

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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING CONTINUED REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) comprises the region's 24 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**, COG convenes officials and experts to learn about the latest trends and data, share best practices, and develop solutions to the region's major challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Election Officials Committee coordinates on elections taking place in member jurisdictions throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia are members of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC); and

**WHEREAS**, ERIC, was founded in 2012 as a non-partisan organization created by state election officials, including Maryland and Virginia as founding members, to help improve the accuracy of state voter rolls and register more eligible Americans to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, ERIC is a non-profit membership organization funded entirely by member state contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, ERIC utilizes voter registration and motor vehicle department data, provided by members through secure channels, along with official federal death data and change of address data, in order to provide members with reports to update their voter rolls, remove ineligible voters, investigate potential illegal voting, or provide voter registration information to individuals who may be eligible to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, given the transient nature of the metropolitan Washington region, residents are often moving across state and District lines, making it essential to share information between the District, Maryland, and Virginia, in addition to other states throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe ERIC is the best resource available to prevent voter fraud on a national basis and participation is essential to ensuring accurate voter rolls in our region.

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

The Board endorses continued membership and participation by the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and encourages local and state election officials to provide and review voter reports to prevent fraud and ensure accuracy.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this resolution was approved by the COG Board of Directors on April 8, 2023.**

**Monica Beyrouti Nunez  
COG Government Relations and Member Services Manager**