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Support for Resolution CR181-2016

Elliott Finkelstein <efinkink@gmail.com> Yesterday, 3:44 PM Reply all

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Good Afternoon,

I am a member of the county's citizen advisory Commission on Disability Issues (CDI) and the chairman of its Access Committee, however, I am contacting you as a private citizen in support of Howard County Council Resolution CR181-2016, introduced by Dr. Calvin Ball, and which is scheduled to be voted on by the Council at tonight's meeting on Monday, Nov. 21, since the CDI has not had the opportunity to officially comment on CR181-2016.

I believe this resolution is an important step in making the workplace and

procurement opportunities more inclusive and representative of all groups within the county. I also believe that a proper certification process be put in place to ensure that the recipients in the groups targeted by this resolution are indeed eligible, and that training and outreach programs be part of the procurement process to help applicants apply correctly.

Thank you.

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Yesterday, 11:44 AM CouncilMail

Dear Council President Calvin Ball,

I, Nelson Machado, President of Machado Construction Company, Inc., am in favor of the CR 181-2016 bill.

Thank you,

Nelson Machado President



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Leonardo McClarty President/CEO, Howard County Chamber

November 21, 2016

Mr. Calvin Ball Chair, Howard County Council George Howard Building 3430 Courthouse Drive Ellicott, City, MD 21043

Dear Councilman Ball,

The Howard County Chamber of Commerce is a 700 member business organization whose mission is to provide advocacy, connections, and access to timely information to advance the growth and success of the business community. The Chamber's membership is comprised of a variety of firms including woman owned, minority, and veteran owned firms. Regardless of the size and ownership, each strives to grow their business in a profitable manner and hire local Howard County residents.

As we look to further support our members in their business development efforts and Howard County businesses in general, the Chamber is proud to extend our support for Council Resolution 181 which seeks to study procurement practices of the Equal Business Opportunity Program. We are excited about the opportunity to work with the Equal Business Opportunity Commission and others on this important initiative. It is important that all businesses, large and small, minority and women owned have the opportunity to compete for business derived from public dollars. Equally important is that those dollars are spent in an equitable manner.

On behalf of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review process and look forward to working with you and other members of the Council in the days ahead.

Respectfully,

Formando Michael

Leonardo McClarty, CCE President&CEO, Howard County Chamber of Commerce

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