

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2017-19**

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2017

Title of Resolution: Approval - Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan-Project Melo

Synopsis: A Resolution endorsing a Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan, pursuant to which the Borrower will establish a new 1M plus square foot distribution center and acquire the real property upon which the distribution center will be situated in Principio Business Park in North East, Cecil County, Maryland.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: October 3, 2017

Scheduled for consideration on : October 17, 2017

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted on _____ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce of the State of Maryland (the “Department”) has agreed
2 to conditionally loan to Project Melo (the “Borrower”) up to \$1,200,000 from the Maryland Economic
3 Development Assistance and Authority Fund (“MEDAAF”) (the “MEDAAF Loan”); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the MEDAAF Loan proceeds will be loaned to the Borrower to establish a new 1M plus
5 square foot distribution center at the Principio Business Park in North East, Cecil County, Maryland (the
6 “Project”); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Project plans call for anticipated project costs at the project site of approximately
8 \$16M for land acquisition, \$65M to construct and improve the site, and \$3M for equipment, and the
9 Borrower further expects to hire 225 permanent full-time employees at the Project Site by December 31,
10 2021, and an additional 225 permanent full-time employees at the Project Site by December 31, 2023, for
11 a total of 450 permanent full-time employees at Principio Business Park location (the “Project Site”); and

12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund, Sections 5-301
13 through 5-349 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “MEDAAF
14 Statute”), the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland (the “County”) must endorse the making of the
15 MEDAAF Loan for the Project; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as required by the MEDAAF Statute, the County will contribute \$170,000 toward the
17 Project in the form of a conditional loan to the Borrower disbursed over a period not to exceed 10 years
18 under certain terms and conditions to be reduced to writing by and between the County and the
19 Borrower (the “County Loan”); and

20 **WHEREAS**, the County has determined and expressly finds that it is in the best interest of the
21 citizens of Cecil County that it endorse the making of the MEDAAF Loan for the Project.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**
23 that the County hereby fully endorses the making of the MEDAAF Loan for the Project;

24 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that
25 the County hereby approves the County Loan of \$170,000 for the Project, upon terms and conditions to
26 be negotiated by the County Executive;

27 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption in
28 accordance with applicable law.

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INTRODUCED: October 3, 2017

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager