

Introduced by: Councilmember Schultz

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2015-40
SUPPORTING KEEPING THE PINEY BRANCH POOL OPEN AND URGING
MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO MAINTAIN ITS FY 16 FUNDING
COMMITMENT**

WHEREAS, Montgomery County owns and is responsible for operating the indoor swimming pool inside the Piney Branch Elementary School building; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive's proposed FY 16 budget did not include operating funds for the pool; and

WHEREAS, after a large and vigorous lobbying effort by the Takoma Park and Silver Spring communities, the County Council added \$160,000 in operating and maintenance funds for the pool; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is now proposing to remove the funds as part of his FY16 Savings Plan; and

WHEREAS, County financial support of the pool is critical for its continued operation; and

WHEREAS, the pool serves the southeastern portion of the county, particularly south of the Beltway in the Greater Silver Spring/Takoma Park area; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2015-18, the City Council noted the benefits of the pool to this inner Beltway community and expressed its support for keeping the pool open and for Montgomery County to make necessary improvements; and

WHEREAS, until plans and funding are available for the capital improvements, the pool should continue to be operated by Montgomery County so that the time the community has without access to an indoor public pool is minimized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that Montgomery County is strongly urged to maintain its FY16 financial commitment to this County pool at Piney Branch Elementary School so that the pool can remain open to the public until renovation activities begin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Montgomery County is strongly urged to fund the necessary capital improvements for renovations as soon as possible so that Takoma Park and Silver Spring residents inside the Beltway can continue to enjoy the health benefits the pool provides.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2015.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk