



Howard County Council

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Legislative Public Hearing
Monday, June 15, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed at cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Council Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Liz Walsh, and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; James Almon, Senior Administrative Analyst; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant were also present.

I. Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Hearing

A. Appointments

1. CR100-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Eileen Yao Wu to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

a. Eileen Yao Wu (student) - called to speak.

2. CR56-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of J. Jason Zhao to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

a. J. Jason Zhao – called to speak.

3. CR101-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elizabeth A. Leiba to the Commission for Women
 - a. Elizabeth A. Leiba - called to speak.
4. CR102-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lucia Reyna to the La Alianza Latina Commission
 - a. Lucia Reyna - called to speak.
5. CR103-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Wanda I. Colon Canales to the La Alianza Latina Commission
 - a. Wanda I. Colon Canales - called to speak.

B. Financial

1. CB40-2026 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Gateway Crossing 95, LLC a Maryland limited liability company for the lease of approximately 38,285 rentable square feet of space located at 7138 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Acting Director of Real Estate Management, - called to speak
2. CB41-2026 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Fourth Amendment to Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Merritt-CPTF Lyndwood, for the lease of approximately 12,477 rentable square feet of space located at 6095 Marshalee Drive, Elkridge, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Acting Director of Real Estate Management - called to speak
3. CB42-2026 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$18,169,588 bonds, pursuant to a bond enabling law; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
 - a. Rafiu Ighile, Director of Dept. of Finance - called to speak

4. CR104-2026 - A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for an economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County's goals for economic development
 - a. Jennifer Jones, CEO HoCo Economic Development Authority - called to speak.
5. CR105-2026 - A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's FFY2026 Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds
 - a. Kelly Cimino, Director of Housing & Community Development - called to speak.

C. General

1. CR106-2026 - A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, and the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following ten years as based on the definition of program capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy and requiring a certain joint special work meeting in accordance with Section 16.1103(d) of the Howard County Code
 - a. Timothy Rogers, Manager of HCPSS School Planning- called to speak.
 - b. Brent Loveless - called to speak.
2. CR107-2026 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County
 - a. Jeff Bronow, Chief Division of Research DPZ - called to speak.
 - b. Brent Loveless - called to speak.
3. CB43-2026 - AN ACT designating certain days of commemoration; requiring certain legislative findings regarding the religious, ethnic, and cultural heritage of County residents; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to designate certain days of commemoration; and generally relating to County employees and the religious, ethnic, and cultural heritage of County residents
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.

4. CB44-2026 - AN ACT amending the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals to require that a representative from the Administrative Agency appear before the Board of Appeals when named as a Party to certain Administrative Appeals; and generally relating to the Board of Appeals
 - a. Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizens Association - called to speak.
 - b. Lisa Krausz - called to speak.
 - c. Shamioka Preston – did not appear.
 - d. Ashley Asberry *warning explicit language* - called to speak.
 - e. Joel Hurewitz- called to speak.
5. CB45-2026 - AN ACT requiring the Director of the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) to include annual reporting of student yields of housing developments that are subject to an approved Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement in the Annual Analysis of Moderate Income Housing programs under Section 13.402(j) of the Howard County Code; and generally related to reporting requirements
 - a. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition - called to speak.
 - b. Jennifer Leonard, Enterprise Community Development - called to speak.
 - c. Brent Loveless - called to speak.

V. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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