



POSITION STATEMENT

Bill: HB 1223 Prince George’s County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Food Vending Zones - Requirements PG 411-26

Position: Support with Amendments

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Dear Chair Brian Feldman,

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC or “the Commission”) have voted to support with bill with amendments.

What the Bill Does. This bill establishes the Prince George’s County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending Zones; and generally relating to the Prince George’s County Workgroup on Farmers Markets and Street Vending Zones.

Health and Wellness Programs. Prince George’s Department of Parks and Recreation aims to create healthy communities through people, parks, and programs by offering family-oriented and culturally informed health, nutrition, and exercise programs, and educational opportunities that work together to improve the quality of life for all Prince George’s County residents. In an effort to

continue promoting health and wellness, the Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department has been consistent in encouraging residents to connect with and support local farmers within the County. M-NCPPC partners with local farms and organizations to host 6 farmers markets throughout the County and has most recently collaborated with The Capital Market offering pop-up farmers markets packed with local produce, live music, and cooking demos at the Walker Mill Regional Park during the warmer months throughout the year.

To continue M-NCPPC's support for farmer's markets in Prince George's County, the Commission recommends the sponsor and committee consider amending the proposed bill to include M-NCPPC as a workgroup member.

Proposed Amendments

“Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department Director or his designee. “

Therefore, we urge the committee to vote favorably with the suggested amendments.