

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 11

RESOLUTION NO. 138 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Alexander Ross– Interfaith Advisory Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Alexander Ross to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

Introduced and read first time on sep 8, 2026.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on sep 22, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ✓, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.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.

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 6.352 and 12.222 of the Howard County Code provide for an Interfaith Advisory Commission in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Dr. Alexander Ross as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission; 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 5 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2027 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Dr. Alexander Ross
Columbia, Maryland

ALEXANDER ROSS

OBJECTIVE

To support the work of interfaith dialogue and civic engagement in the Howard County community through participation on the County Interfaith Advisory Commission.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Synagogue Vice-President (1 year)/President (2 years) (volunteer)
Columbia, Maryland

Early Childhood Education Teacher (phonics/classroom support)
Columbia, Maryland
MSDE Level II Teacher Certified

Senior Health Policy Analyst
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Program Evaluator
U.S. General Accounting Office

Residential Counselor, Group Home for Developmentally Disabled

EDUCATION

Howard Community College, Columbia MD
Early Childhood Development - 90-hour pre-service training

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Doctor of Science in Health Policy

State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Board Member, Howard County Jewish Federation, Howard County, Maryland (pending July 2026)
Interfaith Refugee Ministry, Howard County, Maryland (2024 – current)
Howard County Board of Health, Howard County, MD (2007-2013)
Eagle Scout

LANGUAGES

Spanish – conversational