

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-49

RESOLUTION URGING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE TAKOMA PARK IN A PROPOSAL FOR A HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONE

- WHEREAS, the announcement in 2005 that Washington Adventist Hospital wishes to move from Takoma Park to another location in Montgomery County has caused the community to examine the possible health impacts of such a move on the residents; AND
- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Health Services Impact Committee and the parties reviewing the Washington Adventist Hospital Certificate of Need application have identified populations that depend on the hospital for low cost primary care services; AND
- WHEREAS, the disparity between residents with insurance and a choice of health care providers and those with limited resources and limited health care choices is great in the Takoma Park area; AND
- WHEREAS, the group CHEER (Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research) is currently in the process of documenting disparate health needs in the Takoma Park/Long Branch area; AND
- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park area is a cohesive community within which efforts to address health disparities may be more easily measured and addressed; AND
- WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to improving the health care access and health outcomes of the community across economic, racial, ethnic, age and cultural lines; AND
- WHEREAS, the initiative of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to create Health Enterprise Zones would encourage creative and measurable efforts to reduce health disparities; AND
- WHEREAS, community based organizations and local health departments will be invited to submit proposals for Health Enterprise Zones this fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT community based organizations interested in resolving health disparities and the Montgomery County Department of Health are encouraged to submit proposals for a geographic area including all or part of Takoma Park as a Health Enterprise Zone in order to address health disparities in the Takoma Park community.

ADOPTED this 30th day of July, 2012.

Attest:



Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk