



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 6/4/2024

Effective Date: 6/4/2024

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Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Hawkins and Blegay

Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Blegay, Ivey, Olson, Watson, Oriadha, Franklin and Dernoga

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A WORKGROUP TO STUDY ARAB-AMERICAN BUSINESSES: DISPARITIES, CAUSES, EFFECTS, AND SOLUTIONS for the purpose of establishing an MBE Expansion Workgroup; providing for the purpose of the MBE Expansion Workgroup; providing the composition of the MBE Expansion Workgroup; providing for the staff and technical support for the MBE Expansion Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a report; and generally regarding MBE Expansion Workgroup.

Drafter: Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Resource Personnel: Joel Peebles, Chief of Staff, CM Hawkins At-Large

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
06/04/2024	County Council	introduced	
	Action Text: This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Blegay, Ivey, Olson, Watson, Oriadha, Franklin and Dernoga.		
06/04/2024	County Council	rules suspended	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:		
	Aye: 10 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson		
	Absent: 1 Fisher		
06/04/2024	County Council	adopted	
	Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:		
	Aye: 11 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

This resolution establishes a Workgroup to Study Arab-American Businesses: Disparities, Causes, Effects, and Solution. The purpose of establishing a MBE Expansion Workgroup is to assist the County in determining whether Arab-American Businesses face disparities while opening/operating in the county, and begin planning for a disparity study if such hardships are uncovered. The Workgroup shall study the number of Arab-American businesses operating in the County, the difficulty of obtaining licenses and permits for Arab-American owned businesses, the number of licenses/permits that are denied and approved for Arab-American owned businesses, violations issues to Arab-American businesses, and any other disparity standard the Workgroup believes is necessary. The Workgroup shall identify if a disparity study is necessary and form the foundation/procedure of the disparity study if the Workgroup deems the study as a necessity.

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