

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2016 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-57-2016

Proposed by Council Member Davis

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Turner, Harrison, Glaros, Franklin, Taveras
and Toles

Date of Introduction July 19, 2016

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2016 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed on the
4 2016 ballot and matters related thereto.

5 WHEREAS, Section 7-103 (c)(3) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of
6 Maryland provides that the County Attorney shall prepare and certify the order and form in
7 which local questions shall be placed on the ballot; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 1105 of the Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland provides
9 that proposed amendments to the Charter may be proposed by legislative act approved by not less
10 than two-thirds of the members of the full County Council, or by petition filed with the County
11 Executive and signed by 10,000 registered voters of the County; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County Council to prescribe the form and order in which
13 local questions shall be placed on the ballot; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Schedule of Legislation provides that the County Attorney
15 shall be the legal advisor and legislative draftsman of the County Council unless the Council
16 shall specifically direct otherwise; and

17 WHEREAS, in each legislative act enacted by the Council that is subject to referendum of
18 the voters, the language to be considered by the voters is specifically enacted as part of the
19 proposed Charter amendment or referendum question; and

20 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the order of referendum questions on
21 the 2016 ballot is a significant element of the Council’s role to approve questions for submission
22 to the voters by referendum and that the County Attorney should be informed and directed

1 concerning the Council’s determination in fulfilling her obligations pursuant to the Election Law
2 Article; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 1017 (c) of the Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland provides
4 that a resolution of the County Council has the force and effect of law of a temporary or
5 administrative character.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
7 County, Maryland, that the County Attorney is directed to certify the order and form of the
8 questions to the local board of elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-103 (b) of
9 the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as follows:

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11 **QUESTION A**

12 (CB-45-2016)

13 **LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

14 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
15 exceeding \$60,765,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
16 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
17 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, as defined therein.

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19 **QUESTION B**

20 (CB-44-2016)

21 **PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS**

22 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
23 exceeding \$66,591,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
24 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
25 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire/EMS
26 Department Facilities), as defined therein.
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QUESTION C

(CB-46-2016)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$48,363,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, as defined therein.

QUESTION D

(CB-40-2016) (DR-2)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To provide for the election of council members by district and at large, to change the composition of the County Council to a system of nine district members and two at large members, and to provide that a Council member who has been elected to two consecutive terms of office as a district member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms as an at-large member.

QUESTION E

(CB-43-2016)

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$199,263,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined therein.

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QUESTION F

(CB-47-2016)

COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$120,494,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, as defined therein.

QUESTION G

(CB-41-2016) (DR-2)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To provide that in the event the County Attorney determines there is a conflict of interest between the executive and legislative branches on matters requiring legal services and advice, both branches shall engage outside counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any petition for Charter Amendment or for referendum is hereafter filed that meets all requirements of law, the County Attorney is hereby directed to prepare and certify said question to the local board of elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-103 (b) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Prince George’s County by the Clerk of the Council.

Adopted this 19th day of July, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council