

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 142 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Teresa T. Murbach– Commission on Disabilities

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Teresa T. Murbach to the Commission on Disabilities.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.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 6.318 and 12.401 of the Howard County Code provide for a Commission on Disabilities in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Teresa T. Murbach as a member of the Commission on Disabilities; 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 Commission on Disabilities to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Teresa T. Murbach
Ellicott City, Maryland

Teresa Murbach

Summary

Deaf community leader, American Sign Language (ASL) instructor, and federal employee with extensive experience in advocacy, accessibility, and community engagement. Strong background in leadership, collaboration, and public service.

Leadership & Community Involvement

- **President**, Howard County Association of the Deaf (HCAD)
 - Provide leadership and oversight for a nonprofit serving the Deaf community
 - Support advocacy, accessibility initiatives, and community programs
 - Collaborate with board members, volunteers, and partner organizations
- **Board & Volunteer Leadership**
 - Extensive experience organizing community events, advocacy efforts, and outreach initiatives
 - Focus on transparency, inclusion, and responsible governance

Teaching Experience

- **Adjunct Instructor**, American Sign Language (ASL)
 - Teach ASL courses at the college level
 - Promote Deaf culture, linguistic rights, and inclusive communication
 - Support students in developing expressive and receptive ASL skills

Professional Experience

- **Federal Employee**, U.S. Department of War
 - Support federal acquisition and contracting processes in a regulated government environment
 - Ensure compliance with federal policies, procedures, and accountability standards

Skills & Areas of Focus

- Disability advocacy and accessibility
- Deaf community engagement
- Board governance and nonprofit leadership
- ASL education and Deaf culture awareness
- Collaboration across diverse stakeholders