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“Focusing on the Future of Prince George’s County”

Dear Residents,

I am excited to present the Prince George’s County Council 2016 Legislative Annual Report, a summary of our achievements together with you, and a celebration for the future of our beloved Prince George’s County!

Public service is my life’s passion and each opportunity to serve and lead is indeed a high honor. I am profoundly grateful to our constituents for the privilege to serve, and to my esteemed colleagues on this Council for the opportunity to lead as Chair in Legislative Year 2016.

“THE STRENGTH OF THE TEAM IS EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. THE STRENGTH OF EACH MEMBER IS THE TEAM.”

Each member of this legislative body – Vice Chair Danielle Glaros and Council Members Mary Lehman; Deni Taveras; Todd Turner; Andrea Harrison; Karen Toles; Obie Patterson; and Mel Franklin, brings a unique set of strengths to this body, and collectively we are accomplishing “Big Things on Purpose.”

I must thank County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III for his leadership and partnership on this journey. Together, we are delivering well for our residents as Team Prince George’s continues to improve Quality of Life in Prince George’s County.

Nearly everything is in place for the 21st century transformation of our County into a jewel of the National Capital Region –

The MGM National Harbor Resort, a huge economic driver for the County and our region.

The soon-to-be-built Regional Medical Center providing greater access to quality healthcare for residents.

“Downtown Largo,” a vibrant, revitalized transit-oriented development community that will spur even more retail, office, residential and commercial offerings.

The Purple Line, a viable east-west transportation link for local and regional commuters connecting our communities and stimulate regional growth, and so much more!

In this report, the Council tells the Legislative Year 2016 story of how Prince George’s County is emerging from a sleepy bedroom community just outside of Washington D.C. (Rome, as the late Wayne K. Curry would call it) to become a major center for economic development, culture, and commerce worldwide.

As you turn the pages, you are certain to feel our growing community pride. Please, stay focused on our future! You don’t want to miss a thing!

Focused on the Future.



The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis
Chair, Prince George’s County Council



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL



MARY A. LEHMAN

DISTRICT 1



DENI TAVERAS

DISTRICT 2



DANNIELLE M. GLAROS

DISTRICT 3



TODD M. TURNER

DISTRICT 4

The Honorable Mary A. Lehman (D), served as a member of the Council's Transportation, Housing and Environment and Public Safety and Fiscal Management committees in Legislative Year 2016. Council Member Lehman also served as Council representative to the Board of Education. 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 Transportation Planning Board.

The Honorable Deni Taveras (D), served as Vice-Chair on two Council committees in Legislative Year 2016 – Health, Education and Human Services, and Transportation, Housing and the Environment. She also served as a member of the Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development committee. Council Member Taveras represented the County Council on the Council of Governments' Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee; the Health Advisory Committee and the Prince George's Municipal Association.

The Honorable Danielle Glaros (D), was elected by her colleagues as Council Vice-Chair in Legislative Year 2016. She served as vice-chair of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee; as a member of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; and as chair of the Rules and General Assembly Committee. Vice-Chair Glaros was appointed to represent the Council as a member of the Council of Governments' Region Forward Coalition; as Council representative to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors; and as vice-chair of the WSSC Leadership Liaison Board.

The Honorable Todd M. Turner (D), chaired the Council's Transportation, Housing and Environment committee in Legislative Year 2016. He also served as a member of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management, and Rules and General Assembly committees. In Legislative Year 2016, Council Member Turner represented the Council on the Transportation Planning Board, and was appointed to serve as Council representative for the Maryland Association of Counties.

The County Council meets as a legislative body every Tuesday in the Council Hearing Room.

The District Council meets on second and fourth Mondays. The Board of Education meets monthly.

All County Council sessions are open to the public.

"SERVING THE PEOPLE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY"

MEMBERS LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2016



ANDREA C. HARRISON
DISTRICT 5



KAREN R. TOLES
DISTRICT 7



OBIE PATTERSON
DISTRICT 8



MEL FRANKLIN
DISTRICT 9

The Honorable Andrea C. Harrison (D), chaired the Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development committee in Legislative Year 2016, and served as a member of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management committee. Council Member Harrison served as Vice-Chair of the Council's Rules and General Assembly committee, and was appointed as the Council representative on the Dimensions Healthcare System Board and the Mental Health Advisory Board.

The Honorable Karen R. Toles (D), 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, and Rules and General Assembly committees in Legislative Year 2016. Council Member Toles was appointed to the Metropolitan Council of Governments' Board of Directors; the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee; and as Council Representative to the Prince George's County Health Department.

The Honorable Obie Patterson (D), served as Vice-Chair of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management committee in Legislative Year 2016. He also served as a member of the Council's committees on Transportation, Housing and Environment, 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 Conference and Visitors Bureau.

The Honorable Mel Franklin (D), served as Chair of the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management committee; and as a member of the Council's Health, Education and Human Services and Planning, Zoning and Economic Development committees in Legislative Year 2016. Council Member Franklin, who also served as the Chair of the Large County Coalition for the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), was also a Council Representative (alternate) to MACo in Legislative Year 2016.

ing Room on the main floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. of Health meets as required. The Council recesses in August and December. public, and citizens are encouraged to attend.

CORE VALUES

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.



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RESOLUTIONS

2016 LEGISLATION SUMMARY

Proposed / Sponsored Legislation by Council Member

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District 6
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

9 / 90

District 5
Andrea C. Harrison

18 / 114

District 3
Dannielle M. Glaros
Vice-Chairwoman

4 / 61

District 7
Karen R. Toles

8 / 86

District 1
Mary A. Lehman

13 / 71

District 8
Obie Patterson

13 / 123

District 2
Deni L. Taveras

13 / 111

District 9
Mel Franklin

9 / 106

District 4
Todd M. Turner

*Less than 10%
of the Council
Legislation
Proposed in
2016 did not
pass.

To view the complete list of Council Bills and Resolutions for 2016, visit our website pgccouncil.us and search in our
Legislation/Zoning Information System.



The Council has imposed upon itself a committee system, which operates pursuant to the County Council Rules of Procedure. The committee system operates prior to the introduction of a bill, and when determined to be appropriate by a majority of the Council members present, after introduction to permit further study or modification to a bill. It should be noted that, notwithstanding the establishment of the committee system, the Council may waive the Rules of Procedure and alter the committee process for a particular bill and that the Charter permits any Council Member to introduce any bill on any legislative session day.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES TACKLED KEY ISSUES IN LE

The Prince George's County Council accomplishes most of its work through five standing committees. The primary role of these committees is to review bills introduced in the County Council, to study issues, to conduct hearings, to hear testimony, to consider bills, to amend bills, to make recommendations about whether the bills should become law. The Council also conducts its budget review and oversees the County's budget, and oversees the budgets of assigned departments and agencies.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES (HEHS)

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES (HEHS), chaired by Council Member Karen R. Toles, with the assistance of committee vice chair, Council Member Deni L. Taveras, and Council Members Mel Franklin, Derrick L. Davis, and Dannielle Glaros, adopted CR-96.2016, legislation establishing an Arts and Humanities Commission Task Force. HEHS further enhanced food truck legislation with the passage of bills eliminating an administrative license fee for food trucks; extending operating hours; and authorizing the creation of a Food Truck Hub at Pocket Park in the City of College Park. HEHS conducted several briefings on subjects such as the new Family Justice Center, Head Start Program and School Safety, Public School Transportation, Human Trafficking, Mental Health and the implementation of a new Board of Elections voting system for the 2016 election cycle. HEHS also held work sessions for appointments to the Advisory Committee on Aging, Board of Library Trustees, Commission for Veterans and the Director of the Department of Family Services.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PZED)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PZED), chaired by Council Member Andrea C. Harrison, with the assistance of committee vice chair, Council Member Dannielle Glaros, and Council Members Mel Franklin, Deni Taveras and Karen Toles, considered 51 legislative proposals, including Medical Cannabis and "Fracking." Approved legislation defined Medical Cannabis uses in the Zoning Ordinance; sets forth local land use regulations to safeguard the public safety, health and welfare of County residents; and includes a Special Exception approval process by which State-licensed Medical Cannabis uses may locate and operate in Prince George's County. PZED also approved the designation of the Greater College Park Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise or RISE Zone to access institutional assets with a demonstrated history of commitment to economic development and revitalization in the communities where they are located. The Greater College Park RISE Zone, centered around the State's flagship university and County's largest single-site employer, will increase jobs in the County, and the County's commercial tax base. PZED approved legislation to conduct a study and recommendation to provide an overlay zone to ensure safety near Joint Base Andrews base operations and amended the Zoning Ordinance to ban hydraulic

fracturing, or "Fracking," the mining and exploration of natural gas in residential, commercial and industrial zones, to protect residents from associated health hazards. In addition to a Town Hall Meeting on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite, PZED received economic development briefings from EDC on business retention in the County (Safeway Distribution Center); existing business incubators in the County; and grocery retail/food deserts in the County.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT (PSFM)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT (PSFM), chaired by Council Member Mel Franklin, with the assistance of committee vice chair, Council Member Obie Patterson, and Council Members Andrea Harrison, Mary Lehman and Todd Turner, reviewed 18 County agencies, and considered several issues and policies related to law enforcement, crime prevention and criminal justice, emergency preparedness, labor agreements, bond issues, budget and fiscal management, and cable television and telecommunications. PSFM passed legislation establishing a tax credit for real property equipped with accessibility features; Set a requirement that 25% of County revenue derived from video lottery facilities is allocated to Public Safety; Enhanced access to local economic opportunities, and increasing participation for small and minority businesses; Required that 50% of County funds are deposited in local and minority-owned financial institutions, subject to State law; and Established a County policy to maintain a list of residential property ownership for 25 years or more to be shared with the Department of Family Services, aiding seniors struggling with paying property taxes. PSFM also received a briefing on the level of minority participation resulting from the awarding of EDI Funds. Of the 39 EDI Fund projects,

Legislation by Standing Committee

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee

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Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee

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LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2016

Committees in the legislative process is to consider bills assigned to the adoption process the committees, including important fiscal

28 have goals for local, small, and minority-owned business participation. In a briefing on the Circuit Court Reentry Program, Judge Sheila Tillerson-Adams provided a program overview to PSFM members, including how participants are chosen and the success rate for completion.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT (THE)

Transportation, Housing and Environment (THE), chaired by Council Member Todd M. Turner with the assistance of committee vice chair, Council Member Deni Taveras, and Council Members Obie Patterson, Mary Lehman and Derrick L. Davis, addressed legislative matters pertaining to transportation policy and planning, transit-oriented development, and environmental protections, conservation programs and green infrastructure, and budget. The work resulted in the amendment of provisions of the County Code regulating taxicabs, and an amendment to the County's Floodplain Ordinance to be consistent with the state of Maryland. THE legislation also addressed landlord and tenant liability for the use of apartments for illegal drug activity and/or prostitution, including human trafficking; and urban street design standards and specifications consistent with Plan Prince George's 2035 for business-friendly, walkable, bike and transit friendly roads and sidewalks. THE held a joint meeting with Montgomery County's Transportation and Environment committee, as well as briefings on Comprehensive Housing Strategies; Comprehensive Transportation Strategies; WSSC's Aging Infrastructure; Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety; Common Ownership; and Capital Bike Share.

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nd Environment
Committee

Health, Education
and Human Services
Committee

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RULES AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (RGA) COMMITTEE

RGA met throughout the year to guide the Council's Legislative Agenda in Annapolis. The Council worked in partnership with our State Senators and Delegates during the 436th Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Council Vice-Chair Dannielle Glaros and Council Member Andrea C. Harrison presided over the Legislative Year 2016 Rules and General Assembly (RGA) committee as chair and vice chair respectively. Committee members included Council Members Karen R. Toles, Todd M. Turner and Obie Patterson.

The 90-day Legislative Session was busy in Legislative Year 2016, with 2,817 bills introduced – a record high in Maryland. Of those, 834 passed, 11 of which were local bills, directly impacting Prince George's County.

The RGA focused the Council's attention on securing funding in four critical areas: Healthcare and the County's new Regional Medical Center; Education and school construction; public safety; and, transportation. Additionally, the Council worked with the County Executive to create tools to incentivize the FBI to relocate its headquarters to Prince George's County.

Every General Assembly session, the Governor and state legislators determine how to distribute aid or share revenue with Maryland counties and municipalities to support an array of programs to help fund education, libraries, transportation, health, public safety, recreation, and protect our environment. For FY-17, Prince George's County was allotted \$86,093,068 in State Aid, representing a 6.8% increase from the previous fiscal year to benefit our designated critical areas. Additionally, the County received \$2,130,000 in bond bill funding which will support 18 projects, including:

- \$250,000 for a swimming pool at the Hillcrest Heights Community Center. The 30-acre community center site includes a softball field, two tennis courts, two playgrounds and a picnic area. The facility is widely used, and the swimming pool will enhance the recreational experience for park patrons.
- \$220,000 to the Port Towns Family Health and Wellness Center to support the elimination of health inequities through improved health access.
- \$100,000 for the American Legion Post 381 Annex project, Phase I, located in Marlton, and affectionately called the Military Veteran Give Back project. Supporting veterans, the project is a modular facility which includes a dining area, office, kitchen, restrooms, and recreation room.

The Maryland General Assembly adjourned at midnight on April 12, 2016. The RGA committee also held several meetings with the Council's legislative officers to review the Council's Rules of Procedure, resulting in updates designed to improve productivity and increase transparency.

COUNTY BUDGET FY 2017

With a focus on our fiscal future, the Council's budget process is guided first by our oath to be good and faithful stewards of County tax dollars, making the most of the resources you entrust to us, and secondly by our duty to carry out the will of the residents of Prince George's County.

The adopted \$3.7 billion balanced County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 sets the tone and direction for Prince George's County today and in the future, investing in those things that we value in our County, and in that which we want to improve upon: a more efficiently and effectively managed government; long-term fiscal health through greater oversight and management; education excellence; a stronger, wider safety net for our vulnerable residents; and safer, cleaner roadways and sidewalks.

The time has come for a serious policy conversation about comprehensively putting the County's financial house in order, especially as we become regionally competitive. To achieve greater efficiency and fiscal accountability in government, this Council established a Blue Ribbon Commission in FY 2016 to recommend policies that will directly address the County's longstanding structural deficit and related fiscal challenges. Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations will play a key role in all future County spending decisions.

Budgets are about numbers and percentages, but the foundation of any sustainable spending plan is always "the people." Our residents form the backbone of Prince George's County's success, and we are proud to represent such an engaged and involved citizenry.

Moving Prince George's County forward is no solitary endeavor, and because our partnership works, the adopted FY 2017 Budget reflects the community's voice, addresses the community's needs, and celebrates our progress together.

"This FY 2017 transformative budget could only be accomplished through hard work, unwavering commitment and a cooperative spirit. I applaud our collective achievement." - Chair Davis

The Council appreciates the effective, purposeful leadership of County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III and his faithful partnership in this journey to transform the future of Prince George's County. The strong commitment of County Executive Baker and the diligence of his budget team and the entire Executive Branch, in assembling the proposed budget plan transmitted to the Council in March, significantly contributed to a fruitful budget process.

Understanding that the recovery from the impact of the national housing crisis is slow and fragile, our strategic initiatives to bounce back in Prince George's County have been supported by the sound fiscal policies of the House Delegation and General Assembly. Council has made great strides in our work together on the critical issues before us, especially education, healthcare and transportation funding. We believe "a win for Prince George's County is a win for the State of Maryland."

Council also recognizes Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Board of Education Chairman Dr. Segun Eubanks and Board of Education members, all of whom have been vital partners during this budget season, and as the Continuous Business Process Improvement Study, the first assessment of County school operations in nearly 20 years, is now underway. A world-class 21st century school system is a shared priority for all of us, and we are committed to provide the resources for the quality education our students deserve.

FY17 Council-Initiated Budget Enhancements

This budget funds our shared priorities through Council-added budget enhancements.

Education is at the core of everything else we all want to achieve. Our schools receive the lion's share, 63-percent, of all County resources. Finding talented people with a strong education is often a high priority for County businesses. Education makes us competitive in a global marketplace. And our children deserve a world-class education. All among the good reasons we agree that a great education does not begin with kindergarten and end with high school; all successful post high school graduates do not attend college; and the education experience is lifelong.

Under Council Bill-33-2015, we reserved 50-percent of MGM National Harbor gaming/tax revenue every year for education spending. Beginning with the FY 2017 Budget, these funds will now be reallocated to support Pre-K through 12; the Prince George's Community College; career training; and County libraries.

FY 2017 support for Prince George's County Public Schools, at \$1.9 Billion, now exceeds the Maintenance of Effort state mandate by \$21 Million. We look forward the outcome of the Performance Audit of County schools to ensure accountability for this investment.

Since the County transitioned to once weekly collection, there has been a lot of discussion about waste removal in Prince George's County. Efficient and timely trash collection is a basic County service, and our residents should expect that all their trash is removed and on schedule every week.

The County met a few challenges in the effort to implement this change, and there were a few more challenges with the 3-1-1 system when residents tried to communicate concerns and suggestions.

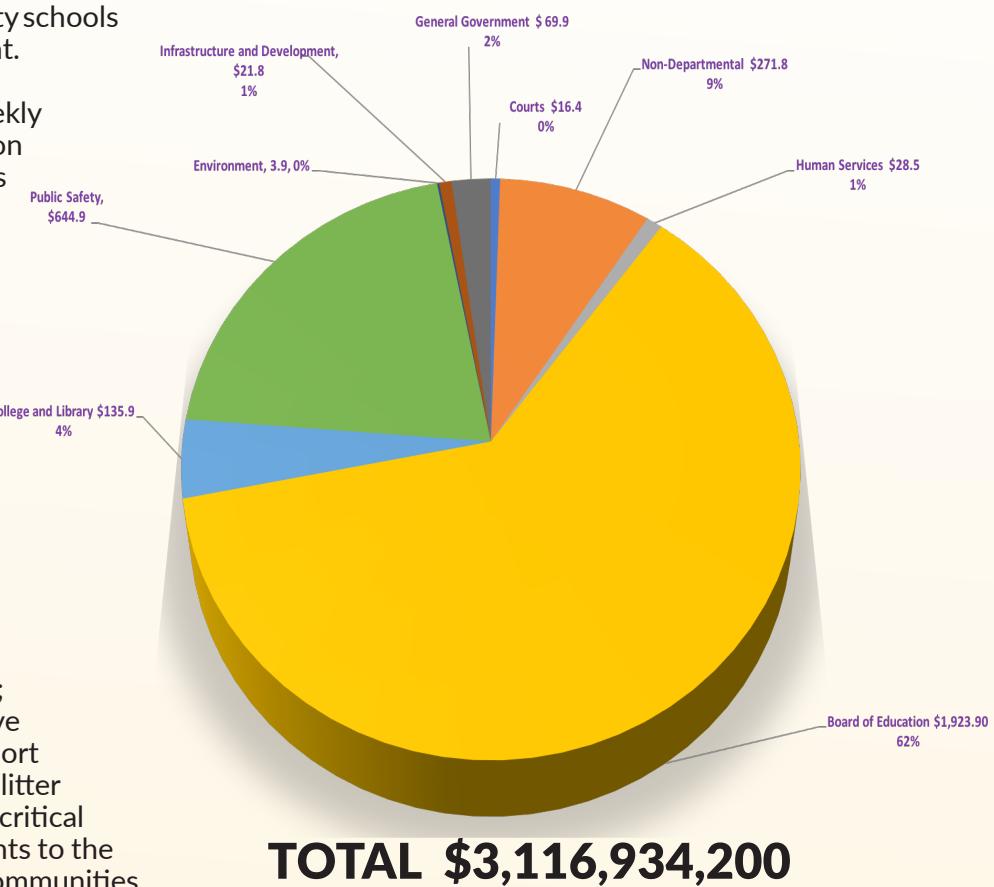
The Council places significant focus on these issues in FY 17, providing funding support for high quality service delivery; adding 3-1-1 call takers to better serve taxpayers; and increasing funding to support clean communities with a County-wide litter initiative. Combined with more funding for critical infrastructure repair, including improvements to the roadways, curbs and sidewalks in our communities, these Council budget enhancements will go a long way to keep Prince George's County beautiful, ensure residents are safe, and enhance our Quality of Life.

The Council commends the commitment of County Executive Baker, who included a million dollars in his budget proposal to address the pervasive issue of domestic violence in Prince George's County. After careful review, the Council is investing another \$1.5 Million, including resources from the Legislative Branch Budget, to support families and protect domestic violence victims, including children. These Council-added resources bolster front-end investment in a continuum of services aimed at addressing domestic violence, and will coordinate the efforts of the entire community to comprehensively address the tragedy of domestic violence in Prince George's County.

In this budget, we have made investments with the County's long-term fiscal health at the forefront. We have worked to establish strategic fiscal accountability measures; put forth comprehensive solutions to our challenges; and maintained strong fiscal management policies, for a healthy, thriving future for Prince George's County.

Together, we have made noteworthy progress in the progression and transformation of our County in FY 2017, but there is still work ahead to achieve the great and excellent future of Prince George's County.

We are all the change agents guiding our County to greatness. I want to again thank every stakeholder, every partner focused on our future and poised to



The approved FY 2017 General Fund budget is \$3,116,934,200, which represents a \$166,514,000 million or 5.6% increase above the FY 2016 budget.

The General Fund will provide funding for 6,191 full-time positions (excluding positions in the Board of Education, Community College, and Library) in Fiscal Year 2017. This is an increase of 94 positions from FY 2016 budget.

“Doing Big Things in Prince George's County!”

TOWN HALL MEETINGS2017

The Prince George's County Council hosted three offsite Town Hall meetings during Legislative Year 2016 at various locations around the County, engaging residents in constructive dialogue about important issues – the County Budget, Education and the Zoning Ordinance. 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.

The Council's "FY 17 Budget Town Hall Meeting," at Prince George's Community College in March, offered an important opportunity for Council Members to hear ideas and concerns from residents about spending in FY 2017. The first in a series for Legislative Year 2016. The "FY 17 Budget Town Hall Meeting" included presentations on the County's fiscal outlook, as well as an overview of the Council's budget review process. A summary of the interim report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing Prince George's County's Structural Deficit was also provided. Council Members heard testimony from citizens on a wide range of shared priorities including public safety, education, transportation, economic development, transit-oriented development and healthcare.

Focusing on the importance of education and a thriving school system, the Prince George's County Council and the Prince George's County Board of Education held a joint "Education Town Hall" focusing on the Continuous Business Process Improvement Plan. The Education Town Hall Meeting, held in April, featured presentations from the Continuous Business Process Improvement Project Team, addressing the process of comprehensively assessing school system operations in five divisions of Prince George's County Public Schools: Human Resources, Curriculum and Instruction, Supporting Services, Business and Management Services, and Information Technology. The meeting also featured a unique opportunity for citizen engagement with breakout sessions to discuss challenges and develop ideas in the areas of transportation, facilities and specialty programs in the County's school system.

The Council held its third and final town hall in partnership with the Prince George's County Planning Department, focusing on the Zoning Rewrite and the modernization of the County's 50-year-old zoning ordinance. Council Chair Davis addressed a near-capacity audience during the "Zoning Rewrite Town Hall," noting the importance of updating the County's Zoning Ordinance. "Updating the County's zoning policies is among the most important undertakings of the Council in its role as the County's land use authority, and will enhance the ability of this important economic development tool to stimulate growth in our County. Our residents deserve a streamlined, user-friendly zoning code as we work together to bring world-class development home to Prince George's County and this town hall meeting will help prepare residents to play a significant role in shaping the future of our County."



Council Chair Derrick Leon Davis and Vice-Chair Dannielle M. Glaros listen to the County Auditor David Van Dyke discuss the County Budget during the Town Hall Meeting on the FY 2017 Budget.



The public is always welcome to attend and join in the discussion in person or by live-streaming through our website: pgccouncil.us/LIVE.



Council Chair Davis, seated alongside Council Members Turner and Harrison, listens to County residents during the public testimony portion of the Zoning Rewrite Town Hall.

Fiscal Challenges: Structural Budget Gap

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- ▶ A structural gap between revenue growth and expenditure growth will continue unless permanent solutions are implemented.
- ▶ Revenue growth of \$40M~\$75M per year.
- ▶ Expenditure growth of \$90~\$200M per year, primarily driven by:
 - Debt Service (\$250M new GO Bond Issuance = approximately \$24M new annual debt service payments)
 - Maintenance of Effort (MOE) contribution to the Board of Education
 - Fringe Costs – pensions, healthcare, workers compensation, OPEB, etc. The County will need to meet the new cost requirements as a result of adopting a 30 year closed amortization period for all pension plans.
 - COLA/Merits based on collective bargaining negotiation results
 - Public Safety overtime (OT) and new recruitment classes required to address attrition and the opening of new facilities
 - Various operating expenses (gas/oil, utilities, contract cost increases, etc.)



"The goal of this town hall is simple - to provide you with information that will increase your understanding of the County's budget process, and the Council's fiduciary role in approving the budget. We want to reaffirm the Council's commitment to the good stewardship of County resources and priorities; and we want to work collaboratively and creatively with you as we focus on the great future of Prince George's County."

- Chair Davis



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THINGS ON PURPOSE

This Council continued its critical work on key strategic initiatives for the progression and transformation of Prince George's County in Legislative Year 2016:

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing the Structural Deficit, was established by the Council last year to conduct a comprehensive study of the County's financial challenges and make policy recommendations. The County's structural deficit is 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 the Prince George's County Government; and receive feedback from community stakeholders concerning the County's budget and tax structure. The Preliminary Report

of the Blue Ribbon Commission was submitted to the County Council in March 2016. For more information on the Blue Ribbon Commission, please visit <http://pgccouncil.us/487/Blue-Ribbon-Commission>

CONTINUOUS BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT STUDY

The process for the Council-initiated external Continuous Business Improvement Study of Prince George's County Schools, reflecting a transformative partnership for world-class education in the County, is the first such assessment of school operations in 18 years. The audit is comprehensively assessing the operations of key areas in five divisions of the Prince George's County Public Schools: Human Resources, Curriculum and Instruction, Supporting Services, Business and Management Services, and Information Technology. In November 2016, the County Council and Board of Education convened for a joint briefing on the Continuous Business Process Improvement Study Interim Report. For more information on this study, please visit <http://pgccouncil.us/516/Continuous-Business-Process-Improvement-S>

COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STRATEGY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

The Council began a review of the County's housing policy with the establishment of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Comprehensive Housing Strategy in March 2016. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will recommend a comprehensive housing strategy responsive to the many facets of the County's housing challenges, and build consensus around policies considering the County, state and regional economies, our transportation network and focused on the future of Prince George's County as a regional leader in the region. Included among its goals: assess current and future housing needs; consider barriers to home ownership and affordability; provide quality, secure, long-term affordable and workforce rental housing through strategic new development and redevelopment; develop strategies that promote regional housing collaboration and coordination; and promote and encourage sustainable and vibrant communities, energy efficiency, thriving families and housing options for all.



ZONING REWRITE

With a focus on the future, the County Council, in partnership with the Prince George's County Planning Department, business community, and our citizens, is conducting a comprehensive update of the County's 50-year-old Zoning Ordinance. Updating the County's zoning policies is among the most important undertakings of the Council in its role as the County's land use authority, and enhances the ability of this important economic development tool to stimulate growth in our County. The County must have a streamlined, user-friendly zoning code to achieve the goal of bringing world-class development home to Prince George's County. The Council held a Zoning Rewrite Town Hall Meeting to update residents in July 2016.

For more information about the Zoning Rewrite, please visit <http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/>

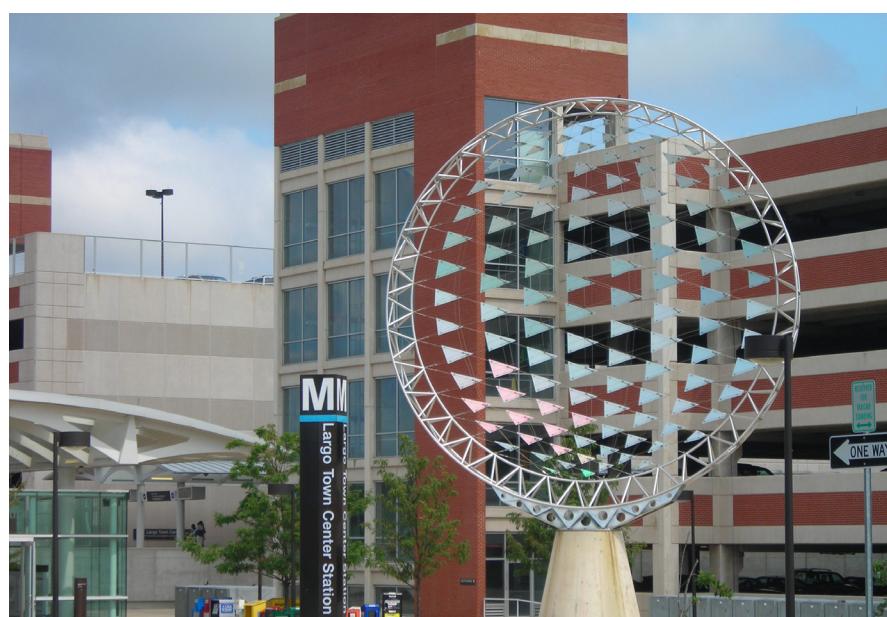
"Creating more high-performing schools; increasing access to quality healthcare with a new regional medical center serving all Prince Georgians; moving beyond the county's structural deficit to financial sustainability and prosperity; and continuing to focus on a long-term economic development strategy that creates jobs and attracts businesses; strengthening the county's tax base; and developing the public-private partnership that grow and nurture great corporate citizens - our efforts to develop the public-private partnership that we are working together to achieve."

Council Chair Derrick L. Davis

DOWNTOWN PRINCE GEORGE'S @ LARGO



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



SIX FLAGS OF AMERICA





MIXED-USED DEVELOPMENT



CULINARY ARTS CENTER AT PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Council is focused on creating a vibrant Downtown Prince George's @ Largo with thriving businesses and walkable places to live, work and play. This is an exciting time for economic development in Largo and throughout Prince George's County. The site which had been dormant since the Great Recession, is coming alive again with groundbreakings and ribbon-cuttings, and there's much more to come.

New investment in our County brings employment opportunities, strengthens our commercial tax base, and decreases the County's reliance on homeowners and property taxes. Whether it's government services, meeting a friend for dinner and a movie, walking to an outdoor cultural festival, or taking the Metro to the airport, Downtown Prince George's @ Largo will be the place to be.

The "downtown" concept is basically a "regionally competitive, economic generator for Prince George's County." Largo, centrally located in the "heart of Prince George's County," will be home to this kind of economic development, promoting compact, mixed-used development at transit centers. Such development promotes healthier lifestyles and more efficient delivery of public services, and we are capitalizing on our growing transportation networks, including the County's 15 Metro stations and the Purple Line.

The \$645 million state-of-the-art Regional Medical Center, to be built in Largo, was approved in Legislative Year 2016 and by the year 2020, will be an anchor for Downtown Prince George's @ Largo, replacing the 75-year-old Prince George's Hospital Center. It will be constructed as part of a strategy to transform the County's healthcare system and provide access to quality healthcare for our residents.

The new hospital and the development that will come with it, plays a significant role in the redevelopment plan of Largo Town Center into one of the first areas designated as a part of Downtown Prince George's @ Largo, where business and job creation, and mixed-use development will create models for economic growth and development.



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**“Economic development is flourishing and
Downtown Prince George's @ Largo
is on its way!”**

Honorable Derrick Leon Davis, Chairman of the Prince George's County Council
with Economic Development President & CEO Jim Coleman

2016 MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2016 LEGISLATIVE YEAR

The Prince George's County Council unanimously elected Council Member Derrick L. Davis (D) – District 6, to serve as Chair for Legislative Year 2016. Council Member Dannielle M. Glaros (D) – District 3, was elected to serve as Vice Chair. The newly-elected Council Leadership team presided over the first session of Legislative Year 2016 on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Chairman Davis and Vice-Chair Glaros will serve in Council leadership through December 6, 2016.

COUNCIL CHAIR DERRICK L. DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT ON MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSAGE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ACT OF 2016

Access to quality health care, health promotion and disease prevention are priority concerns for the Prince George's County Council and the residents we represent. The Prince George's County Council, which sits as the County's Board of Health, joins County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, in thanking the Maryland General Assembly for passage of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION ADDRESSING SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

The Prince George's County Council adopted CR-009-2016 on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, expressing Council support for the importance of diversity and inclusiveness by Prince George's County and the State of Maryland in response to Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's approach to the Syrian refugee crisis and the aggressive immigration enforcement procedures by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

COUNCIL CHAIR DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT ON MARYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PURPLE LINE DECISION

The Prince George's County Council is delighted that the Maryland Board of Public Works has unanimously decided to advance construction of the Purple Line with its approval of the \$5.6 billion dollar, 36-year contract with Purple Line Transit Partners, to design, build, operate and maintain the light rail system. This state and county procurement opportunity, utilizing the P3 approach, will follow state and local business practices for small and minority businesses.

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES LEGISLATION PROHIBITING FRACKING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, April 12, unanimously approved Council Bill 3-2016, legislation prohibiting hydraulic fracturing, more commonly known as fracking, in Prince George's County. Hydraulic fracturing is a process used to extract natural gas by pumping millions of gallons of water, sand and chemicals underground to break apart rock and release gas. Scientific evidence shows that chemicals used in fracturing may pose a threat to groundwater when waste fluids are handled and sometimes spilled on the surface.

COUNCIL TO HOLD JOINT EDUCATION TOWN HALL MEETING WITH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Prince George's County Council, joined by Prince George's County Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Board of Education Chairman Dr. Segun Eubanks and members of the Board of Education, will hold a joint Education Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School, 12650 Brooke Lane in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

CHAIR DAVIS WELCOMES NEW DAVE & BUSTER'S TO RITCHIE STATION MARKETPLACE

Prince George's County Council Chair Derrick L. Davis (D) – District 6, joined County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III and other local and elected officials on Wednesday, April 21, for a special "sneak-peek" of the new Dave & Buster's at the Ritchie Station Marketplace shopping center in Capitol Heights. The Capitol Heights location in District 6 is the chain's first site in Prince George's County, second Dave & Buster's in the state of Maryland, and only the third in the region.

COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STRATEGY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONVENE FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Prince George's County Council Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee will convene for the first time on Wednesday, June 15, at 1:30 p.m., in Committee Hearing Room 2027, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee, established by Council Resolution 13-2016, will assess current and future housing needs; consider barriers to home ownership and affordability; examine regional realities, existing strategies and unique local housing and fiscal challenges in the County. The subcommittee will build consensus around housing policies considering the County, State and regional economies; the County's transportation network; and the County's position in the future of the Greater Washington-Baltimore region.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ADOPTS \$3.7 BILLION FY 17 BUDGET

The Prince George's County Council today unanimously adopted a \$3.7 billion balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The FY 2017 County Budget becomes effective with the new Fiscal Year which begins July 1, 2016.

COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR ZONING REWRITE TOWN HALL MEETING JULY 12

With a focus on the future, the County Council, in partnership with the Prince George's County Planning Department, is conducting a comprehensive update of the County's 50-year-old Zoning Ordinance. The Prince George's County Council encourages County residents to attend a Zoning Rewrite Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, in Greenbelt, Maryland.

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on July 19, unanimously approved Council Bill 25-2016, legislation amending the definition and zoning categories for Urban Farms in Prince George's County, allowing more non-profit and for-profit organizations to participate in urban farming activities.

VOTERS TO DECIDE ON PROPOSED AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEATS

The Prince George's County Council, during the final Council session before August recess on July 19, voted to approve Council Bill 40-2016, legislation placing the question regarding a proposed amendment to the County Charter on the November General Election ballot that provides for the election of two additional members to the County Council to serve at-large.

CHAIR DAVIS RESPONDS TO TERMINATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR COUNTY'S HEAD START PROGRAM

"I have been in touch with Board of Education Chair Dr. Segun Eubanks and Prince George's County Schools Chief Executive Officer Kevin Maxwell to inform them that the Prince George's County Council, in keeping with its oversight responsibilities, will require an immediate and detailed briefing regarding the troubling matters involving the school system's Head Start program and the subsequent loss of federal funding. "

COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MINIMUM WAGE DURING FINAL SESSION OF LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2016

The Prince George's County Council, during the final session for Legislative Year 2016 on Tuesday, November 15, held 31 public hearings, and enacted several zoning bills and legislation addressing a wide range of issues including, but not limited to, public safety and health; economic development and opportunity; and minimum wage.

COUNCIL ADOPTS LEGISLATION REGULATING TAXICAB VEHICLE AND DRIVER STANDARDS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Prince George's County Council, during the final session for Legislative Year 2016 on Tuesday, November 15, adopted Council Bill 9-2016, amending the County Code to address taxicab regulations, reducing the age and mileage maximums of taxicabs approved to operate in Prince George's County. The legislation also creates a standard level for driver conduct and establishes uniform methods of payment.

FOCUS on the FUTURE

FORWARD WITH PURPOSE

"Focus on the Future" is a half-hour, cable television program produced by the Prince George's County Council and hosted by 2016 Legislative Year Council Chair Derrick Leon Davis.

Focusing on the great promise of Prince George's County, "Focus on the Future" explores ways the County is moving towards a quality of life that brings better schools, better healthcare, better transportation options, and new opportunities for residents and businesses.

"Focus on the Future" aired on Government and Public Affairs Channel 70, Community Television of Prince George's - an award-winning, nonprofit cable access facility serving as the media hub of information in Prince George's County since 1989. For programming information, visit www.pgctv.org

Eric C. Brown

Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development Director

Hillary Chapman

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Housing Program Manager

The premiere edition of "Focus on the Future" featured an in-depth discussion on the critical issue of housing with Prince George's Department of Housing and Community Development Director Eric Brown. The conversation focused on how the County is working to meet current and future housing needs; the relationship between housing and quality of life; and housing programs that provide opportunities for County residents on limited incomes. During the second half of the program, Chair Davis welcomed Housing Program Manager for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Hillary Chapman for an overview of housing policy in Prince George's County and its impact on the region.

The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller

Senate President

The Honorable Michael Erin "Mike" Busch

House Speaker

For a special edition of "Focus on the Future," Chair Davis traveled to the State House in Annapolis to speak with Presiding Officers, Senate President, The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller and House Speaker, The Honorable Michael Erin Busch. Senator Miller, a life-long Prince Georgian, and the longest-serving Senate President in Maryland's history, discussed the state's role in helping to ensure Prince George's County is position for future success. Senator Busch focused on the great strides made for Prince George's County during the 2016 General Assembly session.



Melvin High

Sheriff, Prince George's County

Jackie Rhone

Department of Family Services, Assistant Director

Denise McCain

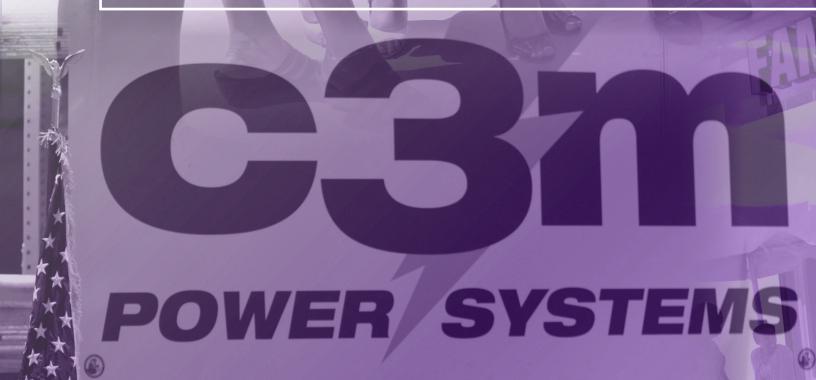
Family Justice Center, Director

To focus on how Prince George's County is working together with the community to comprehensively address the pervasive issues of domestic violence, protect and assist survivors and save lives, Chair Davis invited the three of the County's foremost authorities on the subject to "Focus on the Future." Sheriff High focused on law enforcement's role and successes in addressing domestic violence. Family Services Assistant Director Jackie Rhone shared with viewers how Family Services is addressing domestic violence in the County. For the final segment, Family Justice Center Director Denise McCain introduced viewers to the new Family Justice Center and its coordinated services for victims of domestic abuse.





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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL





County Council Sitting as Board of Health

Health in All Policies

During the 2016 Legislative Year, the Council adopted an overarching theme of 'Health in All Policies'. In fulfilling its Board of Health responsibility, the Council considered population health and workforce well-being as a critical element in all legislative and policy deliberations.

Biggest Winner The Council continued its support of "The Biggest Winner," a novel health promotion/disease prevention initiative. This pilot program, initially launched in 2015, brought together the faith community along with public administration and public health resources to facilitate a friendly weight loss competition among members of the County's faith community. Houses of worship from all nine councilmanic districts, representing a diversity of denominations, participated in three rounds of competition spanning 15 months. The goal of the pilot phase of "The Biggest Winner" has been to stimulate community engagement in cardiovascular disease risk reduction and lifestyle improvement behaviors by



leveraging the leadership of the County's faith institutions. During the next phase, in Legislative Year 2017, the Council will focus on the valuable lessons learned from "The Biggest Winner" pilot to establish sustainability, institutionalization and achieve programmatic growth for all of the citizens of Prince George's County.

Quality of Life

In its annual review of the national County Health Rankings by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Council sitting as the Board of Health, hosted the Prince George's Business Roundtable to present its second Quality of Life Index report. The health rankings and Index Report both revealed a downward trend in overall mortality. Over a five-year period, life expectancy in the County has increased by more than 2 years to 79.6 years and, for the first time, equals statewide and exceeds national life expectancy benchmarks. The incremental increase in life expectancy experienced in a relatively brief time period represents a remarkable statistical phenomenon; we anticipate that this signals the beginning of continued positive trending. The Council as Board of Health received cross-sector testimony from health, business and public safety highlighting the fact that the synergistic confluence of multiple factors is necessary to positively influence Quality of Life indices at the population level.



Council Member Mary A. Lehman congratulates The Biggest Winners Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist in Beltsville, MD, Tim Madding, Pastor.

Regional Medical Center

The 2016 session was highlighted by approval of the Certificate of Need (CON) application by the Maryland Health Care Commission to construct the long-awaited new Regional Medical Center. The Council was signatory on the Memorandum of Understanding that cleared the way for the CON approval, and as Board of Health, the Council regularly monitored the progress of the evolving partnership between the Dimensions Healthcare System and the University of Maryland Medical System.

CONTINUOUS BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

STUDY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOLS Performance Audit Information

Education and the state of our school system are issues that impact every Prince George's County resident. The Prince George's County Council, County Executive, Board of Education, CEO of Prince George's County Public Schools, and all stakeholders began important work together in Legislative Year 2016 on the Continuous Business Process Improvement Study of Prince George's County Public Schools.

We thank our community for being an active partner in this process to achieve the world-class education system our children deserve. You understand that for our County to become the economic powerhouse we all desire, our education system must be first-rate – and that's a top priority for all of us.

The goal of the Continuous Business Process Improvement Study is to comprehensively assess the operations of key areas in five divisions of the Prince George's County Public Schools: Human Resources, Curriculum and Instruction, Supporting Services, Business and Management Services, and Information Technology.

This is the first such assessment of school operations in 18 years, and it reflects an important, historic partnership for education in Prince George's County.

Together, we are creating the foundation for a world-class school system, furthering investments for every child's future, and better informing the decisions of this Council as the fiscal stewards of County tax dollars. For more information on the long-awaited Continuous Business Process Improvement Study, also called the Performance Audit, please visit <http://pgccouncil.us/516/Performance-Audit>





LEADERSHIP 2.0



Chairman Derrick Leon Davis and Chairwoman Dannielle M. Glaros remain in place for 2017.

2017 LEGISLATIVE YEAR MESSAGE

"FOCUSING ON FUTURE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY - THE BEST IS YET TO COME"
MESSAGE FROM 2017 LEGISLATIVE YEAR COUNCIL CHAIR

It is a great honor to, once again, serve as Chair of the Prince George's County Council for Legislative Year 2017.

I look forward to Vice Chair Dannielle Glaros continuing as my leadership partner for the coming year. Each of us serving on this Council, is deeply committed to Prince George's County and its residents, as we maintain our focus on the future of Prince George's County.

Never has there been so much promise for our future in Prince George's County, and we are working in partnership with all stakeholders to guide the County's forward progress.

In preparation for the 2017 General Assembly Session, and the Council's Legislative Budget process, we will work with County Executive Rushern Baker, Governor Larry Hogan and the Prince George's County Delegation on funding measures that directly impact Prince George's County, particularly education, and the future of WMATA, indispensably important to Prince George's County's growth as a leader in the state and throughout the region.

We have taken the initial steps toward assessing and improving school system operations and accountability. The ongoing process of the Continuous Business Improvement Study (Performance Audit of PGCPS operations) will drive the response of the Council in its fiduciary relationship with the Board of Education, to ensure accountability for the efficient and effective use of resources, and Return on Investment for the nearly \$2-billion of your hard-earned tax dollars committed to education yearly.

The fiscal accountability of our County Government also has our attention. The soon to be released Blue Ribbon Commission report will outline structural matters to be addressed, to make certain that Prince Georgians neither lag nor lack in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region in generations to come.

Our emphasis on rewriting the County's cumbersome and outdated Zoning Ordinance, coupled with a Comprehensive Housing Strategy will ensure regional competitiveness, focused on transit and transportation corridors, and quality housing for all who desire to take part of the greatness that is Prince George's County.

Domestic Violence has no place in our Prince George's County communities. In the FY 2017, the County Council added an additional million and a half dollars to the County Executive's strong commitment in a collective effort to support and protect domestic violence victims and save lives in Prince George's County. We will extend our efforts in Legislative Year 2017.

Voters in the November 2016 General Election, in their decision to add two at-large seats to this body, delivered a message that will change the makeup and broaden the focus of the County. In Legislative Year 2017, we will begin preparing for this important change.

Reviewing County Council and District Council Rules of Procedure remains a priority for us. During the 2016 session, the Council approved legislation updating how we operate. This was the first major review of these procedures in nearly 20 years, but the Council has now adopted the practice as an ongoing process.

The Council has embraced an even greater level of transparency concerning standing committee meetings, which will be recorded and posted on the Council's website beginning 2017. Also, in the new Legislative Year, this process will be significant to the preparation for new at-large Council Members, and anticipated committee structure changes as well.

Thank you again for the honor to serve and to lead. Focusing on the Future of Prince George's County - The Best is Yet to Come!



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