

Amendment 2 to Council Resolution No. 112

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(This amendment calls for the establishment of a Task Force to examine demographic and socioeconomic conditions in the Howard County Public Schools and within Howard County’s Housing Policies and Regulations.)

1 On the title page, strike the title, in its entirety, and substitute the following:

2 “A RESOLUTION supporting the establishment of a Task Force comprised of
3 community stakeholders to examine housing policy and socioeconomic factors that
4 impact student achievement in Howard County Public Schools, and requesting the Task
5 Force issue policy and funding recommendations to eliminate achievement gaps.”

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7 On page 1, strike lines 1 – 20, and substitute the following:

8 “WHEREAS, the Howard County Office of the Local Children’s Board’s report *Access*
9 *to Opportunity in Howard County: Making the Case for Equity* (Winter 2019) states that
10 “Howard County is often regarded as one of the best places to raise a family. The county
11 is affluent, has great schools and programs for young people, and a high standard of
12 living. ... The county is home to diverse communities of residents who come from a wide
13 range of racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds—for, example, nearly 40 percent of
14 residents speak a language other than English and 20 percent of county residents were

1 born in a country other than the United States; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, despite the overall affluence and diversity in Howard County, there are
4 areas of socioeconomic disparities that create challenges and obstacles to equitable
5 opportunities for students and families; and”.

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7 Strike, beginning with line 26 on page 1 through the remainder of the resolution and substitute
8 the following:

9 “**WHEREAS**, past development patterns in Howard County have lacked a diversity of
10 housing types and the County is building upon policies to expand housing affordability,
11 diversifying housing types and their distribution throughout the county; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Howard County is proud of its diversity and inclusion and aims to ensure
14 equitable opportunities for all its residents, regardless of background or socioeconomic
15 status.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Council of Howard
18 County, Maryland, on this _____ day of _____, 2019 desires that
19 educational achievement gaps and disparities in the schools and neighborhoods are
20 addressed in a collaborative and multi-pronged effort that includes land-use and zoning,
21 housing goals, transportation access, school-assignment boundaries, educational policies,
22 and funding priorities.

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24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council of Howard County,
25 Maryland, calls for the establishment of a Task Force comprised of community
26 stakeholders and public agencies in an effort to examine achievement gaps and disparities
27 in Howard County schools, available resources within schools, demographic and
28 socioeconomic factors surrounding Howard County Public Schools; land-use and zoning,

