from the Maryland Public Service Commission;
- 23 8. One (1) representative from the County Economic Development Corporation;
- 24 9. Two (2) representatives from registered civic associations in the County;
- 25 10. Two (2) representatives from the data center community;
- 26 11. One (1) representative from Work Force Development; and
- 27 12. One (1) representative from a higher education institution within the County.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department shall provide staffing for
29 the Qualified Data Center Task Force and shall submit research, policy and regulatory
30 recommendations within a report to the County Council on or before November 30, 2025.
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Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs, III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council