

Resolution No.:	17-300
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Health and Human Services Committee

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**SUBJECT:** County Council's Support for the newly established Food Council

**Background**

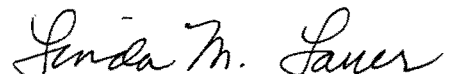
1. In 2010, the Green Economy Task Force recommended that Montgomery County establish a small farm incubator.
2. As a part of the FY12 Operating Budget, the County Council approved a community grant that provides the Community Foundation with \$25,000 to create a Food Council and move toward building a more sustainable community food system for Montgomery County.
3. On October 24<sup>th</sup> 2011, the first annual Food Day, the County Executive and the Chairman of the County Council's Health and Human Services Committee announced the launch of the Montgomery County Food Council. The Food Council will be a privately run, privately funded non-profit organization and is not a new County government agency.
4. The Food Council is in a unique position to promote economic vibrancy, community health and environmental sustainability. The County has the opportunity to grow its food economy while preserving its land, feed its community while creating jobs and share skills while promoting personal health.
5. The Food Council intends to work closely with the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee and will seek input from the County's traditional farmers.

**Action**

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

The County Council fully endorses the Food Council and supports its effort to work with both traditional farmers and small scale organic farmers in a combined effort to meet the educational and nutritional needs of our residents.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk or the Council