

Introduced by: Councilmember Clay

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-74**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ADOPTION OF MC/PG 101-11 REGARDING  
REFERENDA ON ZONING MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the City Council carefully considers master plans, sector plans, zoning maps, zoning text amendments, and site-specific development matters that are within or directly affect the City of Takoma Park; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council holds public hearings on these matters and takes positions on these matters via resolutions that are transmitted to the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council (sitting as the District Council); AND

WHEREAS, the position of the City Council on these matters is traditionally given great weight by the Planning Board and the County Council; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 28, Section 8-112.2, of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, if the Planning Board or District Council wishes to take an action on a zoning matter that is contrary to the position taken by the Takoma Park City Council, a vote contrary to a resolution of the City Council may pass only if the vote carries by a two-thirds majority; AND

WHEREAS, the opportunity to override the position of the Takoma Park City Council, the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council by referendum, as would be permitted by the proposed MC/PG 101-11, Montgomery County-Zoning Text Amendments and Zoning Map Amendments – Referendum, would undercut the careful consideration of these bodies and of the needs of the City of Takoma Park in an area of land use law that has the potential to have profound impacts on the local environment, character and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Bi-County Committee of the Montgomery Delegation and the full Montgomery Delegation provide an unfavorable report on MC/PG 101-11, Montgomery County-Zoning Text Amendments and Zoning Map Amendments – Referendum.

ADOPTED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.