

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2013 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-73-2013  
 Proposed by Council Member Toles  
 Introduced by Council Members Toles, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson  
 Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Introduction July 9, 2013

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Re-Entry Council

3 For the purpose of establishing the Re-Entry Council to determine, evaluate, and assess the  
 4 feasibility of developing a Re-Entry Program in the County to service returning citizens  
 5 attempting to re-enter society, and to develop a long-term three prong process that creates a Re-  
 6 Entry Court, a one-stop shop for re-entry services and job placement.

7 WHEREAS, in Prince George's County, hundreds of returning citizens are released back  
 8 into the community each day after completing their sentence at the Department of Corrections  
 9 and/or our local jail; and

10 WHEREAS, the recidivism rate amongst returning citizens in Prince George's County is  
 11 high and continually growing; and

12 WHEREAS, returning citizens face obstacles in the reentry process that range from getting,  
 13 maintaining, and advancing in a job, to overcoming other significant barriers like the need for  
 14 substance abuse treatment and obtaining affordable housing, in order to successfully reintegrate  
 15 into society; and

16 WHEREAS, the effective re-entry of persons transitioning from incarceration back into  
 17 society in a manner that fosters their positive rehabilitation and enables them to become  
 18 productive citizens of our County can benefit the entire community; and

19 WHEREAS, the County government has an obligation to the residents and citizens to  
 20 implement strategies to address returning citizens' multiple, concurrent service needs and create  
 21 a comprehensive action plan to guide the County's many partners in a coordinated approach to  
 22 meeting the varied needs of the returning citizens population; and

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

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
 5 County, Maryland, that the Re-entry Council is hereby established in an effort to determine,  
 6 evaluate, and assess the feasibility of developing a Re-Entry Program in the County; evaluate  
 7 what resources will be needed to implement a Re-Entry Program; develop a Countywide plan to  
 8 assist returning citizens in successfully transitioning back to the community; address the needs  
 9 and engagement of employers; survey existing services; develop a model program or process for  
 10 serving returning citizens; review relevant legislation; formulate the best methods to create a Re-  
 11 Entry Court, and a one-stop shop for re-entry services and job placement and focus on the  
 12 involvement of the faith based community.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Re-entry Council shall be composed of 19  
 14 members and Co-Chaired by representatives from the 3 branches of government:

- 15 1. The Chairman of the County Council or the Chairman's representative, who shall serve  
 16 as Co-Chair;
- 17 2. The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety or the Deputy Chief  
 18 Administrative Officer's representative, who shall serve as Co-Chair;
- 19 3. The Administrative Judge of the Prince George's County Circuit Court or the  
 20 Administrative Judge's representative, who shall serve as Co-Chair;
- 21 4. The Chief of Police or the Chief's representative;
- 22 5. The Sheriff or the Sheriff's representative;
- 23 6. The Director of Corrections or the Director's representative;
- 24 7. The State's Attorney or the State's Attorney's representative;
- 25 8. The Public Defender or the Public Defender's representative;
- 26 9. The Health Officer or the Health Officer's representative;
- 27 10. The Director of Social Services or the Director's representative;
- 28 11. The Director of Housing and Community Development or the Director's  
 29 representative;
- 30 12. The CEO of the Prince George's County Public Schools or the CEO's representative;
- 31 13. The Council's appointment to the Prince George's County School Board;

1 14. The President of the Prince George's Community College or the President's  
2 representative;

3 15. Two (2) representatives from non-profit organizations;

4 16. Two (2) representatives from the Faith Based Community; and

5 17. One (1) citizen of the County selected by the Chairman of the County Council.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Re-Entry Council shall present its findings and  
7 recommendations to the County Council on or before March 31, 2014.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate  
9 technical and administrative support staff to assist the Re-Entry Council in its work.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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