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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmembers Navarro, Branson, Riemer, and Council President Rice

SUBJECT: Procurement Policies and Regulations Task Force

Background

1. The County's current procurement laws and regulations are complex and difficult to navigate for both using departments and vendors.
2. County procurement contracts should be awarded competitively and provide the County with high quality goods and services at reasonable prices.
3. Simplifying the County procurement process would increase the number of vendors who seek to do business with the County and result in better value and lower prices.
4. To provide options for the needed reform of the County procurement system, the County Council should create and empower a Montgomery County Procurement Policies and Regulations Task Force whose recommendations must be presented to the Council.

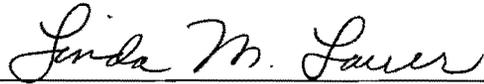
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The County Council must create a Montgomery County Procurement Policies and Regulations Task Force not later than January 20, 2015. The Council must appoint 9 members and designate one member as Chair of the Task Force.
2. The Task Force must be composed of persons who are experienced in government, business, or non-profit service delivery, or who otherwise have experience and expertise in government contracting. A person appointed to the Task Force must not be employed by County government or any County-funded agency. At least 7 of the members must be County residents at the time of appointment.

3. The Task Force must solicit suggestions for potential reforms of the County procurement system from: elected officials; County residents; business and community leaders; County and agency employees; and other stakeholders. Council staff must provide support to the Task Force.
4. The Task Force must submit its final report to the Council not later than September 15, 2015. The report must contain the Task Force's recommendations to reform the County procurement system. For each recommendation, the Task Force's report must include the rationale.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council