

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2016-19**

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2016

Title of Resolution: Creation and appointment - Local Business Initiative Committee

Synopsis: A Resolution to establish the Local Business Initiative Committee to investigate possible policies and procedures to encourage the hiring of local businesses and employees for County projects; and make a recommendation to the County Council by June 1, 2017.

Introduced by: Council President Hodge on behalf of the County Council

Introduced and ordered posted on: October 4, 2016

Scheduled for consideration on : October 18, 2016

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By: _____
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 203 of the County Charter provides that the County Council may
2 appoint special ad hoc committees solely for the purpose of inquiry and fact finding; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 412(c) of the County Charter provides that the membership of
4 boards and commissions that are established exclusively to advise the Council shall be appointed and
5 removed by the Council, at the Council's discretion; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the economy of Cecil County has been adversely affected by the nation's economic
7 recession; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the unemployment rate in Cecil County is higher than the State of Maryland and the
9 national rate; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there has been a national trend to propose legislation to encourage local and state
11 government to hire local employees and local business; and

12 **WHEREAS**, enlightened jurisdictions have found that encouraging their bidders and offerers to
13 make a good faith effort in hiring local business and employees have resulted in positive results for the
14 local community and contractor; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the cost of making a good faith effort to give local business and employees an
16 opportunity to participate in a County capital project will be offset by anticipated lower costs and better
17 product for the Contractor and County; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the County Council of Cecil County wishes to support local business and employees
19 while maintaining good public procurement practices that will result in the best outcome for its citizens.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** By the County Council of Cecil County that a Local Business
21 Initiative Committee shall be created as an ad hoc committee to advise the Council; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Local Business Initiative Committee shall be charged with
23 examining practices of other local governments that encourage the hiring of local business and
24 employees, assessing their strengths and weaknesses, and developing a proposal to present to the Cecil
25 County Council by June 1, 2017; and

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, appoints

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27 Bob Meffley, Robert Hodge, and Eric Grubb representing local businesses; Mary Jo Jablonski representing
28 Elkton Alliance, Bruce England representing Susquehanna Workforce, Morgan Miller representing the
29 Cecil County Public Library, Perry Willis representing Cecil County Public Schools; Rebecca Anderson, Pete
30 Bieniek and Scott Flanigan or his designee to represent Cecil County Government; and a representative of
31 the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce; and

32 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Local Business Initiative Committee will make a
33 recommendation and present to the County Council by June 1, 2017; and

34 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Local Business Initiative Committee will be dissolved,
35 without further action of the County Council of Cecil County, on June 1, 2017.

INTRODUCED: October 4, 2016

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager