Count
y Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Bill No. 49-2022

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to establish La Alianza Latina Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; providing for the purpose and duties of the Commission; providing for the method of appointment and staff; requiring certain meetings and certain reports; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to La Alianza Latina Commission.

Introduced and read first time July 5, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on July 14, 2022.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on July 27, 2022 and Passed __, Passed with amendments __, Failed __.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 27 day of July, 2022 at __ a.m./p.m.

By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive August 1, 2022

Calvin Ball, County Executive

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WHEREAS, La Alianza Latina Workgroup was established by County Executive Ball in August of 2020 with a mission of evaluating systemic and programmatic needs for Latinos in Howard County and providing recommendations; and

WHEREAS, La Alianza Latina Workgroup issued a final report in 2022 submitting several policy recommendations including the recommendation for a permanent Commission; and

WHEREAS, although Howard County has made great strides in equity, diversity, and inclusion, the County Executive recognizes that more is needed to fully realize a culture of inclusion, communication, understanding and respect for Latino families, businesses, and residents; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for continued work on identification and implementation of policy, programs, and engagement related to increasing access to government and county resources, ensuring representation across public serving entities, and increasing equitable outcomes for Latino families, businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to elevating the critical issues of Latino communities in Howard County and wishes to establish La Alianza Latina Commission in order to advance policy and systemic change.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County Code is amended as follows:

1. By adding Section 6.348 “La Alianza Latina Commission” to Title 6, County Executive and the Executive Branch.

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Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.


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Title 12. Health and Social Services.


SECTION 12.219. LA ALIANZA LATINA COMMISSION; GENERAL PROVISIONS; PURPOSE; MEMBERSHIP; METHOD OF APPOINTMENT; STAFFING; MEETINGS; DUTIES; ANNUAL REPORT.

(A) General Provisions. General provisions applicable to the Commission are set forth in Subtitle 3, "Boards and Commissions," of Title 6, "County Executive and the Executive Branch" of this Code.

(B) Purpose. The purpose of the Commission is to advance the values of diversity and civility, and to continue to work with county agencies, non-profit organizations and other interested community groups to facilitate an environment of inclusion, communication, understanding, and respect through the County as a whole and within the Latino community.

(C) Number of Members. The Commission shall consist of a minimum of 15 members and a maximum of 19 members.

(D) Membership. The Commission shall be comprised of:

(1) The following ex-officio members:

   (i) The Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System or the Superintendent's designee; and

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(VIII) AT LEAST 4 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY; AND

(IX) AT LEAST 2 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE AGE OF 19 WHO SHALL SERVE A TERM THAT RUNS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30. AND

(X) AT LEAST 1 STUDENT WHO RESIDES IN HOWARD COUNTY AND WHO ATTENDS A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHO SHALL SERVE A TERM THAT RUNS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30.

(E) Method of Appointment. Each appointed member shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

(F) Executive Secretary and Other Staff. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Commission and shall attend all meetings of the Commission and, in addition to the duties specified in this subtitle, shall perform duties as prescribed by the Commission. The County Executive may also designate a county employee to serve as a liaison to the Commission.

(G) Meetings. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly.

(H) Duties. The Commission shall:

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SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT WHICH SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 22.1000
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Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,
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This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on ______________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on ______________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on ______________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on ______________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on ______________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on ______________, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council
Amendment to Council Bill No. 49-2022

BY: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day 12
Date: July 27, 2022

Amendment No.

(This amendment:
1. Adds a member who attends a college or university;
2. Reduces the number of high school members;
3. Adds that the Commission shall make recommend initiatives that will also support Latino businesses; and
4. Corrects staggering of initial appointments.)

1. On page 3, in line 9, strike “AND”.
2. On page 3, in line 10, strike “(iv) and substitute “(ix)” and, in the same line, strike “2 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES” and substitute “1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE”.
3. On page 3, in line 11, strike “30.” and substitute “30; AND”.
4. On page 3, after line 11, insert:
   “Items At least 1 STUDENT WHO RESIDES IN HOWARD COUNTY AND WHO ATTENDS A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHO SHALL SERVE A TERM THAT RUNS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30.”.
5. On page 3, in line 28, strike “FAMILIES AND CHILDREN” and substitute “FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND BUSINESSES”.
6. On page 4, in line 22, after “initial”, insert “non-student”.
7. On page 4, in line 23, after “Commission insert “required by Section 12.219(d)(2) of this Act” and, in the same line, strike “5” and substitute “2”.
8. On page 4, in line 24, strike the first “5” and substitute “2”.

Passed on July 27, 2022
Council Administrator