

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-100-2014
Proposed by	Council Member Franklin
Introduced by	Council Members Franklin, Davis, Harrison, Patterson, and Turner
Co-Sponsors	
Date of Introduction	October 21, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Local Business Participation Advisory Committee

3 For the purpose of establishing a Local Business Participation Advisory Committee to the
 4 County Council.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has enacted numerous policies over the past several
 6 years to increase local business and local minority business participation in public and private
 7 sector procurement opportunities and increase local business capacity; and

8 WHEREAS, consistent input from our local business community is vital to the successful
 9 implementation of policies designed to encourage greater local business and local minority
 10 business participation and increase local business capacity and will help close any perceived
 11 "gaps" between the intent of such policies and their practical impact; and

12 WHEREAS, feedback from our local business community can assist the County Council
 13 and the County Executive in determining the effectiveness and need for improvements of
 14 policies that have been enacted to encourage greater local business and local minority business
 15 participation and increase local business capacity; and

16 WHEREAS, many local businesses have expressed an interest in having a formal venue for
 17 providing constructive input to local policy makers regarding the effect of policies that impact
 18 local business opportunities in public and private sector procurement and local business capacity
 19 generally; and

20 WHEREAS, offering a consistent opportunity for policy feedback for our local business
 21 community may encourage greater participation in County certification efforts, procurement
 22 opportunities, and capacity building initiatives; and

1 WHEREAS, over the next five (5) years, since the County will foster over \$4 billion in
 2 private and public sector development projects, ensuring that these projects provide significant
 3 opportunities for local business and local minority business participation and local business
 4 capacity building is an extremely important priority for the County;

5 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the County Charter provides that the County Council may
 6 appoint, for designated periods, temporary citizen advisory boards to assist in the consideration
 7 of County policies and programs.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 9 County, Maryland, that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee to the County
 10 Council is hereby established.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee
 12 shall be composed of nineteen (19) voting members appointed by the County Council Chairman
 13 in consultation with the Council. The MBE Compliance Manager to the County Council shall
 14 serve as the Chairperson of the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee. Additionally,
 15 the Council Chairman shall appoint a Council Member to be an ex-officio (non-voting) member
 16 of the committee. The voting membership of the Local Business Participation Advisory
 17 Committee shall consist of:

18 (1) The MBE Compliance Manager to the County Council, who shall serve as the Local
 19 Business Participation Advisory Committee Chairperson;

20 (2) Eight (8) County-based minority business enterprises actively seeking procurement
 21 opportunities in the region;

22 (3) Three (3) experienced business enterprises, each with at least one office in the
 23 County, actively seeking procurement opportunities in the region;

24 (4) One (1) representative selected by the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce;

25 (5) One (1) representative selected by the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable;

26 (6) One (1) representative selected by the Director of Central Services;

27 (7) One (1) representative selected by the Prince George's County Economic
 28 Development Corporation;

29 (8) One (1) representative selected by the Prince George's Financial Services
 30 Corporation (FSC First);

31 (9) One (1) representative selected by the Prince George's Community College's Center

1 for Entrepreneurial Development; and

2 (10) One (1) representative selected by the Maryland Building Industry Association.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee
4 will collect and discuss feedback from stakeholders in the local business community concerning
5 the progress of local business and local minority business participation in public and private
6 sector procurement opportunities, local business capacity building efforts, and related policies.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee
8 shall collect, review and discuss available data and other information related to the
9 implementation of policies that impact local business and local minority business participation in
10 public and private sector procurement opportunities and local business capacity building efforts
11 and give input to the County Council and the County Executive on such policies.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee
13 may also review and consider issues recommended by members of the County Council or the
14 County Executive.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee
16 shall meet publicly at least bi-monthly (once every two (2) months), as determined by the Local
17 Business Participation Advisory Committee Chairperson, and, upon an affirmative vote of a
18 majority of its members present at a public meeting, the Local Business Participation Advisory
19 Committee may make formal recommendations or proposals. The Local Business Participation
20 Advisory Committee Chairperson may request information on the committee's behalf or at the
21 committee's direction. The necessary quorum for the Local Business Participation Advisory
22 Committee to hold a public meeting is ten (10) voting members.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee
24 shall transmit to the Clerk of the Council for delivery to the members of the County Council an
25 annual written report approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members present at a
26 public meeting assessing the progress and opportunities for improvement of policies that have
27 been enacted to encourage greater local business and local minority business participation and
28 increase local business capacity. This written report shall be transmitted annually within ninety
29 (90) days of the end of each fiscal year beginning in 2015 and be accompanied by a public
30 briefing to the County Council by the Local Business Participation Advisory Committee. The
31 County Council may request and receive more frequent feedback or briefings from the Local

1 Business Participation Advisory Committee at the Council's discretion.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of service for voting members of the Local
3 Business Participation Advisory Committee shall be four (4) years, subject to reappointment to
4 one (1) year terms of service.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate
6 technical and administrative support personnel to assist the Local Business Participation
7 Advisory Committee in its work.

Adopted this 28th day of Octobr, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council