

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment - Swati Sharma – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Swati Sharma to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.

Introduced and read first time on May 4, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on May 18, 2026.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on June 1, 2026.

Certified by Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

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

Swati Sharma

Howard County, Maryland Resident

Email: [Redacted] | Phone: [Redacted]

Community Leader | Civic Engagement Advocate | Business Executive

Howard County resident and business leader committed to strengthening civic engagement, equity, and inclusive community participation. Experienced in collaborating with public sector organizations, community leaders, and diverse stakeholders to advance initiatives that promote opportunity, representation, and cultural understanding. Passionate about fostering dialogue across communities and encouraging greater participation in local government and civic life.

Community Engagement & Civic Leadership

Community Advocate & Organizer – Howard County, Maryland

- Actively engaged in initiatives that encourage civic participation within immigrant and diverse communities in Howard County.
- Organize and host community gatherings and cultural events that bring together residents, community leaders, and public officials.
- Advocate for stronger representation and engagement of Asian American communities in civic life.
- Promote awareness of local government processes and encourage community participation in advisory boards and commissions.

Professional Leadership

President / Executive Leader – Technology & Professional Services Firm, Howard County, Maryland

- Lead a consulting and technology organization supporting government agencies across Maryland.
- Manage multidisciplinary teams delivering large-scale technology modernization initiatives.
- Oversee strategic planning, governance, operations, and organizational development.
- Collaborate with government leaders to implement solutions that enhance accessibility and efficiency in public services.

Governance Experience

Treasurer – Community Homeowners Association Board

- Founding board member during early development of the community.
- Established financial governance processes and budgeting frameworks.

- Ensured responsible financial oversight and transparent communication with residents.

Areas of Interest & Expertise

- Human Rights & Equity Advocacy
- Civic Engagement & Community Participation
- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Organizational Governance
- Community Leadership & Collaboration

Education

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree in Business and Finance