

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 12

RESOLUTION NO. 174 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment– Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD, to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

Introduced and read first time on _____, 2026.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

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

By order _____
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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ___, Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on _____, 2026.

Certified by _____
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.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.350 and Subtitle 24 of Title 12 of the Howard County Code provide for an Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD, as a member of the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 30, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD
Clarksville, Maryland