

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment - J. Jason Zhao – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of J. Jason Zhao 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐ by the County Council on July 6, 2026.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.

Did not appear May 18, 2026 MPT

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2 County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3 nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Sections 6.349 and 12.220 of the Howard County Code provide for an Asian
6 American and Pacific Islander Commission in Howard County; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of J. Jason Zhao as a
9 member of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
12 confidence in the abilities of the nominee.
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
15 Maryland this 6 day of July, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a
16 member of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission to serve from the passage of this
17 Resolution to June 1, 2029 or until a successor is reappointed and confirmed:
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19 J. Jason Zhao
20 Columbia, Maryland

J. Jason Zhao

Community Service Experience:

Founder and Board Chair | Community Health Initiative, Inc | 2022 – Present

- Establish Community Health Initiative as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
- Make a strategic plan, assemble a team, and raise funds.
- Design service programs and lead the implementation of the programs.

Board Secretary | The VolunTeens, Inc | 2019 - Present

- Guide the students to establish VolunTeens as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
- Coordinate the Board operation.
- Assist students in connecting with local nonprofits or agencies.

Board Member | The Community Ecology Institute | 2022-Present

- Assist CEI staff to connect with various community organizations and members.
- Recruit volunteers and raise funds.
- Plan and assist with special events.

The Guiding Coalition Member | Howard County Local Children's Board | 2021 - Present

- Provide advisory services for the LCB.
- Promote LCB in the communities.

Board Member | Howard County Chinese School | 2013 - 2019

- Participate in strategic planning, budgeting, and oversight of HCCS.
- Coordinated and led community service projects.

Board Member and PTA President | Baltimore County Chinese School | 2011 - 2013

- Participate in strategic planning, budgeting, and oversight of BCS.

Work Experience:

Project Manager | Maryland Department of the Environment | 2009 – Present

- Implement the water appropriation law and regulations. Provide oversight, manage the application process, and make recommendations regarding approvals.
- Oversaw multi-agency collaborative projects

Education Experience:

Master of Science, Computer Science, University of Texas, Dallas

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Hohai University, China