

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Erika Tustin – La Alianza Latina Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erika Tustin to the La Alianza Latina 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on June 1, 2026.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.

ERIKA TUSTIN

Writer | Community Leader | Communications Specialist

I am a hardworking, self-motivated professional with a creative mind and a deep commitment to community development. I thrive on new challenges and pride myself on being well-organized, punctual, and highly adaptable. With a background spanning hospitality, education, and non-profit leadership, I bring a unique blend of technical skill and emotional intelligence to every project.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Communication:** Social Media Management, Content Creations, Public Relations.
 - **Leadership:** Program Coordination, Non-profit Management, Strategic Planning.
 - **Creative:** Published Author, Event Organization.
 - **Soft Skills:** Integrity, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Bilingual (English/Spanish).
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OMHS Hispanic Committee | *Social Media & Communication Director* | 2022 – 2025

- **Digital Presence:** Engineered and launched the official website and Facebook page to bridge information gaps within the local Hispanic community.
- **Event Leadership:** Spearheaded the organization of Hispanic Heritage events for Oakland Mills High School, fostering cultural pride and inclusion.
- **Education Outreach:** Curated and managed free educational workshops tailored to the needs of the Spanish-speaking community.

Independent Writer & Artist | 2020 – Present

- Published a diverse portfolio of literary works, including short story collections, poetry, and children's literature.
- **Selected Works:**
 - *Los relatos y poemas que nunca se leerán* (2024)
 - *El viajero del tiempo* (2023)
 - *Las vocales con Eleo y Oga* (Children's Book, 2021)
 - *Claridad* (Artwork Collection, 2021)
 - *Breves Relatos del Sur* (2021)

NGO Program for a Better Peru | *Vice President & Co-Founder* | 2006 – 2013

- **Community Development:** Established the community's first children's library and promoted education, art, and culture through accessible programming.
 - **Economic Empowerment:** Managed micro-loan initiatives for small entrepreneurs to stimulate local business growth.
 - **Social Advocacy:** Orchestrated free health campaigns and directed large-scale food and clothing donation drives for underserved families.
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EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- **Howard Community College** | Columbia, Maryland
 - *Coursework:* Education and Web Development (2018)
- **Inst. Superior Público Honorio Delgado Espinoza** | Arequipa, Peru
 - *Diploma:* Hospitality Services Administration (1999)

Awards & Honors:

- **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society** | Member since 2018
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LANGUAGES

- **Spanish:** Native Speaker
- **English:** Fluent