

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2013-15**

**ENDORING THE LONG BRANCH/TAKOMA PARK ENTERPRISE ZONE  
APPLICATION – PROPOSAL FOR RE-DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone was designated in 2003 for a term of 10 years, expiring in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone is the City's sole economic development tool, providing both property and income tax credits to new and expanding businesses located within the zone; and

WHEREAS, under the current designation of the Long Branch /Takoma Park Enterprise Zone, 22 businesses received tax credits, 35 new jobs were created, and \$13.6 million in capital investments were made between 2003 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone Application is a proposal developed by Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the City of Takoma Park to re-designate portions of Takoma Park and Long Branch as a State Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone Application proposes re-designating the entire existing zone, and including additional parcels along New Hampshire Avenue and Flower Avenue in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline is April 15, 2013 and the Montgomery County Council is also required to pass a resolution in support of the application before that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone Application and strongly recommends that the Montgomery County Council also pass a resolution in support the application before the April 15, 2013 deadline.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no changes to the parcels included in the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone Application located within the boundaries of the City of Takoma Park be added or removed through any subsequent edits to the proposal by Montgomery County Council and staff.

Adopted this 11th day of March, 2013.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk