

## Carol DeSoto

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Good evening Charles county commissioners I have a following question. I'm a Charles county resident and I live in Waldorf MD.

I just graduated college and am in the middle of applying to law school.

I have the following questions for the Commissioner's meeting on 5/9:

Over the past several years, several hundred of our tribal community members have reached out to you for various reasons -looking for your support of our community, our tribe in general, our tribal citizens, and support of our federal recognition petition.

Obtaining federal recognition for our tribe would not only be historic for our people, but it would also provide a huge economic opportunity for Charles County and the State of Maryland as well.

My overall question is will you support our federal recognition petition with Chief Swan. and the entire Piscataway community.? Would you be willing to write the necessary letters of support to be submitted with the federal recognition package and testify in front of Congress and/ or the Bureau of Indian Affairs in support of the federal recognition package?

What else would you be willing to do to support our people in this process?

Finally, what have you done individually or collectively for our people since we have received Maryland State Recognition in 2012?

I look forward to your answers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Danaisha Proctor

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