

Resolution No.: 18-441

Introduced: April 5, 2016

Adopted: April 12, 2016

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Support for Application to the State for Re-designation of the Wheaton Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County and Expansion of the Existing Borders

Background

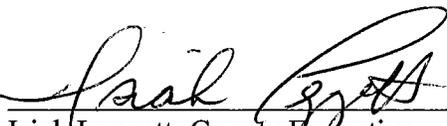
1. Title 4, Subtitle 7 of the Maryland Code's Economic Development Article authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to designate one or more Arts and Entertainment Districts within the State every year.
2. Each Arts and Entertainment District is to be designated in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 4, Subtitle 7 of the Economic Development Article and the regulation required to be issued thereunder.
3. Section 4-703 of the Economic Development Article provides that the governing body of a county may apply to the Secretary for the designation of an Arts and Entertainment District in the county.
4. The application to the Secretary must include, among other things, evidence that the political subdivision held a public hearing, and a written expression of the sentiment of the local elected governing body regarding the filing of the application for the re-designation in the form of a resolution.
5. In accordance with the application process, Montgomery County invited public comment on the re-designation of the Wheaton Arts and Entertainment District and held a public hearing on March 22, 2016 to receive comments on the proposal.
6. The County Executive recommends that the County Council approve the recommendation to apply for the re-designation of the Wheaton Arts and Entertainment District and expand the boundaries to encompass the planned library and community center and Westfield Wheaton.

Action

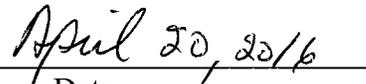
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council supports the application to the Secretary of Commerce for the re-designation of downtown Wheaton as an Arts and Entertainment District in Montgomery County and to apply to expand the boundaries of the existing Arts and Entertainment District.

Approved:



Isiah Leggett, County Executive



Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the County Council



Date