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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. 49-2022

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

AN ACT to establish La Alianza Latina Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; providing for the purpose and duties of the Commission; providing for the method of appointment and staff; requiring certain meetings and certain reports; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to La Alianza Latina Commission.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2022.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2022 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2022 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2022

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, La Alianza Latina Workgroup was established by County Executive Ball in
2 August of 2020 with a mission of evaluating systemic and programmatic needs for Latinos in
3 Howard County and providing recommendations; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, La Alianza Latina Workgroup issued a final report in 2022 submitting several
6 policy recommendations including the recommendation for a permanent Commission; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, although Howard County has made great strides in equity, diversity, and
9 inclusion, the County Executive recognizes that more is needed to fully realize a culture of
10 inclusion, communication, understanding and respect for Latino families, businesses, and
11 residents; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for continued work on identification and implementation of
14 policy, programs, and engagement related to increasing access to government and county
15 resources, ensuring representation across public serving entities, and increasing equitable
16 outcomes for Latino families, businesses and residents; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is committed to elevating the critical issues of Latino
19 communities in Howard County and wishes to establish La Alianza Latina Commission in order
20 to advance policy and systemic change.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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24 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*
25 *County Code is amended as follows:*

- 26 1. *By adding Section 6.348 “La Alianza Latina Commission” to Title 6. County Executive and*
27 *the Executive Branch.*
- 28 2. *Section 12.219 “Severability” of Title 12, Health and Social Services, is renumbered to be*
29 *Section 12.220.*
- 30 3. *By adding Section 12.219 “La Alianza Latina Commission” to Title 12, Health and Social*
31 *Services.*

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2 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

3 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**
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5 **SECTION 6.348. LA ALIANZA LATINA COMMISSION.**

6 THERE IS A LA ALIANZA LATINA COMMISSION IN HOWARD COUNTY. ITS MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES,
7 AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SECTION 12.219 "LA ALIANZA LATINA COMMISSION" OF
8 TITLE 12, "HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES," OF THIS CODE.
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10 **Title 12. Health and Social Services.**

11 **Subtitle 2. Human Rights.**
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13 **SECTION 12.219. LA ALIANZA LATINA COMMISSION; GENERAL PROVISIONS; PURPOSE;**
14 **MEMBERSHIP; METHOD OF APPOINTMENT; STAFFING; MEETINGS; DUTIES; ANNUAL REPORT.**

15 (A) *GENERAL PROVISIONS.* GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COMMISSION ARE SET
16 FORTH IN SUBTITLE 3, "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," OF TITLE 6, "COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE
17 EXECUTIVE BRANCH" OF THIS CODE.

18 (B) *PURPOSE.* THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO ADVANCE THE VALUES OF DIVERSITY AND
19 CIVILITY, AND TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH COUNTY AGENCIES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND
20 OTHER INTERESTED COMMUNITY GROUPS TO FACILITATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF INCLUSION,
21 COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING, AND RESPECT THROUGH THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE AND
22 WITHIN THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

23 (C) *NUMBER OF MEMBERS.* THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF 15 MEMBERS AND
24 A MAXIMUM OF 19 MEMBERS.

25 (D) *MEMBERSHIP.* THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPRISED OF:

26 (1) THE FOLLOWING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

27 (I) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OR THE
28 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE; AND

29 (II) THE PRESIDENT OF HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;

30 AND

31 (2) THE FOLLOWING APPOINTED MEMBERS:

- 1 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;
- 2 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRASSROOTS;
- 3 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM LUMINUS;
- 4 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM CONEXIONES;
- 5 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION;
- 6 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER COMMUNITY;
- 7 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD OR WORKFORCE
- 8 DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY;
- 9 (VIII) AT LEAST 4 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY; AND
- 10 (IV) AT LEAST 2 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE AGE OF 19 WHO SHALL SERVE A
- 11 TERM THAT RUNS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30.
- 12 (E) *METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.* EACH APPOINTED MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
- 13 EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
- 14 (F) *EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER STAFF.* THE ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S
- 15 DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION AND SHALL ATTEND
- 16 ALL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION AND, IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE,
- 17 SHALL PERFORM DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY
- 18 ALSO DESIGNATE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO SERVE AS A LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION.
- 19 (G) *MEETINGS.* THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.
- 20 (H) *DUTIES.* THE COMMISSION SHALL:
- 21 (1) ORGANIZE, EDUCATE, AND MOBILIZE THE LATINO COMMUNITY THROUGH COALITION
- 22 BUILDING AND COORDINATION WITH INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND
- 23 BUSINESSES;
- 24 (2) WORK WITH HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES, AND OTHER
- 25 PUBLIC SERVING ENTITIES TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES THAT AFFIRM MEMBERS OF THE
- 26 LATINO COMMUNITY;
- 27 (3) RECOMMEND HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE POLICY INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT
- 28 LATINO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN;
- 29 (4) ADVISE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL ON POLICY AND PROGRAMS
- 30 IMPACTING HOWARD COUNTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LANGUAGE ACCESS,

1 CULTURAL COMPETENCY, REPRESENTATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS;

2 (4) ADVISE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL ON POLICY AND PROGRAMS TO
3 IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR UNDERSERVED AND AT-RISK SEGMENTS OF THE LATINO
4 POPULATION, INCLUDING YOUTH, NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS, SENIORS, AND IMMIGRANTS
5 AND NEW AMERICANS; AND

6 (5) SUPPORT, PLAN AND EXECUTE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS TO CELEBRATE AND AFFIRM THE
7 LATINO COMMUNITY.

8 (I) *ANNUAL REPORT.* ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL
9 SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT WHICH SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 22.1000
10 OF THIS CODE TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING
11 THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MATTER
12 RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

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14 **Section ~~[[12.219]]12.220. - Separability.~~**

15 The provisions of this subtitle are separable; and if any provision, sentence, clause, section,
16 subsection or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person
17 or circumstance, the illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality or inapplicability shall not affect
18 nor impair any of the remainder of the subtitle or its application to other persons or
19 circumstances.

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21 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,
22 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
23 *appointees to the La Alianza Latina Commission, at least 5 appointees shall have a term of 1*
24 *year, at least 5 appointees shall have a term of 2 years, and at least 5 appointees shall have a*
25 *term of 3 years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm the appointments.*

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27 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
28 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*