

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2010 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-29 -2010

Proposed by Council Members Dean and Bland

Introduced by Council Members Dean, Bland, Dernoga and Knotts

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction March 30, 2010

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Equine Industry Task Force

3 For the purpose of establishing the Equine Industry Task Force to explore and facilitate the
4 economic development potential of the equine industry in Prince George’s County.

5 WHEREAS, on August 6, 2009, the Maryland Horse Forum 2009 was held at The
6 Showplace Arena and Prince George’s Equestrian Center; and

7 WHEREAS, over 300 representatives from every sector of the Maryland equine industry
8 including racing, breed organizations, trail riders, service providers, show organizers, horse
9 owners, therapeutic programs, rescue organizations, and government officials were present for
10 this event; and

11 WHEREAS, the Executive Summary of the Maryland Horse Forum 2009 Final Report
12 recognizes the participants of the Forum as members of the “horse community” representing one
13 of Maryland’s most unique, historic, and economically significant industries; and

14 WHEREAS, the Maryland Horse Forum 2009 Final Report includes recommendations and
15 ideas presented by all segments of the equine industry which are focused on ways these various
16 interests have identified to truly sustain and grow this enormous industry; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the 2002 Maryland Equine Census Report, Prince George’s
18 County had the fourth largest inventory of horses in the State with nearly 7,500 horses, valued at
19 \$63 million, housed, trained, and otherwise maintained on 1,170 equine operations covering
20 11,700 acres; and

21 WHEREAS, the Subregion 6 Master Plan, approved by the County Council sitting as the
22 District Council on September 15, 2009, indicates that the equine industry is an important part of

1 the culture and history of Prince George’s County and that the equine racing industry in the
2 County is an important subsector and is closely related to the success of Maryland’s equine
3 racing industry; and

4 WHEREAS, the Approved Subregion 6 Master Plan contains policies and strategies
5 designed to support the preservation and development of the equine industry in the County.

6 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the Council may appoint, for
7 designated periods, one or more temporary boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in
8 the consideration of County Policies and Programs.

9 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
10 County, Maryland, that the Equine Industry Task Force is created. The Task Force shall study
11 the Maryland Horse Forum 2009 Final Report and the Approved Subregion 6 Master Plan
12 policies and strategies, as appropriate, and provide recommendations to support the preservation
13 of and the economic development potential of the equine industry in Prince George’s County.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Equine Industry Task Force shall be composed of
15 fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed in the following manner:

- 16 (1) Two (2) members of the County Council, appointed by the Chairperson;
- 17 (2) A representative of the Economic Development Corporation, appointed by the
18 Chief Executive Officer;
- 19 (3) A representative of the Office of the County Executive, appointed by the County
20 Executive;
- 21 (4) A representative of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
22 appointed by the Chairperson of the Planning Board;
- 23 (5) A representative of the Maryland Equestrian Foundation, appointed by the
24 President;
- 25 (6) A representative of the Maryland Horse Industry Board, appointed by the
26 Chairman;
- 27 (7) A representative of the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the
28 President;
- 29 (8) A representative of the Citizens Advisory Board for the Equestrian Center,
30 appointed by the Chairman;
- 31 (9) A representative of the Prince George’s County Conference and Visitors Bureau,

1 Inc., appointed by the Executive Director;

2 (10) A representative of University of Maryland, Equine Studies or a member from an
3 alternate academic equine community;

4 (11) Two (2) members of the general public, who are Prince George’s County residents,
5 appointed by the Council Chairperson; and

6 (12) Two (2) representatives of the Horse Racing Industry in Prince George’s County.

7 The Chairman/Co-Chairman shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the County Council.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate
9 technical and administrative support staff to assist the Equine Industry Task Force in its work.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Equine Industry Task Force shall prepare and
11 deliver its recommendations to the County Council on or before October 1, 2010.

Adopted this 20th day of April , 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council