

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 116 -2015

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein  
at the request of Linwood Center, Inc.

A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by Linwood Center, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

Introduced and read first time July 6, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on July 6, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on July 6, 2015.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on July 7, 2015.

Allan H. Kittleman  
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

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1           **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Council is interested in promoting charitable donations  
2 to nonprofit organizations in the County; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, Linwood Center, Inc. is a nonprofit located at 3421 Martha Bush Drive,  
5 Ellicott City, Maryland 21043, and is a special education school and residential program for  
6 individuals living with autism and related developmental disabilities; and

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8           **WHEREAS**, Linwood Center, Inc. has applied to the Department of Housing and  
9 Community Development of the State of Maryland for approval of an allocation of tax credits for  
10 business entities and individuals that contribute to the organization, under the Department's  
11 Community Investment Tax Credit Program; and

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13           **WHEREAS**, the regulations of the Community Investment Tax Credit Program require  
14 that all projects receiving tax credits receive support from the appropriate governing body of the  
15 locality in which the project is situated.

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17           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
18 Maryland, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, that it hereby endorses the  
19 proposed financing to Linwood Center, Inc.

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21           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Executive be, and is hereby,  
22 requested to endorse this Resolution, thereby indicating his approval.

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24           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the  
25 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Neighborhood  
26 Revitalization, 10 North Calvert Street, Suite 444, Baltimore MD 21202.



# Howard County Council

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3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-4392

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July 14, 2014

Carol Anne Gilbert, Assistant Secretary for Neighborhood Revitalization  
Division of Neighborhood Revitalization  
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development  
10 North Calvert Street, Suite 444  
Baltimore MD 21202

Dear Ms. Gilbert:

Enclosed are copies of Resolutions adopted by the Howard County Council to endorse applications for an allocation of tax credits under the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

Please let us know if you require anything additional.

Sincerely,

Jeff Meyers  
Council staff

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**I certify this is a true copy of**  
CR 116 - 2015

**passed on** July 6, 2015  
Jessica Feldmark  
**Council Administrator**

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Introduced by: Chairperson  
at the request of the Community Action Council of Howard County

A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by the Community Action Council of Howard County to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

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passed on July 6, 2015  
Jessica Feldmark

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

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**Linwood Center Testimony  
to the Howard County Council**

Date: July 6, 2015  
Name: William Moss  
Executive Director, Linwood Center, Inc.  
Address: 13475 Brighton Dam Road  
Clarksville, Maryland 21029

CR116 - 2015  
testimony  
from public  
hearing

Good Evening Madam Chairperson and Council Members,

You all know me as the Executive Director of Linwood Center. You are most familiar with our new school and the strides we have made in Howard County and neighboring counties to provide special education services to students on the autism spectrum.

I am here this evening to request that the Council endorse Linwood's application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program. By doing so, you will facilitate a win-win situation for our donors and for Linwood, at no cost to Howard County. If Linwood is approved for the program, donors will receive a state tax credit of 50 cents on every dollar they donate to Linwood. This incentivizes potential donors to become actual donors and it incentivizes actual donors to increase the amount they donate. Linwood's programs and services are funded by various state agencies. These funds pay for the bare essentials. As a nonprofit agency, we rely on the additional funds we receive through grants and contributions to improve the quality of these programs and services.

Linwood has a much broader scope of services than its school program. I would like to spend the remainder of my time talking about adult services.

Linwood provides a supported employment program for adults living with autism. We provide job training and secure employment for our adult program participants. This includes our Linwood Boutique on Main Street in historic Ellicott City. Linwood also owns and operates 16 homes in neighborhoods that include Columbia and Ellicott City. Our children reside in four of those homes; our adults reside in twelve of them.

Adults with special needs have the same rights and responsibilities as all of us. They have the right to live and work in their community and to access resources in their community. Unlike children with special needs who are entitled to programs at the government's expense, adults have no entitlements. The funds they receive through the state pay for the bare essentials only.

If our application to the DHCD is approved, the contributions Linwood receives through the Community Investment Tax Credit Program will be used specifically to enhance the homes in which our adults reside. We love our adults, but they tend to be very hard on furniture, walls, floors, fixtures, and the like. It is only through the contributions we receive that we can keep our homes livable. Our adult residents

should be able to experience a quality of life that all of us who live in Howard County have come to expect.

Finally, I want to remind the Council that Linwood has always been a good steward of the support we have received from Howard County and the State of Maryland. As a result of the generous grants we received, we have established vital partnerships with the Howard County Public School System as well as other agencies throughout the County and the State. The Council's endorsement of our application to the DHCD will help Linwood improve the lives of many Howard County citizens. I thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully submitted to the Howard County Council on July 6, 2015.

William Moss, Executive Director  
Linwood Center, Inc.