

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 9

RESOLUTION NO. 104 - 2019

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Athena A. Verghis to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Introduced and read first time on July 1, 2019.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on July 15, 2019.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn  by the County Council on July 29, 2019.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark  
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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.



## Athena Verghis

### Objective

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To apply for the student representative position on the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board.

### Education

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2016 - Present          Marriotts Ridge High School

### Honors & Awards

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2018 - Present          National Honor Society  
 2018 - Present          Tri-M Honor Society  
 2017 - Present          Spanish National Honor Society  
 2016 - 2019              Principal's Honor Roll student  
                                  Weighted GPA: 4.8  
 2019                      State 1st place winner of Future Business Leaders of America  
                                  • Event: Business Plan  
 2019                      Bronze Awardee of the National Spanish Exam Level 4  
 2018                      National Qualifier of National Catholic Forensics League  
                                  • Event: Extemporaneous Speaking  
 2018                      Silver Awardee of the National Spanish Exam Level 3  
 2018                      State and Regional 1st place winner of Future Business Leaders of America  
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 2017                      Silver Awardee of the National Spanish Exam Level 2  
 2017                      US Finalist U.S. Department of Energy's BioenergizeME Infographic Challenge  
                                  • Created an infographic to educate the public on the environmental  
                                  benefits of biofuel

### Extracurricular Activities

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2018 - Present          Student Member of the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board  
                                  • Provide a student perspective to environmental issues and solutions that  
                                  affect Howard County alongside environmental leaders  
 2018 - Present          Vice President of Howard County Association of Student Councils  
                                  • Work with the Howard County Student Member of the Board to relay  
                                  HCPSS board decisions to the student body  
                                  • Organize monthly meetings with speakers and workshops to develop  
                                  student leadership skills  
 2018 - Present          President of the Marriotts Ridge Environmental Club

- Plan weekly meetings which include leading school-wide recycling programs, educating the student body of environmental issues, and letter writing campaigns to local representatives
- 2018 - Present Vice President of Girl Up, Marriotts Ridge High School
  - Help organize weekly meetings and advocacy and fundraising events
- 2017 - Present Member of Student Bay Advocacy Council of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation
  - Promote public awareness campaigns throughout Maryland for the betterment of the Chesapeake Bay
- 2016 - Present Member of Speech and Debate Team
  - Develop public speaking skills, especially in an extemporaneous setting
  - Speak on national and international political issues and compete with other students across the country
- 2017 - Present Member of the Marriotts Ridge High School Madrigals Choir
- 2012 - Present Member of Cantate Choir, Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University

### **Community Service**

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- 2017 - Present Volunteer at the Howard County Conservancy
  - Removal of invasive species
  - Tree-planting restorations
- 2013 - Present Math, English, Public Speaking Tutor for The Learning Academy
  - Plan and teach lessons for 3rd to 5th graders weekly after school

### **Work Experience**

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- 2019 Summer Internship with State Senator Katie Fry Hester
  - Research grants and initiatives to aid in Old Ellicott City flooding restoration and reconstruction
- 2018 Fall Election Judge for 2018 Midterm Elections
  - Learned the local and state election procedures
  - Facilitated voting booths to maintain the integrity of the voting system
- 2018 Summer/Fall Safeway Courtesy Clerk
  - Store Manager: Stacy Baier
- 2018 Summer Internship with the Fund For the Public Interest
  - Worked with Environment Maryland to advocate for a statewide ban on Styrofoam products
  - Collaborated with US PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) to gain public traction of the fast food industry's role in antibiotic resistance
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