

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE INITIATIVE TO BRING THE SECOND AMAZON HEADQUARTERS TO
THE GREATER WASHINGTON REGION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, economic competitiveness was adopted as a priority by the COG Board of Directors in 2015 and continues to be a priority for COG and the region; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2017, Amazon issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a competitive site selection for a second corporate headquarters in North America; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2017, the COG Board of Directors directed staff to explore the feasibility of coordination of jurisdictional proposals and provide data, support, and assistance to members in developing a regional overlay for use by COG member jurisdictions with their submissions to Amazon's RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington region is unparalleled in our education attainment, talent pool, universities, multimodal transportation infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and location; and

WHEREAS, our urban and suburban communities are a network of vibrant, culturally-rich, and interconnected hubs—magnets for professionals and business alike; and

WHEREAS, an Amazon headquarters would bring huge economic advantages to Greater Washington, including 50,000 new jobs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The COG Board of Directors believes Greater Washington is the ideal location for Amazon to build their second headquarters and endorses the initiative to bring Amazon to our region. We are energized and excited by the prospect of Amazon making its second home here and are certain that Amazon and Greater Washington will be outstanding partners.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on October 11, 2017.

**Laura Ambrosio
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