

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Anjali Thaker– Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Anjali Thaker to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on June 1, 2026.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.

Anjali Thaker

Education	<p>Gleneig High School, Class of 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weighted GPA: 4.64• Unweighted GPA: 3.86
Extracurricular Activities	<p>Thapasya School of Dance September 2014 - Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attends Indian classical dance lessons weekly and participates in rigorous week-long summer camps every year.• Regularly performs and showcases dance on stage at various community and cultural events.• Events include: World Culture Festival at The National Mall, Diwali at Capitol Hill in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, and the Bowie International Festival. <p>Active Member of Model United Nations September 2024 - Present</p> <p>Congress of Future Medical Leaders, Honors-Verified Delegate June 25-27, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selected for a national conference for high-achieving students pursuing medical careers.• Mentored by Nobel Prize winners, medical school deans, and leading physicians while exploring advancements in research, surgery, ethics, and patient care. <p>Bochasanwasi Akshar-Purushottam Sanstha Kishori Sevak Training Participant August 2024 - Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed a selective application process and passed both a written exam on basic Hindu principles and an oral exam reciting scriptural quotations for program admission.• Gained knowledge on teaching Hindu traditions and morals by attending full-day sessions on Saturdays once every month.
Volunteer Experience	<p>Bochasanwasi Akshar-Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS) Youth Group Instructor August 2024 - Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaches and mentors young women in grades 4-6 about Hindu culture and religion at BAPS Temple in Beltsville, MD every Sunday.

Anjali Thaker

- Designs and facilitates lesson plans, socratic seminars, games, and creative projects to reinforce spiritual and moral principles.
- Coordinates with other instructors to plan community events, cultural celebrations, and volunteer initiatives such as the annual Kids Diwali Celebration, Sports Day, and women's events throughout the year.
- Develops public speaking, leadership, and organizational skills while serving as a role model for younger women.

Kids Diwali Celebration 2024 Games Director

September 2024 - November 2024

- Collaborated with a colleague to design, organize, gather materials for, and supervise carnival games for the annual Kids Diwali Celebration in November attend by hundreds of children and families
- Managed setup, scheduling, and volunteer coordination to ensure smooth event flow.

Howard County Library System (HCLS) Summer Reading Volunteer

June 2024 - August 2024

- Received 20 volunteer hours to help toddlers, children, and their parents learn about the HCLS Summer Reading Program.

Awards

Principal's Honor Roll throughout middle school

Carson Scholarship Nominee at Folly Quarter Middle School in 2024

Verbal acknowledgement at the Marriots Ridge Model United Nations Conference while representing Venezuela in the Global Refugee Crisis.

2nd Place in Solo Indian Classical Dance Performance at a regional youth convention featuring dozens of other dancers