

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 22

Resolution No. 36-25

Introduced by Mr. Smith

By the County Council, December 1, 2025

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED
Charter Amendment – Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs

RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to create an office, known as the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, and an officer, known as the Multi-Cultural Affairs Officer, as part of the Executive Branch

Be it resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the following amendment to the Anne Arundel County Charter is proposed for submission to the qualified voters of the County at the General Election in November 2026:

Article V. Executive Branch

Sec. 506. Offices.

There shall be the following offices under the immediate direction and control of the Chief Administrative Officer: Office of Finance, Office of the Budget, Office of Personnel, Office of Emergency Management, Office of Central Services, Office of Law, Office of Planning and Zoning, Office of Information Services, OFFICE OF MULTI-CULTURAL AFFAIRS, Office of Criminal Justice and Corrections, and Office of Detention Facilities.

The Operating Departments

THE OFFICE OF MULTI-CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SEC. 554A. MULTI-CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

THE OFFICE OF MULTI-CULTURAL AFFAIRS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MULTI-CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON THE BASIS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

SEC. 554B. DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

THE OFFICE OF MULTI-CULTURAL AFFAIRS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVANCING THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTING THEIR ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.

1 *And be it further resolved*, That the following question is adopted for submittal to the
2 qualified voters of the County at the general election in November 2026 for their adoption
3 or rejection:
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5 “To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to create the Office of Multi-Cultural
6 Affairs administered by a Multi-Cultural Affairs Officer, to advance the political, social,
7 and economic inclusion of diverse communities and promote their access to government
8 services and programs.”
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10 *And be it further resolved*, That this question shall be designated as Question “__” on
11 the ballot at the General Election in November 2026.
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13 *And be it further resolved*, That if the majority of qualified votes cast in the election
14 are for the Charter Amendment, this amendment shall stand adopted from and after the
15 30th day following the election.