

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2020 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-62-2020
Proposed by Council Members Glaros and Turner
Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Anderson-Walker, Hawkins, Ivey,
Harrison, Davis, Taveras, Streeter, Dernoga and Franklin
Date of Introduction July 7, 2020

RESOLUTION

The Prince George's County Food Security Task Force

A RESOLUTION concerning The Prince George's County Food Security Task Force for the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Food Security Task Force to address issues related to the demand and supply of healthy food and areas with limited access to healthy food, food-health connections, school meals, and food security in Prince Georges County.

WHEREAS, the Prince Georges County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission initiated a Food System Study to assess the County's food system; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the study was to identify challenges and opportunities and provide recommendations for creating a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system that ensures every Prince Georgian has access to nutritious, affordable, sustainably grown, safe, and culturally appropriate food; and

WHEREAS, the first research project under the Food System Study was an assessment of access to healthy food in Prince George's County. The November, 2015 publication entitled, *Healthy Food for All Prince Georgians: An Assessment of Access to Healthy Food in Prince George's County, Maryland*, revealed the results of this research project; and

WHEREAS, the report identifies issues related to the demand and supply of healthy food through surveys of food retailers, and surveys and focus group discussions with consumers. The report also includes research findings on areas with limited access to healthy food, food-health connections, school meals, and food insecurity in the County; and

WHEREAS, the study's findings and national and international promising practices provide policy recommendations for creating a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system

1 that ensures every Prince Georgian has access to nutritious, affordable, sustainably grown, safe,
2 and culturally appropriate food; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Healthy Food Policy Project published "[Prince George's](#)
4 [County Food Equity Council: Taking on Food Swamps through Policy Change](#)" outlining
5 systems change efforts which address multiple dimensions of food access that advance health
6 equity and improve diet-related health outcomes; and

7 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the food insecurity of residents
8 across Prince George's County; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the County Council may appoint,
10 for designated periods, one or more temporary boards of citizens of the County who shall assist
11 in the consideration of County policies and programs.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
13 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Food Security Task Force shall be composed
14 of twenty-one (21) members:

- 15 1. One (1) member appointed by the County Council Chair who will serve as the Chair;
- 16 2. A representative from the Prince George's County Executive Branch;
- 17 3. A representative from the Prince George's County Legislative Branch;
- 18 4. A representative from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- 19 5. A representative from the Prince George's County Health Department;
- 20 6. A representative from the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District;
- 21 7. A representative from Prince George's County Department of Social Services;
- 22 8. A representative from Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation;
- 23 9. A representative from Prince George's County Department of Family Services;
- 24 10. A representative from the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management;
- 25 11. A Prince George's County farmer appointed by the County Council;
- 26 12. An aggregate supplier from Prince George's County appointed by the County Council;
- 27 13. A representative from University of Maryland Extension who is a nutritionist;
- 28 14. A grocer operating in Prince George's County appointed by the County Council;
- 29 15. A representative from the Prince George's County Food Recovery Network;
- 30 16. A representative from the Capital Area Food Bank;

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- 1 17. A representative from Prince George’s County Public Schools appointed by the
- 2 Prince George’s County Public Schools Chief Executive Officer;
- 3 18. A Prince George’s County nonprofit which deals with direct hunger relief and/or anti-
- 4 poverty advocacy appointed by the County Council;
- 5 19. A representative from a Prince George’s County Hospital System community benefit
- 6 Department;
- 7 20. A representative from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and
- 8 21. A representative from a Prince George’s County faith-based organization appointed by
- 9 the County Council.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall
 11 assign appropriate technical and administrative personnel to assist the Prince George’s County
 12 Food Security Task Force in its work.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Prince George’s County
 14 Council that the Prince George’s County Food Security Task Force report deadline shall be on or
 15 before June 30, 2021.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2020.

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BY: _____
 Todd M. Turner
 Council Chair

ATTEST:

 Donna J. Brown
 Clerk of the Council