



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

HB 988 Support

**Environment and Transportation Committee
Hearing: February 20, 2018
HB 988 – 2020 Census Grant Program**

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The City of Takoma Park supports HB 988, which would establish the 2020 Census Grant Program to issue matching grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to support the accurate counting of the population of the State and its local jurisdictions and the collection of basic demographic and housing information.

The attached Resolution, adopted by the Takoma Park City Council on February 21, 2018, outlines the reasons for the City's support. The City of Takoma Park urges a favorable vote on HB 988.

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2018-13

**SUPPORTING HB 988 – 2020 CENSUS GRANT PROGRAM
– ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING**

WHEREAS, HB 988 would establish the 2020 Census Grant Program to issue matching grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to support the accurate counting of the population of the State and its local jurisdictions and the collection of basic demographic and housing information; and

WHEREAS, HB 988 would establish the 2020 Census Grant Program Panel; and

WHEREAS, HB 988 would authorize a local government or nonprofit organization to apply to the Grant Panel for certain matching funds on or before March 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of billions of dollars in federal grant funds are allocated on the basis of decennial census-derived statistics; and

WHEREAS, inaccurate counting during the decennial census could jeopardize funding from federal grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County is among several census tracts throughout the State where achieving an accurate count of the population is challenging; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed interest in obtaining accurate population data for the purposes of better understanding the impacts of decision-making on racial equity, among other important considerations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland supports HB 988.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS
21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.**

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk