County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative day #

RESOLUTION NO. <u>2017</u>

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 <u>farmany</u> , 2017. By order <u>Jassica I adduced</u> Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council	
Read for a second time and a public hearing held on <u>January 17</u> , 2017. By order <u>Jessica Feldmark</u> 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with amendments_, Failed_, Withdrawn by the County Council on	

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; <u>Underlining</u> 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 Disability Issues in Howard County; and
- WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Karen Wood as a
 member of the Commission on Disability Issues; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and 9 confidence in the abilities of the nominee.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
 Maryland this <u>day</u> of <u>derugue</u> 2017 that the following person is appointed as a
 member of the Commission on Disability Issues to serve from the passage of this Resolution to
 January 2, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:
 - Karen Wood Columbia, Maryland

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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