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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

September 23, 2020

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

We are writing in follow-up to our correspondence of July 7, 2020 to highlight issues regarding conducting and funding for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election.

First, we appreciate both your and the Maryland State Board of Elections subsequent decisions to modify the original order to conduct a primarily in-person election in November, to a hybrid option that includes the use of vote by mail, in-person early voting from October 26, 2020, though, November 2, 2020, sufficient Election Day voting centers and the use of drop box locations. We are hopeful that these additional measures will address the issue expected with the turnout for the General Election. To date, the County Board has received over 203,000 requests for vote by mail ballot applications.

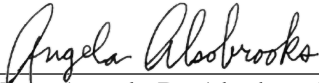
Second, Prince George's County, through our County Board of Elections, is working diligently to implement the County's Election Plan submitted to the State Board of Elections. According to the County Election Plan, we expect to have a total of forty-one (41) total voting sites. Eleven (11) of which will be Early Voting and an additional thirty (30) sites on Election Day, including the recently announced use of FedEx Field. However, it has been brought to our attention, that there will be additional costs to our Board of Elections and other counties to execute the plan, including mailing of ballots, purchase and security of drop boxes and personal protective equipment for poll workers. The Prince George's County Board of Elections staff estimates that there will be additional unbudgeted costs of over \$3.5 million to the County to execute the General Election.

As you are aware, State legislation and partnerships have been for the State and Counties to share costs for the implementation of elections in the State. We join with the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) and the State Board of Elections in requesting additional State financial contribution to the Prince George's and other local Board of Elections to conduct this unique General Election.


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For the above reasons, we respectfully urge you to continue your support for the 2020 Presidential General Election by providing addition funding and operational assistance for local Boards of Elections to conduct a fair and successful General Election on November 3rd.

Sincerely,



Hon. Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



Hon. Todd M. Turner
County Council Chair

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