

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 2017

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Karen Wood to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Introduced and read first time on January 3, 2017.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on January 17, 2017.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on February 6, 2017.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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.

Hello,

I am very interested in serving on the Commission on Disability Issues. I am blind and I have a wonderful guide dog named Dolly. I have a passion for standing up for the rights of all persons with disabilities. I have faced discrimination occasionally by taxi drivers, hotel owners, restaurant owners, our own paratransit contractor, a mammogram tech, and even by some of my own friends and family. I know what it is like to have to fight for my rights regarding equal access for my guide dog, and therefore, myself.

I am a retired preschool teacher, a mother of two, and a resident of Howard County for ten years. I volunteer at the Route One Day Center for homeless individuals. I am also on the New Skier Recruitment Committee for Ski For Light, a non-profit, all volunteer organization which provides cross country ski opportunities for blind and mobility impaired individuals. I enjoy hiking, tandem bicycling, skiing, kayaking, and working out at my gym. I would be honored to serve my community in this capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Wood