



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony on Council Bill No.49- 2018
Changing the name of the Commission on Disability Issues

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator
Department of County Administration

Date: July 10, 2018

The County Executive received the attached request from the Commission on Disability Issues to change the Commission's name. The Commission requested that its name be changed to be the "Commission on Disabilities."

The Commission opines that the use of the word "Issues" in the Commission's name is inconsistent with all other County Commissions and has other negative connotations.

The County Executive supports the Commission's request and has submitted Council Bill No. 49 for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Attachment



**Commission on
Disability Issues**

April 23, 2018

Honorable Allan H. Kittleman
Office of County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. Kittleman,

At the December meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues, the commissioners unanimously voted to request a change in the name of our commission to the "Commission on Disabilities."

The current name of our commission includes the word "issues" which unfortunately carries a negative connotation in some circles. Additionally, we researched how other commissions in Howard County are named and noted that no other commission has the word "issues" in its title.

I notified the Department of Community Resources and Services Director, Jackie Scott of our intentions to seek this name change prior to our last commission meeting. Hearing no initial objection to our request, I am now forwarding this request to your attention, on behalf of the Commission on Disability Issues, for appropriate action.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson of the Commission of Disability Issues

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