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"We, the People of Prince George's County."

Hello friends and neighbors of our beloved Prince George's County and those across the region! I have been honored to serve for the second consecutive year as Prince George's County Council Chairman in Legislative Year 2015, and I thank my colleagues for the confidence they have expressed in my leadership.

To the residents of this great County, I am very pleased to present the 2015 Legislative Annual Report, a summary of our significant achievements together in Prince George's County over the past year.

It has been an honor to serve again as Council Chairman in Legislative Year 2015 with the tremendously talented and diverse group of leaders that join me on this legislative body. From our Seasoned Team Members: Council Vice-Chairman Derrick Leon Davis, Council Members Andrea Harrison, Mary Lehman, Obie Patterson, and Karen Toles, to our First Year Team Members, Council Members Dannielle Glaros, Deni Taveras, and Todd Turner, each of you brings unique and accomplished talents to this Council.

When we focus those immense strengths towards a common endeavor on behalf of "We, the People of Prince George's County," there is no mountain we cannot climb; no river we cannot cross; nothing we cannot accomplish together for this Great County that we love.

I am especially grateful to Council Vice-Chairman Davis for his partnership and leadership. It has been a privilege to lead with him and learn from him, and I look forward to the next great things to come his outstanding public service.

This Council's partnership with County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, has been essential to our County's steady march for progress over the past five years and the same has been true in Legislative Year 2015. Through your leadership and our partnership, the County we all love is becoming the place to be in our region, and is firmly on the path to greatness. Thank you, Mr. County Executive, for your bold vision and outstanding public service.

This Council has announced that "The World is Coming to Prince George's County." Then we spoke about the importance of our commitment to "We, the People of Prince George's County." Now, we are embracing that "The World is Watching Prince George's County."

The world is watching our County as we work to take hold of near limitless opportunities; Watching to see whether we reach our destiny -- our extraordinary mountaintop of greatness; Watching from places like rural South Carolina, where a young man once read about this place called Prince George's County, this place of unprecedented diversity and opportunity that had just elected its first African-American County Executive.

This is Prince George's County's Moment, and the County Council is pleased to capture highlights in this 2015 Legislative Annual Report, as we continue with you to write the next great chapter in the Prince George's County story.

Thank you. May God bless each of you and God Bless Prince George's County.



Mel Franklin
Chairman, Legislative Year 2015



COUNCIL2015

The County Council meets as a legislative body every Tuesday in the Council Chamber. The District Council meets on second and fourth Mondays. The Board of Education meets on the first and third Mondays.

All County Council sessions are open to the public.



DERRICK LEON DAVIS

VICE CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT 6

MARY A. LEHMAN

DISTRICT 1

DENI TAVERAS

DISTRICT 2

DANNIELLE M. GLAROS

DISTRICT 3

The Honorable Derrick L. Davis served as Council Vice-Chair in Legislative Year 2015. He also served as vice-chair of the Council's Health, Education and Human Services committee and chair of the Rules and General Assembly Committee. Also in Legislative Year 2015, Chair Davis served as the Council liaison to the Board of Education; Council representative to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors; Prince George's County Conference and Visitors Bureau; a member of the Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board; and as an alternate board member for the Dimensions Healthcare System

The Honorable Mary A. Lehman chaired the Council's Transportation, Housing and Environment committee in Legislative Year 2015. Council Member Lehman was also a member of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management, and Rules and General Assembly committees. She was appointed to represent the County Council on the Council of Governments' Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee; Prince George's County Conference and Visitors Bureau; and served as the alternate Council representative to the Maryland Association of Counties.

The Honorable Deni Taveras, served on three Council committees in Legislative Year 2015 -- Planning, Zoning and Economic Development; Public Safety and Fiscal Management; and Transportation, Housing and the Environment. Taveras also represented the County Council on the Council of Governments' Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee; alternate member of the Economic Development Board of Directors; and Council representative to both the Health Advisory Committee and the Prince George's Municipal Association.

The Honorable Danielle Glaros served as vice-chair of the Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, and as a member of the Health, Education and Human Services and Transportation, Housing and the Environment committees in Legislative Year 2015. She is the Council representative to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors; a member of the Council of Government's Region Forward Coalition; and the alternate Council representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board.

“SERVING THE PEOPLE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Hearing Room on the main floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. Board of Health meets as required. The Council recesses in August and December.

to the public, and citizens are encouraged to attend.



TODD M. TURNER

DISTRICT 4

The Honorable Todd M. Turner served as vice-chair of the Council's Transportation, Housing and Environment committee; vice-chair of the Council's Rules and General Assembly committee and as a member of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) committee. In Legislative Year 2015, Council Member Turner also served as the Council representative to the Transportation Planning Board and was appointed to serve as the Council representative to the Maryland Association of Counties.

ANDREA C. HARRISON

DISTRICT 5

The Honorable Andrea C. Harrison chaired the Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development committee; vice-chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management committee; and as a member of the Council's Rules and General Assembly committee in Legislative Year 2015. Council Member Harrison was also appointed to serve on the Metropolitan Council of Governments' Board of Directors; on the Dimensions Healthcare System Board and as the Council representative on the Mental Health Advisory Board.

KAREN R. TOLES

DISTRICT 7

The Honorable Karen R. Toles served as chair of the Council's Health, Education and Human Services committee, and as a member of the Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development committee in Legislative Year 2015. Council Member Toles was also appointed to serve on the Metropolitan Council of Governments' Board of Directors; as a member of the Council of Governments' Region Forward Coalition; as Council Representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and as Council Representative to the Prince George's County Health Department.

OBIE PATTERSON

DISTRICT 8

The Honorable Obie Patterson served as chair of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management committee in Legislative Year 2015. He also served as a member of the Council's committees on Health, Education and Human Services, and Rules and General Assembly. Council Member Patterson was appointed to serve as the Council Representative to the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee; the Prince George's Board of Social Services; and the Prince George's County Community Foundation.

Core Values and Guiding Principles

All legislative powers of Prince George's County, Maryland, are vested in the Prince George's County Council. The County Council sits as the District Council on zoning matters and land use policy, and as the Board of Health to govern and guide health policy.

The Prince George's County Council is committed to developing partnerships and encouraging public participation and engagement with our citizens, community leaders and elected officials. The Council will exercise its oversight and legislative roles to improve services and programs for residents. The Council will manage County resources in an efficient and effective manner.



CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

The Council will strive to find creative solutions to issues and concerns in order to enhance the quality of life for Prince George's County citizens and residents of both present and future generations.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Council bears fiduciary responsibility for stewardship of the County's resources. The Council will support efforts to ensure County tax dollars are spent in a prudent and efficient manner.



TEAMWORK THROUGH SHARED LEADERSHIP

The Council operates as a team in a spirit of shared leadership, and will resist any effort to usurp its collective, statutory authority. Council Members represent Prince George's County as a whole and make decisions considering first the good of the County, and second, the good of their individual geographic districts and the constituents of those districts.



PROFESSIONALISM

The Council will endeavor to work with integrity and professionalism in a collaborative and cooperative manner with local, state and federal governmental branches or entities as well as elected and appointed officials from neighboring jurisdictions.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2015

County Council Legislation Begins in the Standing Committee Meetings



From the \$1.3 Billion MGM National Harbor Destination Resort that rises from the County's southern gateway to securing the \$3 Billion Purple Line that will begin construction right here in Prince George's County; from the \$650 Million Regional Medical Center slated for Largo to competing for the \$2 Billion FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt or Landover, our County is doing Big Things on Purpose. This progress is reflected in the leadership and thoughtful work of Council committees over the past year.

The Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee (PZED), under the leadership of Council Members Andrea Harrison and Dannielle Glaros, serving as chair and vice chair respectively, made landmark progress in improving our climate for economic development and job creation. The committee moved forward CB-82, CB-83, and CB-84, legislation representing the dramatic reform of the Council's development review process, bringing the desired economic development and jobs to the market. The committee also stated the Council's unequivocal support for a Statewide Sick and Safe Leave Law; adopted zoning provisions that supported the new Regional Medical Center; and worked diligently to move the all-important rewrite of Zoning and Subdivision ordinances forward. Members of the PZED committee include: _____

The Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee, led by Chair Obie Patterson and Vice Chair Andrea Harrison, stayed focused on addressing fiscal responsibility and critical economic issues. Through the work of

PSFM, the Council established a Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing the County's Structural Deficit, and pushed forward important economic tax incentive and tax relief measures, including a major tax incentive for the Suitland Town Center project, a supplemental Renters' Property Tax Credit, and an Urban Agriculture Tax Credit. PSFM committee members include: _____

Under the leadership of Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee (THE) Chair Mary Lehman and Vice Chair Todd Turner, THE served as the Council's "quality of life" committee. THE approved millions of dollars in financing for moderately-priced housing and improved the affordability of senior housing by requiring the option of 24-month leases in many circumstances. The committee also improved environmental protections against foam and coal tar products, and increased funding for bus and taxi service from fees provided by transportation network companies such as Uber or Lyft. Notably, the committee also significantly increased the County's penalties against litter and illegal rentals to \$1,000 per violation. THE committee members include: _____

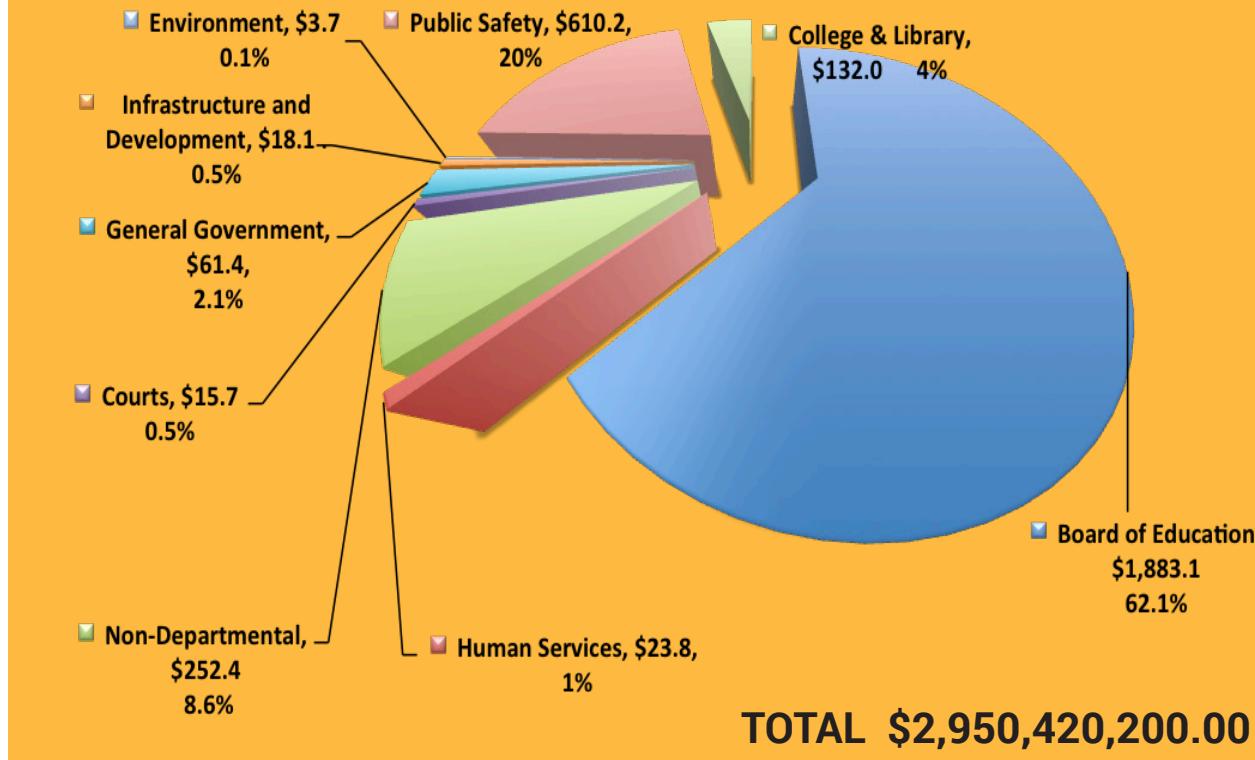
Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS) Chair Karen Toles and Vice Chair Derrick Leon Davis led their committee in the work of establishing food truck hubs in the County and increasing penalties and enforcement on illegal food truck operations. HEHS also conducted approving the transfer of millions of dollars from the fund balance of Prince

George's County Schools to help improve academic achievement. Additionally, this committee explored the important issue of access to mental health services in the County and improved health quality for residents and workers by banning electronic cigarette use in nearly all public establishments.

The Council's Rules and General Assembly Committee, under the leadership of Committee Chair Derrick Leon Davis and Vice-Chair Todd Turner, led the Council's successful Annapolis strategy which worked to protect key state priorities including state funding for the planned, new Regional Medical Center in Largo and securing state approval to proceed with the Purple Line project. The committee gained passage of Council-sponsored legislation authorizing local minority business participation goals for procurement with the School System, and advocated in partnership with the County Executive's legislative team to push for more equitable state funding for public schools under the Bridge to Excellence formula. Rules and General Assembly worked in tandem with Council leadership and our partners across the state to establish the first Large County Coalition through the Maryland Association of Counties to more effectively advocate for the common issues and interests of residents across the State.

FY 2016 COUNTY BUDGET

The Prince George's County Council adopted a \$2.95 Billion FY 2016 County Budget on Thursday, May 28, 2015, funding core public services for County residents and enhancing the Council's management and oversight responsibilities with regard to County spending.



COUNCIL REDUCES PROPOSED TAX INCREASES BY MORE THAN 70%

The FY 2016 County Budget adopted by the Council is more than a 70% reduction of the 15.6% real and personal property tax increases and 4% telecommunications tax increase proposed in the County Executive's spending plan. The adopted budget also invested \$34 Million in additional funding for the Board of Education and Prince George's County Public Schools. The Council approved a measured 4% property tax increase and 1% telecommunications tax increase for the school system, an amount directly tied to the unfunded mandate adopted by the State of Maryland in 2012 which shifted state teacher pension costs – approximately \$30 million in Fiscal Year 2016 and \$42 million in Fiscal Year 2017 - to Prince George's County. Unfunded mandates from the State, which are requirements for spending by County taxpayers without the money to pay for them, create higher costs for families here at home. The Council acknowledges the bold aggression of the Prince George's County Public Schools' Strategic Plan and the County Executive's proposed 15.6% tax increase to support it; however the Council determined that the proposed 15.6% increase in property

taxes was unaffordable for the working families of Prince George's County.

THE COUNCIL INCREASES FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

In response to the concerns of County residents expressed during the legislative budget process, the Council, as part of the FY 2016 County Budget action, took additional steps to increase accountability over spending in County Government.

School System Performance Audit for First Time in 18 Years

Education spending consistently comprises over 60% of the County Budget. The County Council and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will proceed with an outside Continuous Business Process Improvement Performance Audit of PGCPS for the first time in 18 years. The Performance Audit will study how existing tax dollars are being spent, and recommend potential cost-savings in existing programs. In addition to encouraging improved outcomes in existing school programs, the audit is designed to increase confidence among constituents about the County's public schools system. The Performance Audit is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015.

New County Spending Control Measures

To address the County's longstanding structural deficit and related fiscal challenges, the County Council adopted a spending control measure requiring each non-education County agency to reserve 2% of their operating budgets and \$6 million of their overtime budgets in a contingency reserve fund. This enables the Council, as the County's fiscal authority, to provide greater assurance that County Government does not exceed the approved budget and provides for funding to address any fiscal emergencies during the fiscal year. Further, this spending control measure avoided any need for furloughs or layoffs of County employees, as proposed in the Executive's spending plan.

Blue Ribbon Commission to Address Prince George's County's Structural Deficit

The County Council approved legislation to create a Blue Ribbon Commission to Address Prince George's County's Structural Deficit. The panel is charged with proposing policies to the County Council and County Executive in the next year that address the County's structural deficit –the imbalance caused when normal government spending exceeds our tax revenues on an annual basis. The Commission is comprised of talented residents and stakeholders with expertise in budget, finance, and public policy.

Reserve 50% of MGM National Harbor Revenue for Education

The County Council also passed legislation requiring that 50% of gaming and direct tax revenue from the MGM National Harbor destination resort be spent on public education -- including the school system, community college, and public libraries -- beginning in Fiscal Year 2017. During the referendum debate on bringing gaming to the County, residents were told that this new project would generate revenue, in large part, for education. This legislation makes the County Government fiscally accountable for that commitment.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARK AND PLANNING

The County Council message of fiscal responsibility in the FY 2016 County Budget also extended to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) (commonly referred to as "Park and Planning") budget, which is also facing a structural deficit of recreation and planning expenses, exceeding revenues on an annual basis. In order to support and sustain many of the existing critical public recreation projects, the Council authorized a one and half cents rate increase. This is approximately half of what Park and Planning indicated was necessary to maintain existing programs and projects, which means a tighter belt for Park and Planning spending as well, particularly regarding planned new recreation projects and planning administration.



THE WORLD IS COMING TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Despite the difficulty of this budget process, this Council is excited about Prince George's County moving forward with such projects as the new Regional Medical Center in Largo, MGM National Harbor Destination Resort, State Department of Housing Headquarters in New Carrollton, and attracting the FBI Headquarters to the County. The World is Coming to Prince George's County and we can all be truly optimistic about what the future holds—world class healthcare, world class education, and an economic development and jobs boom. We remain committed to our posture of fiscal responsibility and accountability, and our shared priority to ensure the economic growth and vitality that Prince George's County residents deserve and expect.

COUNCIL BILLS ENACTED IN 2015

CB-008-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING RURAL RESIDENTIAL (R-R) ZONE for the purpose of permitting commercial uses in the Rural Residential (R-R) Zone, under certain circumstances.

CB-009-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING SUBTITLE 32 - WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION AND GRADING CODE for the purpose of amending the provisions of the Rain Check Rebate Program, to reflect the intent of CB-86-2014, by modifying the rebate amount for cisterns at residential properties and clarifying language relating to rebates for green roofs.

CB-011-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of upgrading existing classes of work.

CB-012-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING OVERLAY ZONES - USES for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance to clarify that a Hospital is permitted in the Mixed Use - Transportation Oriented (M-X-T) / Development District Overlay (D-D-O) Zones, notwithstanding any other applicable provision of law or comprehensive plan.

CB-013-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING PARKING REGULATIONS for the purpose of prohibiting parking in front of mailboxes in the County and providing for exemptions; and generally relating to parking regulations.

CB-016-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES - MOBILE UNITS - FOOD TRUCK HUBS for the purpose of providing certain limited exemptions to County licensing and health requirements for Food Truck Hubs, in order to encourage economic development, increase public access to healthy food options, minimize or eliminate food deserts in underserved areas of the County, and promote innovative entrepreneurship and revitalization in furtherance of the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County

CB-017-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES-MOBILE UNITS-FOOD TRUCK HUBS for the purpose of clarifying fixed locations for food service facilities for temporary periods and providing certain limited exemptions to County licensing and health requirements for Food Truck Hubs in order to encourage economic development, increase public access to healthy food options, minimize or eliminate food deserts in underserved areas of the County.

CB-019-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MIXED USE ZONES for the purpose of permitting a group residential facility in the M-X-T (Mixed Use- Transportation Oriented) Zone under certain circumstances.

CB-020-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SPECIFIC TEMPORARY USES -EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING CENTER- R-R (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) ZONE for the purpose of providing for employment or training center as a permitted temporary use in the R-R Zone, under certain circumstances.

CB-021-2015 (SUBDIVISION BILL) - AN ACT CONCERNING SUBDIVISIONS for the purpose of defining Ownership Lot and Parent Lot and providing an exemption from the requirement of a preliminary plan of subdivision for the establishment of Ownership Lots within commercial, industrial, institutional and or multi-family residential lots in certain circumstances.

CB-022-2015 (SUBDIVISION BILL) - AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ROADS for the purpose of amending the findings for adequacy of public facilities and road improvements to permit participation in the funding of roadway improvements under certain circumstances.

CB-023-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MIXED USE TRANSPORTATION ORIENTED (M-X-T) ZONE AND COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN ZONES for the purpose of amending the provisions of the M-X-T Zone and the Comprehensive Design Zones to be consistent with the findings for adequate public facilities in Subtitle 24.

CB-024-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL ZONES for the purpose of permitting artist's studio, barber shop, beauty shop, and medical practitioner's office in certain residential zones under certain circumstances.

CB-025-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING COMMERCIAL ZONES - VEHICLE, MOBILE HOME, CAMPING TRAILER, and BOAT SALES AND SERVICE for the purpose of permitting Vehicle, Mobile Home, Camping Trailer, and Boat Sales and Service uses in the C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center) Zone, under certain circumstances.

CB-026-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES, AND NURSING OR CARE HOMES IN THE MIXED USE ZONES for the purpose of permitting Assisted Living Facilities, Congregate Living Facilities, and Nursing or Care

Homes in the M-X-T (Mixed Use - Transportation Oriented) and M-X-C (Mixed Use Community) Zones, subject to certain requirements.

CB-027-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING M-X-T (MIXED USE - TRANSPORTATION ORIENTED) ZONE for the purpose of providing certain alternate development regulations as to the location, density, size, height, and other provisions for buildings and structures in the M-X-T (Mixed Use - Transportation Oriented) Zone, under certain circumstances.

CB-029-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION for the purpose of requiring the decertification of businesses that are improperly certified as minority business enterprises.

CB-030-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY-BASED BUSINESS COMPLIANCE for the purpose of establishing an annual Local Business Participation Procurement Report, requiring the report to be annually provided to the County Council and County Executive, and generally relating to County-based business assistance.

CB-031-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission budget and making appropriations and levying certain taxes for Fiscal Year 2016 for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended ("Land Use Article").

CB-032-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2016 APPROPRIATIONS for the purpose of making appropriations for the support of the County government and for the Prince George's Community College and for the schools, institutions, departments, offices, boards, commissions, and agencies of Prince George's County, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

CB-033-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY FUNDING REQUIREMENTS for the purpose of requiring that fifty percent (50%) of County revenue derived from video lottery facilities be allocated to public education purposes, subject to certain conditions.

CB-034-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE REGULATION for

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the purpose of defining electronic cigarettes, regulating distribution, placement and packaging of electronic cigarettes, and restricting smoking of electronic cigarettes inside of public housing, senior citizen housing, and eating and drinking establishments.

CB-035-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING APPROVED COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, FUNCTIONAL PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLANS - MINOR AMENDMENT PROCESS for the purpose of providing a minor plan amendment process for approved comprehensive plans, functional plans, development district plans, and associated approved Development District Overlay (D-D-O) Zones.

CB-036-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT for the purpose of updating the County's erosion and sediment control regulations to be consistent with the State of Maryland's revised erosion sediment control regulations and the 2011 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.

CB-037-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATION TAX for the purpose of revising the telecommunications tax rate.

CB-038-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECORDATION TAX RATE for the purpose of setting the recordation tax rate.

CB-039-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING HOTEL AND MOTEL TAXES for the purpose of revising the hotel and motel tax rate.

CB-041-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT for the purpose of adding certain fees; increasing certain fees; amending provisions of the County Code to remove fee references directly from the County Code that fall under Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement; requiring the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement to publish an annual comprehensive Table of Fees submitted by the County Executive to be approved by the County Council after legislative review and approval by resolution.

CB-042-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MILITARY INSTALLATION OVERLAY ZONE for the purpose of establishing the Military Installation Overlay ("M-I-O") Zone, providing procedures and restrictions for designation and approval of the M-I-O Zone, and to provide use restrictions, development regulations, site plan provisions,

and permitting requirements for the M-I-O Zone in the Zoning Ordinance.

CB-043-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PRIVATE CLUBS for the purpose of permitting public safety fraternal organization private clubs in the Residential Estate (R-E) Zone under certain circumstances, and making related amendments in the Open Space (O-S) Zone.

CB-044-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC for the purpose of amending provisions of the County Code to revise the penalty for the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in public.

CB-045-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS for the purpose of declaring additional revenue and appropriating to the General Fund to provide for costs that were not anticipated and included in the Approved Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, and providing an adjustment to the revenue estimates to the Internal Service Fund and Special Revenue Fund.

CB-046-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY CODE for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fire Safety Code to adopt the standards of the National Fire Protection Association regarding increasing administrative fees for apartment buildings related to fire safety.

CB-048-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING M-X-T ZONE for the purpose of extending the time for abrogation of certain provisions of Section 27-547(b) of the Zoning Ordinance.

CB-049-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMISSION ON COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES for the purpose of creating a Commission on Common Ownership Communities; providing for budget, powers and authority of the Commission on Common Ownership Communities; providing for periodic reports and review of the activities of the Commission on Common Ownership Communities; and generally relating to the commission on Common Ownership Communities.

CB-050-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES PROGRAM for the purpose of enhancing the County's Common Ownership Communities Program by providing for violations, charges, and fees; and generally relating to Common Ownership Communities.

CB-051-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES - MOBILE UNITS LICENSE for the purpose of establishing a

business license for Special Food Service Facilities - Mobile Units.

CB-052-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of adding a class series and upgrading existing classes of work.

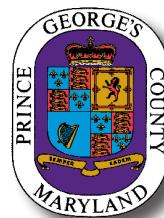
CB-053-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN ZONES - R-S (RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT) ZONE for the purpose of providing certain alternate development regulations for townhouses in the R-S (Residential Suburban Development) Zone under certain circumstances.

CB-058-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES PROGRAM for the purpose of amending the Common Ownership Communities Program to assist governing bodies, owners, and residents of homeowners' associations, residential condominiums, and cooperative housing corporations with education, training, and dispute resolution and/or administrative hearing procedures .

CB-059-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING AGE RESTRICTED SENIOR RENTAL LEASES for the purpose of amending the Landlord-Tenant Code to provide certain age restricted senior lessees with twenty-four month residential leases; to provide for the administration and notice of the Program; and generally relating to senior rental leases in age restricted senior housing in the County.

CB-060-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING C-S-C ZONE for the purpose of amending the Commercial Use Table to permit multifamily residential uses with a minimum percentage of age-restricted units in the C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center) Zone, under certain circumstances.

CB-062-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING R-10 ZONE - BUSINESS ADVANCEMENT AND FOOD ACCESS INFILL for the purpose of defining business advancement and food access infill in the zoning ordinance and permitting the use in the R-10 zone, under certain circumstances.



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CB-063-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of adding a class title and grade for a certain class of work and upgrading existing classes of work.

CB-064-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING "MINOR CHANGES TO SPECIAL EXCEPTION SITE PLANS" for the purpose of allowing certain minor changes to a special exception site plan for Planned Retirement Communities to be made by the Planning Board.

CB-066-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE MIXED USE ZONES for the purpose of clarifying the Uses Permitted provision of the Zoning Ordinance permitting a group residential facility in the M-X-T (Mixed Use-Transportation Oriented) Zone under certain circumstances.

CB-067-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - COUNCIL 67, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) for the purpose of approving the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and Council 67, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, and its affiliated Local 241 to provide for wages and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel classifications certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board.

CB-068-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - COUNCIL 67, (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, AND ITS AFFILIATED LOCALS 2462, 2735, 3389 AND 1170 for the purpose of approving the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and Council 67, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, and its affiliated Locals 2462, 2735, 3389 and 1170 to provide for wages and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel classifications certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board.

CB-069-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING EATING OR DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS - EXTENSIONS AND PROJECTIONS for the purpose of exempting tents affixed to the side wall of an eating or drinking establishment building, under certain circumstances.

CB-070-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING LITTER for the purpose of ensuring enforcement and penalties for littering; prohibiting the accumulation or deposit of litter; providing for action upon noncompliance; providing for civil monetary

fines and injunctive relief; providing for removal of litter from sidewalks and debris from roadways; and generally relating to litter.

CB-071-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCE AND TAXATION for the purpose of requiring any tax lien against property in the County to be charged and added to the property owner's next property tax bill.

CB-072-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IMPROVEMENT FUND for the purpose of creating a Transportation Services Improvement Fund; imposing a per-trip surcharge on certain transportation network services to finance the Fund; providing for disbursements from the Fund to be used for transportation purposes; and generally regarding Transportation Network Services.

CB-073-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL ZONES - PERMITTED USES - O-S AND R-R ZONES - ISSUANCE OF GRADING PERMITS for the purpose of amending the Residential Table of Uses to permit "Eating or drinking establishment, excluding drive-through service" and "Monopolies and related equipment buildings and enclosures" uses in the O-S (Open Space) Zone, under certain specified circumstances, and clarifying within the Residential Table of Uses that certain dwellings types are permitted in the R-R (Rural Residential) Zone.

CB-074-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING URBAN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of establishing a tax credit for real property that is used for urban agricultural purposes.

CB-075-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of establishing the homestead property tax credit for the County property tax for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2016.

CB-077-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING SECONDHAND AND PAWN DEALERS for the purpose of adding to the definition of tangible personal property; requiring reporting to a certain database; requiring a certain fee to be paid directly to a designated business retained for certain reporting; and generally regarding secondhand dealers and pawn dealers.

CB-079-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ILLEGAL SIGNS for the purpose of extending a rebuttable presumption for the enforcement of illegal signs in a County right-of-way, and generally regarding illegal signs.

CB-080-2015 (SUBDIVISION BILL) AN ACT CONCERNING VALIDITY PERIODS FOR PRELIMINARY PLANS OF SUBDIVISION for the purpose of temporarily extending the validity periods of all approved applications for Preliminary Plans of Subdivision that were in a valid status as of January 1, 2015 and for the County Council

to establish a work group to determine viability of approved preliminary plans.

CB-081-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING VALIDITY PERIODS FOR DETAILED SITE PLANS AND SPECIFIC DESIGN PLANS for the purpose of temporarily extending the validity periods of all approved applications for Detailed Site Plans and Specific Design Plans that were in a valid status as of January 1, 2015.

CB-082-2015 (SUBDIVISION BILL) AN ACT CONCERNING PRELIMINARY PLANS AND FINAL PLATS OF SUBDIVISION for the purpose of clarifying the time periods for Planning Board review of applications for preliminary plans and final plats of subdivision

CB-083-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLANS, CONCEPTUAL SITE PLANS, DETAILED SITE PLANS, AND SPECIFIC DESIGN PLANS for the purpose of shortening and establishing more consistent time periods for the reviews by the Planning Board and the District Council of Comprehensive Design Plans, Conceptual Site Plans, Detailed Site Plans, and Specific Design Plans and generally relating to development plan reviews.

CB-084-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING BUILDING AND GRADING PERMITS for the purpose of establishing a fifteen-business-day goal as to the issuance of building and grading permits for projects enrolled in the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement's Peer Review Program, subject to certain conditions.

CB-085-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING ILLEGAL RENTAL PROPERTY for the purpose prohibiting a new owner from operating a property without a valid license; providing for a penalty for rental property owners who operate property without a valid license, and generally relating to rental property licensing.

CB-086-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING ROADS AND SIDEWALKS - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS for the purpose of incorporating urban street design standards within Plan Prince George's 2035 for urban centers in the County.

CB-087-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING I-3 ZONE - PRIVATE LIMOUSINE SERVICE DISPATCHING STATION for the purpose of defining a Private Limousine Service Dispatching Station in the Zoning Ordinance and permitting the use in the I-3 (Planned Industrial Employment Park) Zone, under certain circumstances.

CB-088-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL IMPACT GRANT FUNDS MULTYEAR PLAN for the purpose of establishing a process to develop and

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review the County's Local Impact Grant Funds Multiyear Plan.

CB-089-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES for the purpose of amending certain definitions and enforcement procedures for food service facilities to comply with recent changes to the Code of Maryland Regulations 10.15.03 and generally relating to food service facilities and food service manager certifications.

CB-090-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUILDING CODE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of updating the provisions of the Building Code of Prince George's County (the "County") to conform to the 2015 editions of the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Energy Conservation Code and the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

CB-091-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRICAL CODE for the purpose of updating the Prince George's County Electrical Ordinance by adopting certain amendments pursuant to the 2014 Edition of the National Electrical Code and amending certain sections to include modifications related to the Electrical Code

CB-092-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MIXED USE AND COMMERCIAL ZONES - TABLE OF USES - TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE SHOPS for the purpose of providing a definition for tobacco shop and electronic cigarette shop uses in the Zoning Ordinance; amending the Mixed Use Zones Table of Uses to prohibit tobacco shop and electronic cigarette shop uses in the M-U-TC (Mixed-Use Town Center) Zone; providing an amortization period by June 1, 2017, for tobacco shop and electronic cigarette shop uses in the M-U-TC Zone that are not in compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance; amending the Commercial Zone

CB-095-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING RENTERS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF SUPPLEMENT for the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance to pay a Renters' Property Tax Relief Supplement to certain residents who qualify for a certain payment under State law.

CB-097-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING GENERAL ZONING PROCEDURES - NOTICES AND TECHNICAL STAFF REPORTS for the purpose of amending certain requirements regarding Planning Board notice and technical staff reports.

CB-098-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PRIVATE SCHOOLS for the purpose of permitting additional uses on a private school campus, including

medical uses, under certain circumstances.

CB-099-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MULTIFAMILY COMMUNITIES for the purpose of removing a restriction on new access and parking improvements for established multifamily housing developments in Prince George's County.

CB-101-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CHURCHES OR PLACES OF WORSHIP - ACCESSORY USES - DAYCARE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN for the purpose of amending the method for meeting the minimum acreage requirement for Churches or other Places of Worship applicable to a daycare center for children that is associated with a church that has off-site parking.

CB-102-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLEDGE OF THE TAX INCREMENT FROM THE SUITLAND-NAYLOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for the purpose of pledging the Tax Increment from the Suitland-Naylor Road Development District (the "Development District") established pursuant to Sections 12-201 through 12-213, inclusive, of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the "Tax Increment Financing Act") and CR-94-2014 of the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Formation Resolution") as security for revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to be issued by the Revenue Authority of Pr. George's County

CB-103-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS for the purpose of declaring additional revenue and appropriating to the General Fund to provide funds for costs that were not anticipated in the Approved Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

CB-104-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Prince George's County, Maryland to issue and sell an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifteen Million Eight Hundred One Thousand Dollars (\$115,801,000) in aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds with serial maturities, including mandatory sinking fund installments in lieu of serial maturities, for the purpose of providing funds for financing in whole or in part costs of the planning, construction, reconstruction, establishment, extension, enlargement, demolition, improvement or acquisition of certain capital projects set forth in the capital budget of the County for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

CB-105-2015 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET for the purpose of providing supplementary appropriations to the Systemic Replacements 2, Forward Funded Projects, Major Renovations Projects, and Major Repairs Projects; decreasing appropriations to the Contingency Appropriation

Fund, Forward Funded Projects and Tulip Grove Elementary School Replacement; and amending the Approved Fiscal Year 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program with regard to expenditures and financing beyond the budget year.

CB-106-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING R-55 AND R-18 ZONES for the purpose of permitting townhouses in the R-55 (One-Family Detached Residential) and R-18 (Multifamily Medium Density Residential) Zones, under certain specified circumstances.

CB-107-2015 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MIXED USE ZONES for the purpose of clarifying the Uses Permitted provision of the Zoning Ordinance permitting a group residential facility in the M-X-T (Mixed Use- Transportation Oriented) Zone under certain circumstances.



"The unanimous passage of Council Bill 33 keeps trust with our constituents by requiring that 50-percent of the County revenues from the MGM National Harbor destination resort be used to increase spending on our public schools, libraries and community college."

Chairman Mel Franklin on CB-33-2015

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CR-001-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE STATE OF MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR GREATER RIVERDALE for the purpose of approving Greater Riverdale as a Sustainable Community through the Application and Proposed Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") for participation in the Department's Sustainable Communities Program.

CR-002-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of transferring certain appropriations and expenditures between certain programs in the FY 2014-15 Operating Budget for the Recreation Fund.

CR-003-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ONE LARGO METRO DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for the purpose of repealing CR-77-2009 and terminating the One Largo Metro Development District.

CR-004-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATEWIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the submission of an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grant funding through the Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program ("SSTAP") under Sections 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and/or 5317 of the Federal Transit Act.

CR-005-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES SURCHARGE for the purpose of approving a partial waiver of the adequate public safety facilities surcharge for all residential units within the mixed-use Carrollton Station Project.

CR-006-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FAIR CRIMINAL RECORD SCREENING STANDARDS for the purpose of approving rules and regulations governing the implementation and administration of the Fair Criminal Record Screening Standards, established in Subtitle 2, Division 12.

CR-007-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COLLEGE PARK-RIVERDALE PARK TRANSIT DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE for the purpose of approving, with revisions, as an Act of the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council, the College Park-Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment.

CR-008-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN: FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2020 for the purpose of approving and adopting the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2016 - 2020 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

CR-009-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 for the purpose of approving and adopting the Prince George's County Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development consisting of federal programs, including their federal funding applications which, along with other resources, serve to implement housing and community development strategies set forth in the County's FY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan.

CR-010-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of Prince George's County to reflect the continuation of certain military leave benefits and the eligibility requirements for certain military leave benefits.

CR-011-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of transferring certain appropriations between certain projects in the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

CR-012-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING JOINT LAND USE STUDY for the purpose of extending the time for implementation and support for the 2009 Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington Joint Land Use Study ("JLUS") recommendations through the JLUS implementation Committee, extending the time for the JLUS Implementation Committee report, amending the membership of the committee and providing for reappointment of the Chair/Vice Chair of the JLUS Implementation Committee.

CR-013-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXELON CORPORATION AND PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC. MERGER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT for the purpose of recommending that the Maryland Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve the merger of Exelon Corporation ("Exelon") and Pepco Holdings, Inc. ("PHI"), including the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation ("Settlement Agreement") by and among Exelon, PHI, Prince George's County and other settling parties ("Settling Parties").

CR-015-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FOOD TRUCK HUB OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE for the purpose of establishing the Food Truck Hub Oversight Committee to provide continuing oversight and support of the Food Truck Hub Program created by CB-16-2015 and CB-17-2015.

CR-016-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2008 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (DECEMBER 2014 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designations of properties within the 2008 Water and Sewer Plan.

CR-017-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LOANS TO THOMPSON CREEK WINDOW COMPANY

("THOMPSON CREEK") FROM THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ("MEDAF") AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ("EDC"), A DESIGNATED AGENCY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE "COUNTY") for the purpose of endorsing a loan not to exceed \$750,000 to Thompson Creek from the MEDAF, and authorizing a conditional loan from the County's Economic Development Incentive Fund ("EDI Fund") not to exceed \$250,000 for eligible project costs associated with a new facility in the County and capital expenditure

CR-018-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: FY 2015 for the purpose of amending the Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 to include a new, eligible HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") activity, the Rainier Manor Phase II senior rental housing project and approving the reallocating and commitment of \$850,000 in HOME funds from the FY 2015 Annual Action Plan for this activity.

CR-019-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT FOR RAINIER MANOR PHASE II for the purpose of approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") Agreement by and between Rainier Manor 2, LP, a Maryland limited partnership (the "Owner") and Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County").

CR-020-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 for the purpose of adopting as proposed the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

CR-021-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION FISCAL YEARS 2016-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE for the purpose of adopting with amendments the WSSC Fiscal Years 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program and Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget for Water and Sewerage.

CR-022-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION BUDGET AND TAX RATES for the purpose of approving the Washington Suburban Transit Commission's administration of the County's Fiscal Year 2016 Mass Transit Plan, approving the levy of property tax rates necessary to support the expenses and obligations of the Commission including County mass transit operations; and approving the Commission's administrative budget.

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CR-023-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REVENUE AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2016-2021, prepared pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 21A of the Prince George's County Code.

CR-024-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2016-2021, prepared pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 15B of the Prince George's County Code and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Authority for Fiscal Year 2016.

CR-025-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION for the purpose of modifying the System Development Charge (SDC) to help finance the capital costs of expanding and augmenting water and sewage systems to accommodate service to subscribers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District (WSSD) and to provide a financing mechanism to aid the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (Commission) in paying for the capital projects thereof by providing methods and procedures by which the SDC is to be implemented and/or collected.

CR-026-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON ADDRESSING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY'S STRUCTURAL DEFICIT for the purpose of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing Prince George's County's Structural Deficit.

CR-027-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$12,159,893 to the Department of Social Services, Office of the Sheriff, Office of Homeland Security, Circuit Court, Department of Family Services, Police Department, Fire/EMS Department, Department of Public Works and Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of the Environment, Health Department and Department of Corrections.

CR-028-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JUNETEENTH NATIONAL HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN AND OBSERVANCE for the purpose of expressing support for the Juneteenth National Holiday Campaign and Observance.

CR-029-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: FY 2015 for the purpose of amending the Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development: Fiscal

Year ("FY") 2015 to include a new, eligible HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program activity, Brinkley Hill, and approving the reprogramming and reallocating of \$2,000,000.00 in HOME Program funds from the FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2015 Annual Action Plans approved in prior years for this activity.

CR-030-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: FY 2015 for the purpose of amending the Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development: Fiscal Year ("FY") 2015 to include a new, eligible HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program activity, the Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. ("HIP") Homes Program and approving the reprogramming and reallocating of \$500,000.00 in HOME funds from the FY 2010, FY 2011, FY 2012 and FY 2013 Annual Action Plans.

CR-031-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE "STEPPING UP INITIATIVE" for the purpose of reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in the correctional system.

CR-032-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 for the purpose of imposing and levying the tax rates and causing to be raised the amount of taxes required by the adopted budget so as to balance the budget as to proposed income and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

CR-033-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILOT") AGREEMENT FOR BRINKLEY HILL for the purpose of approving the terms and conditions of a Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") Agreement between Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County") and Brinkley Hill Associates, LLC, (the "Owner").

CR-034-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGE for the purpose of adjusting the public safety surcharge for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, as required by State law.

CR-035-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE for the purpose of adjusting the school facilities surcharge for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, as required by State law.

CR-036-201

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the project submitted by the Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. ("HIP") to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

CR-037-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

for the purpose of approving the project submitted by Doctors Community Hospital to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

CR-038-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING M-X-T ZONE for the purpose of extending the time for abrogation of certain provisions of Section 27-547(b) of the Zoning Ordinance.

CR-039-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A CERTAIN REFUNDING PLAN OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS for the purpose of approving the Refunding Plan of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the refunding of certain bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District through the issuance of General Construction Bonds, General Construction Refunding Bonds, Water Supply Refunding Bonds, Sewage Disposal Refunding Bonds, Water Supply Bonds, Sewage Disposal Bonds and Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District

CR-040-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY-LOCATED BUSINESS CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS for the purpose of approving regulations promulgated by the County Executive governing the implementation and administration of the County-located business certification application process.

CR-041-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the application submitted by the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Legacy Program funds for the Edmonston Road Sustainable Rain Garden in the approximate amount of \$98,800.

CR-042-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the project submitted by Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit Program.



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CR-043-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CRUMLY-MURRAY HOUSE, BURGDORF HOUSE, COMPTON BASSETT TOBACCO BARN AT BOXWOOD HALL, AND HAWKINS TOBACCO BARN AS PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITES, AND BROAD CREEK HISTORIC DISTRICT EXPANSION for the purpose approving the designation of the Crumly-Murray House (76A-044-03), the Burgdorf House (76B-065), the Compton Bassett Tobacco Barn at Boxwood Hall (79-063-13), and the Hawkins Tobacco Barn (85A-086) as Historic Sites in Prince George's County, and to approve an expansion of the boundaries of the Broad Creek Historic District by including Parcel 314 (Tax Map 123, Grid B2) (80-024-00).

CR-044-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY'S MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS CONTRACTS for the purpose of granting authority to the Purchasing Agent to extend the County's existing Municipal Solid Waste Collections Contracts and to achieve the greatest efficiencies and optimal collection service at a cost savings to the County.

CR-045-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2008 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (APRIL 2015 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designations of properties within the 2008 Water and Sewer Plan.

CR-046-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the application submitted by the Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. ("HIP") to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Legacy Program funds in the approximate amount of four hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$480,000.00).

CR-047-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Towson University Foundation, Inc.'s application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program.

CR-048-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2004 GATEWAY ARTS DISTRICT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY - D-D-O ZONE - MINOR AMENDMENT for the purpose of directing the Planning Board to initiate a minor amendment to the Gateway Arts District D-D-O (Development District Overlay) Zone development district standards of the 2004 Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Prince George's County Gateway Arts District concerning freestanding signs in the Traditional Residential Neighborhood character area, to amend the Table of Uses Permitted for the Traditional Residential Neighborhood character area concerning the use "conversion of a one-family, detached dwelling to a building containing up to three dwelling units,"

CR-049-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COUNCIL 67, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ("AFSCME"), AFL-CIO, AND ITS AFFILIATED LOCAL 241 ("SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS") - SALARY SCHEDULE X for the purpose of approving the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the terms of the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and Council 67, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME"), AFL-CIO, Local 241 ("School Crossing Guards").

CR-050-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COUNCIL 67, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ("AFSCME"), AFL-CIO, AND ITS AFFILIATED LOCALS 1170, 2462, 2735 AND 3389 - SALARY SCHEDULE A for the purpose of approving the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the terms of the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and Council 67, AFSCME Locals 1170, 2462, 2735 and 3389.

CR-051-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL for the purpose of designating areas in which the County will exercise the Right of First Refusal where the owner of a multi-family rental facility of 20 units or more intends to sell said multi-family rental facility.

CR-052-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATEWIDE PAID SICK AND SAFE LEAVE for the purpose of endorsing a Statewide Paid Sick and Safe Leave Requirement.

CR-053-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CAR FREE DAY for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for declaring September 22, 2015 as Car Free Day in Prince George's County as part of international mobility week in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region.

CR-054-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COUNTYWIDE RESOURCE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN for the purpose of initiating a Countywide Resource Conservation Functional Master Plan for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, and approving Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and Public Participation Program for preparation of a consolidated, updated land use policy regarding resource conservation in the County.

CR-055-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILOT") AGREEMENT FOR WOODLAND SPRINGS for the purpose of approving the terms and conditions of a Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") Agreement between Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County") and Woodland Springs, L.P. (the "Owner").

CR-056-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY REAL PROPERTY for the purpose of declaring certain parcels of County-owned real property as surplus, and approving the County Executive's plan for disposal of such parcels.

CR-057-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GREATER CHEVERLY SECTOR PLAN for the purpose of initiating a new Greater Cheverly Sector Plan for the area of Prince George's County that includes portions of Planning Areas 69 and 72, and approving Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and a Public Participation Program for the project.

CR-058-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT for the purpose of determining the adequacy of the private right-of-way or easement serving the lot and single-family dwelling on property owned by Pyles Corporation, and authorizing the issuance of a building permit subject to stated conditions.

CR-059-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: FY 2015 for the purpose of amending the County's Fiscal Year ("FY") 2015 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by restructuring Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") activities from the FY 2014 and FY 2015 Annual Action Plans.

CR-060-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE for the purpose of approving the appointment of Dorothy F. Bailey as a commissioner of the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

CR-061-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE for the purpose of approving the appointment of Manuel R. Geraldo as a commissioner of the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and providing a description and appropriate explanation of the resulting geographic balance in accordance with requirements of State law.

CR-062-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE for the purpose of approving the appointment of John P. Shoaff as a commissioner of the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and providing a description and appropriate explanation of the resulting geographic balance in accordance with requirements of State law.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ENACTED IN 2015

CR-063-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EAST RIVERDALE AND BEACON HEIGHTS SECTOR PLAN for the purpose of initiating a new East Riverdale and Beacon Heights Sector Plan for the area of Prince George's County that includes portions of Planning Areas 68 and 69, and approving Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and a Public Participation Program for the project, as well as a five-month extension to prepare the sector plan.

CR-064-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEEK for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for proclaiming October 12-16, 2015 as Conflict Resolution Week in Prince George's County.

CR-065-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Ivy Community Charities of Prince George's County, Inc.'s application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department's Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program.

CR-066-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS for the purpose of and pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 12-101 through 12-118 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as amended (the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act "the Act"), issuing economic development revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty-Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$37,500,000), and to loan the proceeds from the sale of such bonds to (i) Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized under the law

CR-067-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM for the purpose of approving an amendment to the Prince George's County portion of the approved Fiscal Year 2016 Capital budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in order to develop solar photovoltaic systems and perform other solar-related projects on Commission-owned parkland throughout Prince George's County.

CR-068-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Glassmanor-Oxon Hill Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative ("TNI") Area Sustainable Community application and proposed Action Plan for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") for participation in the Department's Sustainable Communities Program.

CR-069-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LOANS TO A.M. BRIGGS, INC., A SUBSIDIARY OF SYSCO CORPORATION ("A.M. BRIGGS"), FROM

THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ("MEDAF") AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE "COUNTY") for the purpose of endorsing a loan not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to A.M. Briggs from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's ("DBED") MEDAF program which, in conjunction with the conditional loan from the County's Economic Development Incentive Fund ("EDI Fund") not to exceed eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000), will be used for eligible project costs associated with a new facility in the County, and capital expenditures.

CR-070-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LOANS TO AQUILENT, INC. ("AQUILENT") FROM THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND ("MEDAF") AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND (THE "COUNTY") for the purpose of endorsing a loan not to exceed eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$840,000) to Aquilent from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's MEDAF program which, in conjunction with the conditional loan from the County's Economic Development Incentive Fund ("EDI Fund") not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), will be used for eligible project costs associated with a new facility in the County capital expenditures.

CR-071-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT ("CITC") PROGRAM for the purpose of approving The Foundation Schools, Inc.'s ("The Foundation Schools") application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") for participation in the Community Investment Tax Credit ("CITC") Program.

CR-072-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$1,241,055 to the Department of Social Services, the Department of Family Services, the Health Department, and the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

CR-073-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$4,848,570 to the Department of Social Services, the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, the Department of Family Services, the Department of Corrections, the Office of Community Relations, the Police Department, the Health Department, the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Fire/EMS Department.

CR-074-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE FUND for the purpose of approving the project and application submitted by Champ House Recovery Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Nonprofit Assistance Funds in the amount of \$50,000 for its Roof Renovation Project.

CR-075-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SPENDING AFFORDABILITY LIMITS FOR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION for the purpose of establishing spending control limits on the Fiscal Year 2017 Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC).

CR-076-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS WORK GROUP for the purpose amending the membership of the Transfer of Development Rights Work Group and extending the date for the Transfer of Development Rights Work Group to transmit its Final Recommendation to the County Council.

CR-077-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION for the purpose of waiving, in accordance with State law, the five-year restriction on municipal zoning and development of annexed land and approving the proposed development of land annexed by the City of Laurel with substantially different uses, or at a substantially higher density, than could be granted for the development pursuant to its pre-annexation zoning classification of the property.

CR-078-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of setting, by the governing body for Prince George's County, the homestead credit percentage for calculating the homestead property tax credit to be granted against the tax imposed upon real property in the County for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2016, in accordance with State and County law.

CR-079-2015

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2013 LARGO TOWN CENTER SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT for the purpose of initiating a minor amendment to the 2013 Largo Town Center Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment.





Our Future

2015 COUNTY COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETINGS



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The Prince George's County Council hosted a series of countywide, offsite Town Hall meetings during Legislative Year 2015 at various locations around the County, engaging residents in constructive dialogue about important issues – the County Budget, Education, Transportation and Domestic Violence. These meetings featured a panel of experts including Council Members and other public and elected officials, as well as presentations and an opportunity for public participation and comment.

Each Town Hall meeting served as an effective tool for maintaining open lines of communication between residents and local government. Live streaming video of the event accommodates engaged residents who are unable to personally attend.



FY 2016 BUDGET TOWN HALL

MARCH 10, 2015

LARGO, MD

The Council's "FY 16 Budget Town Hall Meeting," at Prince George's Community College in March, was the first in a series for Legislative Year 2015. The "FY 16 Budget Town Hall Meeting" included presentations on the budget outlook for coming fiscal year; the Council's budget review process; as well as an overview of important budget calendar dates. Council Members received testimony from citizens on a wide range of shared priorities including public safety, education, transportation, economic development, transit-oriented development and healthcare.

EDUCATION TOWN HALL

APRIL 21, 2015

CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD

"Education: Community Ideas for the Classroom," was the subject of the second Town Hall, held in April at Central High School in Capitol Heights. The meeting featured an opportunity to hear directly from Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, and Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell on the basis, rationale and objectives for education spending in the proposed FY 2016 County Budget.

TRANSPORTATION TOWN HALL

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

HYATTSVILLE, MD

Focusing on the importance of transportation in creating sustainable, high quality economic development, the Council hosted "Destination: Prince George's," for its third Town Hall Meeting. Held at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, the Transportation Town Hall focused the importance of transportation in creating sustainable, high quality economic development; how transportation plays a key role in the economic growth of the County; and ways individual organizations are working to modernize and improve the County's transportation systems.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 21, 2014

OXON HILL, MD

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Council's fourth and final Town Hall Meeting for Legislative Year 2015, "SPEAK UP SPEAK OUT – It's Everybody's Business," took place in October at Oxon Hill High School in Fort Washington. The Town Hall Meeting offered the perfect setting for constructive dialogue on the pervasive issue of domestic violence and its impact on families and communities. Chairman Franklin noted the significance this important community conversation, "Domestic abuse is not, nor should it ever be a 'problem of one.' It is a community problem and a solution will not be found without complete community involvement."



The first Round included First Baptist Church Highland Park of Landover, The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square in Capitol Heights, and the winner St. Paul Baptist Church also in Capitol Heights.



The stimulus for the pilot program, entitled "The Biggest Winner," is a study linking regular churchgoers and obesity. The 1st round of the competition, which included the health ministries from three churches located in Central Prince George's County, experienced a total weight loss of over 1,000 pounds. The 2nd round featured congregations from South County who lost a combined total loss of over 1500 pounds!

FY 2015 COUNTY COUNCIL

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM; ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP FOR 2015 LEGISLATIVE YEAR

Council Member Franklin Elected to Serve Second Consecutive Term as Chair; Council Member Davis Elected Vice-Chair

The Prince George's County Council unanimously reelected Council Chairman Mel Franklin (D) - District 9, to lead the legislative body for a second consecutive term in Legislative Year 2015, and Council Member Derrick L. Davis (D) - District 6, as Vice Chair. The newly confirmed Council leadership team presided over the first session of the Legislative Year 2015 on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Chairman Franklin and Vice-Chair Davis will serve in Council leadership through December 1, 2015.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MEL FRANKLIN CONGRATULATES MARYLAND GOVERNOR LAWRENCE J. "LARRY" HOGAN ON TODAY'S INAUGURATION

The Prince George's County Council congratulates Governor Lawrence J. "Larry" Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford on their inauguration today. I greatly appreciate Governor Hogan's message of bipartisanship and his commitment to govern from Maryland's political center to create jobs and attract new investment to our State. In the coming days, the Governor's first budget proposal will provide an important opportunity to demonstrate his words of cooperation and partnership, including supporting Prince George's County's 2015 Annapolis agenda to create jobs and invest in our State's future. We look forward to working with our new state leadership to make Maryland and Prince George's County even stronger in the years ahead.

COUNTY COUNCIL, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH, LAUNCHES PILOT HEALTH INITIATIVE IN FAITH COMMUNITY

Three Central County Churches First to Participate

The Prince George's County Council, sitting as the County's Board of Health, will hold a press conference on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., in the Council Hearing Room, announcing the launch of a health initiative targeting obesity and featuring the partnership of three local churches. The stimulus for the pilot program, entitled "The Biggest Winner," is a study linking regular churchgoers and obesity. The health ministries at The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square, First Baptist Church at Highland Park, and St. Paul Baptist Church will participate. The Board of Health will acknowledge the congregation with the greatest collective weight loss at the end of the program as "The Biggest Winner."

LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON INCREASING LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND CAPACITY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Group to Provide a Voice for Local Business Community and Policy Oversight for County Council

The Local Business Participation Advisory Committee, established by Council Resolution 100-2014 to provide a formal platform for addressing the needs and concerns of the business community, will convene for the first time on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., County Administration Building, Council Committee Meeting Room 2027, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXELON-PEPCO HOLDINGS MERGER AND SETTLEMENT

The Prince George's County Council unanimously adopted Council Resolution 13-2015, on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, legislation recommending the Maryland Public Service Commission approve the merger between Exelon Corporation and Pepco Holdings, Inc., and support the Commission's adoption of the terms of a March 16, 2015 settlement agreement between the companies and Prince George's County.

COUNTY COUNCIL VICE-CHARI DERRICK L. DAVIS WELCOMES FIRST DAVE & BUSTERS LOCATION IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO RITCHIE STATION MARKETPLACE IN CAPITOL HEIGHTS

Groundbreaking for Restaurant and Entertainment Giant Headlines Shopping Center Expansion

Prince George's County Council Vice-Chair Derrick L. Davis (D)-District 6, is pleased to join community partners for the Dave & Buster's Groundbreaking Ceremony at Ritchie Station Marketplace in Capitol Heights, on Friday, April 17, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION BANNING THE USE OF COAL TAR PRODUCTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Council Bill 6-2015, Legislation Aimed at Improving Public Health and Restoring Waterways Adopted In Time for Earth Day - April 22 The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, April 21, unanimously approved Council Bill 6-2015, legislation prohibiting the sale and use of coal tar pavement products in Prince George's County.

Coal tar pavement products are applied to asphalt and concrete to seal and protect parking lots, driveways, recreational trails, airport runways and playgrounds from sunlight, water, debris, chemical spills and leaks. United States Geological Survey studies have identified coal tar based sealcoat as a major source of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) contamination. Several PAHs are suspected human carcinogens and toxic to aquatic life.

COUNTY COUNCIL INTRODUCES COMPANION LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING FOOD TRUCK HUBS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Legislation Encourages Economic Development, Innovative Entrepreneurship and Convenient Access to Healthy Food Options

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, April 21, introduced Council Bill 16-2015, Council Bill 17-2015, and Council Resolution 15-2015, companion legislation proposed by Council Members Dannielle Glaros (D) - District 3, Mary Lehman (D) - District 1 and Karen R. Toles (D) - District 7, establishing Food Truck Hubs in Prince George's County.

Food Truck Hubs, as defined by the legislation, will be outdoor areas designated by the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) where two or more mobile units may sell freshly prepared foods, or fresh fruits and vegetables.

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF STYROFOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS

Council Bill Encourages Eco-Friendly Disposable Products

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, April 28, approved Council Bill 5-2015, legislation prohibiting the sale and use of certain polystyrene products, commonly known as Styrofoam, in Prince George's County.

Under the legislation, Council Bill 5-2015 would prohibit the sale of certain expanded polystyrene food service products and loose fill packaging. The foam form of expanded polystyrene is commonly used to make disposable plates, hot and cold beverage cups, bowls and other items.

COUNTY COUNCIL URGES GOVERNOR HOGAN TO RELEASE \$20 MILLION SLATED FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

Joint Letter also Requests Release of \$15 Million for Regional Medical Center and Support for the Purple Line

In a joint letter to Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, the Prince George's County Council and County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, strongly urge the Governor to release \$20 million in FY 2016 state-appropriated funds supporting Prince George's County's 125,000 public school students.

The crucial school funding, which received overwhelming bipartisan support in both houses of the General Assembly during the 2015 legislative session, will not require any tax or fee increases, and is solely dedicated to education spending.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS \$2.95 BILLION FY 2016 BUDGET

Council Makes 70% Reduction in 15.6% Tax Increase Proposal; Adds \$34 Million to Board of Education Budget, Implements New Fiscal Accountability Measures

The Prince George's County Council adopted a \$2.95 billion balanced County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 during session on Thursday, May 28, 2015. The budget becomes effective with the new Fiscal Year which begins July 1, 2015.

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING TAX CREDIT FOR RESIDENCES EQUIPPED WITH ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

Council Bill Supports Disabled Residents; Helps Seniors Age in Place

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, approved Council Bill 7-2015, legislation establishing a property tax credit for the installation of accessibility enhancements on an existing primary residence.

Council Bill 7-2015 provides homeowners with a tax credit equal to 50% of eligible costs, or \$2,500 for an eligible accessibility feature installed on an existing principal residence. Any credit exceeding the annual tax liability of the property may be carried over until the next tax year.

STATEMENT FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MEL FRANKLIN - COUNTY COUNCIL OVERRIDES COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S VETO OF COUNTY BUDGET

Override Avoids a 15.6 Percent Increase in Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2016

This evening the County Council voted to override the County Executive's budget veto, preventing a double-digit property tax increase. Residents and businesses have said this double-digit tax increase is unaffordable, and hurtful to our economic recovery.

The County Council, as the Legislative Branch of government, has the legislative authority to override the County Executive's veto of this lawfully enacted budget. Tonight, we have exercised our authority to do so, preserving the balance of new investment in education; affordability for working families and small businesses; and fiscal accountability for existing spending.

STATEMENT- COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MEL FRANKLIN CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE FLAG FROM STATE-ISSUED LICENSE PLATES IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND

The Prince George's County Council joins Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and other leaders from across the state who are calling on the Maryland Vehicle Administration (MVA) to stop issuing state license plates that feature the Confederate Flag. The Confederate Flag is a divisive symbol in our nation's history and has no place on any official government licenses or documentation in the state of Maryland.

COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS LEGISLATION REQUIRING HALF OF LOCAL GAMING REVENUE TO FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION

CB-33-2015 Ensures County Government Accountability - Earmarks 50-percent of Casino Revenue for Public Education

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, unanimously adopted CB-33-2015, legislation requiring half of gaming revenue from the MGM National Harbor destination resort be allocated for public education purposes.

Under the new law, 50-percent of annual local gaming revenue, up to a maximum of \$25 million, will now be reserved for Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's Community College, and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, as a part of the County's regular or supplemental budget processes. The law requires that this funding supplement and not replace or supplant existing County funding sources for public education.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL PRAISES COUNTY'S PURPLE LINE FUNDING DECISION

Prince George's County Increases Purple Line Funding Contribution by \$20 Million

The Prince George's County Council, a strong proponent of the Purple Line, praised today's funding announcement from Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, increasing the County's Purple Line Light Rail contribution to \$120 million.

The Purple Line, a proposed 16-mile light rail line, will extend from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County, providing a direct connection to the Metro Red, Green and Orange lines. Prince George's County will increase its Purple Line Light Rail contribution by \$20 million, for a total of \$120 million in bond and in-kind support from the County. The agreement assures construction of the Purple Line will begin in Prince George's County and the primary command center will also be located in the County.

COUNTY COUNCIL INTRODUCES LEGISLATION ENDORSING A STATEWIDE, MANDATORY SAFE AND SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENT

Legislation will make a Statewide Sick and Safe Leave Law among the Council's Highest 2016 General Assembly Priorities

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, introduced CR-52-2015, legislation endorsing a statewide requirement for Mandatory Sick and Safe Leave for residents in Prince George's County and across the State of Maryland. This legislation was proposed by Council Chairman Mel Franklin (D) - District 9, Council Vice-Chair Derrick Leon Davis (D) - District 6, Council Member Andrea Harrison (D) - District 5 and Council Member Todd Turner (D) - District 4, and co-sponsored by Council Member Deni Taveras (D) - District 2.

COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS LEGISLATION PROVIDING 24-MONTH RESIDENTIAL LEASES FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SENIORS

CB-59-2015 Regulates Leasing of Rental Housing for Prince George's County Seniors; Prevents Rent Increases for 2-Year Period

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, November 3, unanimously adopted Council Bill 59-2015, legislation allowing for 24-month leases to residents living in age-restricted senior living facilities.

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING RENTERS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF SUPPLEMENT

Qualified Renters to Receive 50% Tax Supplement from Prince George's County

The Prince George's County Council, during the final Council session for Legislative Year 2015 on Tuesday, November 17, unanimously approved CB-95-2015, legislation establishing a Renters' Property Tax Relief Supplement for qualifying County residents.

COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW PUBLIC SITE FOR OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE AND ZONING INFORMATION

New Legislative Management System Strengthens Transparency; Provides Greater Online Access

The Prince George's County Council has launched a new multi-dimensional legislative management software system to provide greater efficiency, transparency, and accessibility for those seeking official legislative and zoning information online. The new Legislative/Zoning Information System or LZIS replaces the former Legislative Information System (LIS).

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT



Purple Line

Transit Line

*Jobs Line, Economic Opportunity Line,
Prosperity Line*

Focused on the importance of transportation in creating sustainable, high-quality economic development in the County, the Council has been a strong proponent of the transformative Purple Line project, the County's number one transit priority. The Purple Line, which will operate in the corridor between Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County, will link key job centers and neighborhoods and strengthen the County's position as a major destination for economic development and job creation.

It is important that our communities reap the rewards of the economic development opportunities the Purple Line will ultimately bring. In Legislative Year 2015, the County and State reached a key funding agreement for the Purple Line, placing this 16-mile light rail project on track to better connect communities and businesses, and create job opportunities for thousands of our residents. The agreement also assures construction will begin in Prince George's County and the primary command center will be located in the County as well.

The County Council works diligently to create and foster a development environment in Prince George's County that maximizes transit-oriented development opportunities by expanding growth opportunities and commercial development.

Recognizing that Prince George's County's prosperity and continued economic growth are directly linked to the adequacy of the County's infrastructure, including our transportation network, the Council has been focused on transit-oriented development, redevelopment, revenue creation and smart growth.

We are home to 15 of the 86 Metrorail stations in the Metropolitan Washington region, and the wealth of undeveloped land around our Metro stations provides boundless opportunities for creative, mixed-used development.

Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development

The Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), relocated in 2015 to its new home adjacent to the Metro station in New Carrollton, giving our County and region a significant boost in creating high-quality, walkable transit-oriented development. With the move, DHCD became the first state agency headquartered in Prince George's County, and now anchors a multi-phased, mixed-use transit-oriented development project.

M-Square

M-Square, the University of Maryland Research Park and Maryland's largest research park is located just eight miles from the Nation's Capital. Upon full build out, M-Square will cover two million square feet and employ 6,500 people. A dynamic location for science and technology companies, M-Square offers including incubator space for start-up companies and options for larger technology firms. Located adjacent to the College Park – University of Maryland Metro station and College Park MARC Commuter Rail station, M-Square links tenants, university researchers, students, staff and visitors to federal laboratories and private sector companies, and provides easy access to libraries, conference and recreation facilities, world-class performing arts and NCAA Division I athletic events.



ACROSS THE COUNTY



Ascend Apollo Commons broke ground on October 16, 2015 bringing ultra modern designs and amenities within close proximity to the Largo Town Center Metro.



Emerging as a symbol of progress in Prince George's County, Whole Foods Market will serve as anchor at the new Riverdale Station on Route 1, in Riverdale Park, MD. Groundbreaking was May 15, 2015.



Set to attract the FBI, developers are proposing a new mixed-use transit-oriented development that would replace the parking lot at the Greenbelt Metro station. The FBI would occupy the five buildings.



Opening July 2017, The Hotel at the University of Maryland will offer visitors elegant accommodations, delicious restaurants, and top-notch service and amenities. Located directly across the street from the main entrance to the University campus,

OTHER DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Brandywine Crossing Medical Office Building

Brandywine Crossing is a \$34 million commercial development boasting a state-of-the-art multiplex cinema, restaurants and various specialty shops, offering a tremendous array of amenities for South County residents. As this project con3 story medical building

- 62,000 rentable square feet
- 10 year full service plus utilities
- 24 hour access
- Projected delivery early 2015
- Located in the fast growing Brandywine area in the Brandywine Crossing Shopping Center
- 90,000 +/- vehicles per day on Route 301
-

Commission to Address Prince George's County's Structural Deficit and Provide Policy Recommendations to the County Council and County Executive



The Prince George's County Council established the Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing Prince George's County's Structural Deficit, through Council Resolution 26-2015 as a part of the approved FY 2016 County Budget. The commission will convene for the first time in early September.

The Blue Ribbon Commission is charged with recommending policies to the County Council and County Executive over the next year that will address the County's structural deficit – the imbalance caused when normal government spending exceeds tax revenues on an annual basis. The commission will collect, review and discuss comparative budget data and information regarding Prince George's County's fiscal health; policies and practices that affect Prince George's County's revenue structure and the strength of its tax base; the structure and fiscal dynamics of Prince George's County's government; and feedback from community stakeholders concerning the County's budget and tax structure.

Prince George's County Council Chairman Mel Franklin District 9, says the Blue Ribbon Commission was established to directly address the County's longstanding structural deficit and related fiscal challenges.

The Blue Ribbon Commission consists of 15 voting members appointed by the County Council in consultation with the County Executive.

"Our residents have made it clear that they want a greater level of confidence and accountability about how their tax dollars are being spent, and the establishment of the Blue Ribbon Commission brings us one step closer to that goal. After careful consideration, we have assembled a group of talented Prince George's County residents and experts with considerable expertise in the areas of budget, finance and public policy and look forward to the reports of the Commission and their recommendations in the coming year."

Chairman Franklin



To my fellow Prince Georgians...“We, the People of Prince George’s County,” who we on this dais have all taken a solemn oath to serve, this past year unfolded during a critical time in our County’s history. This has been a critical time of significance and transformation. This past year signaled the end of the era of our County as the region’s bedroom community and the dawning of our time as a destination for people from around the World. It has been a time of continued recovery from the Great Recession and the launching of the \$6 - \$8 billion Prince George’s County Economic Boom. It has been a time of progress marked by continued reductions in crime and improving health care; a stronger environment and moving our budget towards fiscal accountability.

This has also been a critical time for urgency. As Dr. King called it, “the fierce urgency of now.” We must urgently seize the window of opportunity for our County to assume a leadership position in our State and throughout our Region in each and every facet of our quality of life. There simply is no place with the incredible possibilities for progress that we have here in Prince George’s County.

From the \$1.3 Billion MGM National Harbor Destination Resort that rises from the County’s southern gateway, to securing the \$3 Billion Purple Line that will begin its construction right here in Prince George’s County; and from the \$650 Million Regional Medical Center slated for Largo to competing for the \$2 Billion FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt or Landover, our County is doing big things on purpose to create a foundation for change not simply for the next four years, but for the next forty.

This progress is reflected in the leadership and thoughtful work of our Council committees over the past year.

The Council’s Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, under the leadership of Council Members Andrea Harrison and Dannielle Glaros, serving as chair and vice chair respectively, made landmark progress in improving our climate for economic development and job creation. With little fanfare the committee moved forward CB-82, CB-83, and CB-84, legislation representing the most dramatic reform of our development review process in recent memory, creating full certainty in our process to streamline bringing economic development and jobs to the market. The committee also stated the Council’s unequivocal support for a Statewide Sick and Safe Leave Law; adopted zoning provisions that supported the new Regional Medical Center; and worked diligently to move the all-important rewrite of our Zoning and Subdivision ordinances forward.

Addressing fiscal responsibility and critical economic issues were the focus of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee, led by Chair Obie Patterson and Vice Chair Andrea Harrison. The Council has requested restoration of public safety dollars to put more officers on the street and strengthen community policing. The committee also pushed forward important economic tax

incentive and tax relief measures, including a major tax incentive for the Suitland Town Center project, a supplemental renters’ property tax credit, and an urban agriculture tax credit.

Under the leadership of Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee Chair Mary Lehman and Vice Chair Todd Turner, the THE committee lived up to its unofficial mantle as the Council’s “quality of life” committee. The committee approved millions of dollars in financing for moderately-priced housing and improved the affordability of senior housing by requiring the option of 24-month leases in many circumstances. The committee also improved environmental protections against foam and coal tar products and increased funding for bus and taxi service from fees provided by transportation network companies like Uber. Notably, the committee also sent an unequivocally strong message that our property standards will be second to none by significantly increasing the County’s penalties against litter and illegal rentals to \$1000 per violation.

Health, Education and Human Services Committee Chair Karen Toles and Vice Chair Derrick Leon Davis led their committee in the work of tackling the complicated and innovative opportunity provided by establishing food truck hubs in the County and increasing penalties and enforcement on illegal food truck operations. The committee also conducted important oversight over Prince George’s County Public Schools, including approving millions from the School System’s fund balance to improve academic achievement. Additionally, this committee explored the important issue of access to mental health services in the County and improved health quality for residents and workers by banning electronic cigarette use in nearly all public establishments.

And the Council’s Rules and General Assembly Committee, under the leadership of Committee Chair Derrick Leon Davis and Vice-Chair Todd Turner led our Annapolis strategy where we successfully worked to protect key state priorities such as state funding for the new Regional Medical Center in Largo, and securing state approval to proceed with the Purple Line. The committee also worked diligently for passage of Council-sponsored legislation authorizing local minority business participation goals for procurement with the School System, and advocated in partnership with the County Executive’s legislative team to push for more equitable state funding for our public schools under the Bridge to Excellence formula. This committee worked in tandem with Council leadership and our partners

across the state to establish the first Large County Coalition through the Maryland Association of Counties to more effectively advocate for the common issues and interests of residents across the State.

“When we focus those immense strengths towards a common endeavor on behalf of “We, the People of Prince George’s County,” there is no mountain we cannot climb; no river we cannot cross; nothing we cannot accomplish together for this Great County that we love.”

Chairman Mel Franklin

In closing, I would like to again thank my colleagues for the honor of serving as Council Chair over the past two years. In December 2013, we said the “World is Coming to Prince George’s County.” In December 2014, we spoke about the importance of our commitment to “We, the People of Prince George’s County.” Now, we should embrace that the “World is Watching Prince George’s County.”

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

DERRICK LEON DAVIS FY 2016 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

I am honored to accept the Gavel of Leadership and to have been chosen by my colleagues to serve as County Council Chair for Legislative Year 2016. I have spent my entire adult life working on behalf of the people of Prince George's County and I am proud to now serve in this capacity.

My promise to you is that I will humbly serve, and do so with integrity. I will give all I have. My leadership of this body and our work together on this Council will leave Prince George's County a better place in which to live, play, and conduct business. And when we are done, our residents will be able to take even greater joy in being Prince Georgians.

The Prince George's County we see today is quite different from years past, and we are still evolving. The Census projection for population growth in Prince George's County anticipates nearly a million residents by 2020. This Council has initiated key strategic initiatives for the progression and transformation of our County, which includes a thoughtful and careful review of our institutions. We will continue this critical work in Legislative Year 2016. "

Educating our children to compete in a global economy remains a critical element to the success of Prince George's County. And those who know me, know my deep personal passion for education. While the performance of our schools is improving, if the County is to become the economic powerhouse we desire, our education system must be first rate and remain a top priority for all of us. "We look forward to the outcome of the external Continuous Improvement Performance Audit of Prince George's

County Public Schools, the first in 18 years, creating the foundation for the world-class school system our students deserve, and better inform the decisions of this Council as fiscal stewards.

"We also look forward to the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing the Structural Deficit. We appreciate the time and hard work commissioners are putting in, recognizing that the time has come for a serious policy conversation about comprehensively putting our financial house in order, including changes to our tax structure to keep our County growing and competitive in a challenging regional economy. "

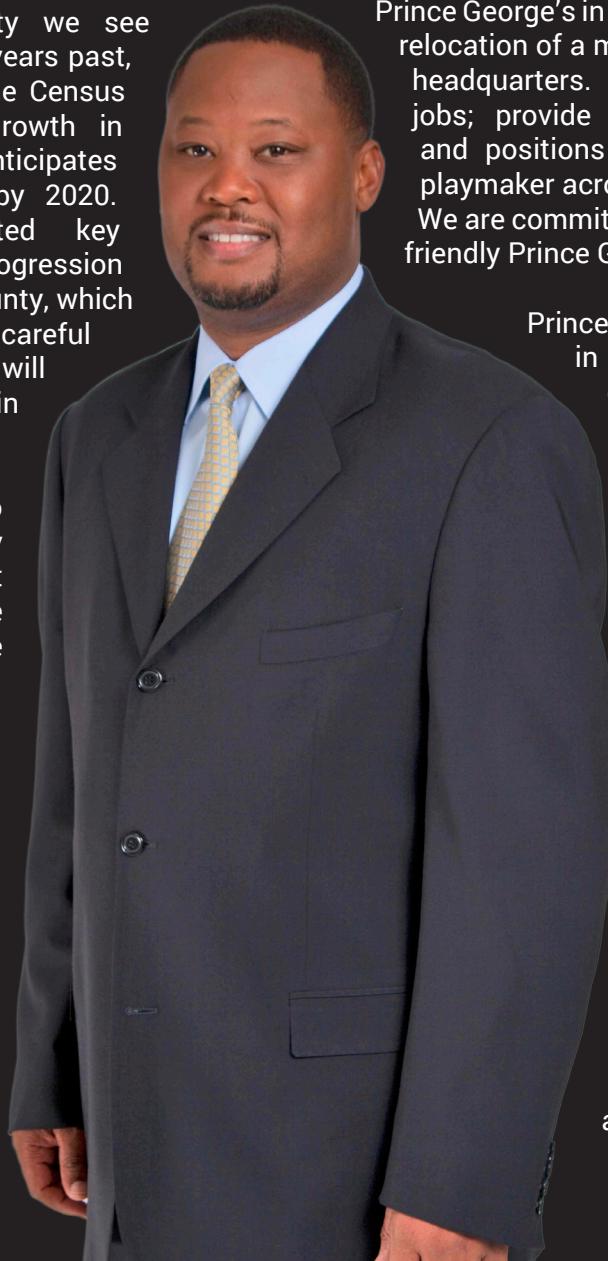
I know we are all excited to welcome major projects to Prince George's County—the MGM Resort and National Harbor expansion; a new Regional Medical Center in Largo; downtown

Prince George's in Central County; and the possible relocation of a major federal installation, the FBI headquarters. Such projects create new, local jobs; provide enormous economic benefits; and positions Prince George's County as a playmaker across our region and in our nation. We are committed to creating a more business-friendly Prince George's. "

Prince George's County landed squarely in the housing bubble during the economic downturn caused by the national housing crisis.

We must work to achieve a balance between our County's residential and commercial tax base, so we are less reliant on the residential housing market, and better positioned for a crisis.

During my service as chairman of the Council's Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee during the 2013-2014 legislative years, we began a comprehensive review of the County's housing policy. The availability, accessibility and affordability of quality housing for all who desire to live in our County should be among our goals for the future.



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