

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 124-2016

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Victoria Airapetian to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

Introduced and read first time on October 5, 2016.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 12, 2016.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on November 9, 2016.

Certified by

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

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Incoming Student Commissioner Application from Victoria Airapetian

Name: Victoria Airapetian

(Please keep 300 words or less); In the modern day, everyone would like to think that we, as a society, are well down the road to the acceptance of those who differ from ourselves. However, even in diverse areas such as Howard County, that are filled with the highly-educated, we still have a long ways to go before discrimination is truly eradicated. As the Howard County Student Human Rights Commissioner, I would be fully committed to speaking for my fellow students, as well as proposing new ways of encouraging acceptance --- starting with spreading knowledge of different cultures and religions by getting everyone involved. During this past year, I have learned the importance of learning about foreign cultures and customs, and how the world thrives because of them, from my AP Human Geography class. In addition, I also have a lot of leadership experience; not only am I an active leader in my school French Club and church Culture Club, but I am also an active member of the National Honors Society and Horizon Club, for both of which I engage in many hours of community service. I also have excellent communication skills, and am very open minded and empathetic, which will allow me to speak for my peers and effectively fight for the human and moral rights that every person deserves. As a child of two immigrants, both of which were born and raised in Armenia, I am very aware of the racial ignorance that exists in many young people and adults alike --- most people have never even heard of my country. As a result, I have experience with both growing up in a non-traditional American household, as well as in dealing with racial and cultural ignorance. With my experiences, along with my defining attributes, I believe that I would be the best candidate for allowing students voices to be heard and represented, as the Student Commissioner of Human Rights.