

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Resolution No. 190-2026

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Extending term – Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services .

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter, extending the term of Sandra Tello as Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services.

Introduced and read first time October 5, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2026.

no public hearing

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdrawn ____, by the County Council on October 5, 2026.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, on or about August 17, 2026 Sandra Tello was appointed Acting
2 Director of Technology and Communication Services; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, no permanent appointment has been made to fill the position of Director
5 of Technology and Communication Services; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter provides that a person
8 shall not serve as acting head of any department for a period longer than sixty days,
9 provided, however, such limit may be extended an additional four months by
10 resolution of the Council.

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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
13 County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the Council extends the term
14 of the appointment of Sandra Tello as Acting Director of Technology and Communication
15 Services for a period of four months after the expiration of the initial temporary appointment
16 term, or until a successor is appointed, whichever is sooner.



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. ____-2026 extending the term of Sandra Tello as Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services, pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter.

To: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jamar Herry
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Date: September 23, 2026

Background:

Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter provides that a person shall not serve as acting head of any department for a period longer than sixty days, provided, however, such limit may be extended an additional four months by resolution of the Council.

Sandra Tello was appointed Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services on August 17, 2026. Pursuant to the Charter provision referenced above, the County Executive would like to extend this temporary appointment for four months after her current term ends or until a successor is appointed, whichever is sooner.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the extension of this temporary appointment.

cc: Jennifer Sager
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