



Council Resolution 51-2026 SUPPORT

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Attached, please find a letter of support from Accessible Resources for Independence for CR 51-2026.

Best Regards,

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To: Howard County Council
From: Accessible Resources for Independence (ARI)

RE: Council Resolution 51-2026 - SUPPORT

Date: May 4, 2026

ARI supports the Midway 32, LLC-Annapolis Junction request for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement for redevelopment of the existing office building at 10010 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD into a community of 623 homes that will include 32 Disability Income Housing Units (DIHUs) for people with disabilities with incomes of 20% of the Howard County median, which is \$20,577 for a 1-person household. We strongly urge the Council's approval of CR 51-2026.

Accessible Resources for Independence (ARI) is a Center for Independent Living, and our mission is to maximize the independence of people with disabilities, so they enjoy self-directed, productive lives. We support people with disabilities and older citizens of Howard and Anne Arundel counties. Far too often we work with individuals who need affordable, accessible housing but cannot find such housing in integrated settings. This new community is a strong step forward to creating housing opportunities for all.

In addition to the 32 DIHUs, the community will include 32 units as Low Income Housing Units (LIHUs) and 31 Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHU) requirement meeting the 15% requirement imposed by the Council with passage of Council Bill (CB) 18-2025. The inclusion of DIHUs and LIHUs within the 15% specifically qualifies the project for the requested PILOT.

Providing incentives to create DIHUs and LIHUs implements recommendations of the Housing Opportunities Master Plan and HoCo by Design General Plan (HCBD-GP), Both plans also encourage efforts to increase housing accessibility and recommend that 10% of affordable housing in the County be accessible. ARI encourages the Council to augment the provisions of CR 51-2026 to require that 10% of the 95 affordable units be accessible and that those accessible units be DIHUs.

Thank you Council members for your consideration of ARI's CB 51-2026 position.

Best Regards,

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