

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Lonnie Robbins **Chief Administrative Officer** 

**Testimony Council Resolution** 

Lawrence F. Twele From: **Chief Executive Officer** 

MAR 2 6 2018 HOWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Date: March 23, 2018

Re:

Testimony in support of Council Resolution, endorsing the financing by the State of Maryland Department of Commerce for economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

The Howard County Economic Development Authority supports and urges the passage of Council Resolution CR which is related to assisting businesses as they expend or locate in Howard County, Maryland. The bill is being submitted to the Council pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland the ("ACT"), which requires that the County approve a resolution endorsing the financial assistance being given by the Department for the project described in the Resolution.

The project is as follows:

1. A \$200,000 MEDAAF Conditional Loan to support the relocation of Panera LLC, for the purchase and improvement costs of real property and the installation of machinery, equipment, furnishings, fixtures and improvements for a new automated dough manufacturing and distribution facility in approximately 55,000 sq. ft. located at 7801 Dorsey Run Road, Jessup, Maryland 20794.

Please feel free to contact me or Vernon Thompson should you have any questions.

cc: Alan Kittleman, County Executive Gary W. Kuc, Esq., County Solicitor Vernon J. Thompson, EVP EDA

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