

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2003 Legislative Session
REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL

Executive Order No. _____ 20-2003 _____
Date Received _____ May 9, 2003 _____
Bill No. _____ CB-34-2003 _____
Chapter No. _____ 28 _____
Action by Council _____ Approved _____
Date of Council Action _____ July 1, 2003 _____

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 20 – 2003

May 9, 2003

WHEREAS, the County has an Office of Community Relations that is charged with responding to citizen complaints and inquiries concerning County services and programs, coordinating County relations with community based organizations and developing community based programming; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division 12 of the Prince George's County Code, the Human Relations Commission is charged with eliminating discrimination and infringements of the civil rights or civil liberties of all persons in the County, investigating complaints and the holding of hearings on any matter assigned by Executive Order and/or Council Resolution relating to human relations, and investigating any matter wherein an allegation has been made that an employee of a County agency, department, or board, has denied a person his civil rights, civil liberties or has adversely affected that person in the areas of housing, employment, law enforcement, education, public accommodations, or commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, in addition to carrying out the functions outlined above, the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission currently provides community mediation services for the resolution of disputes between County citizens and residents, community dialogues and forums in response to and for the resolution of community concerns and a Leadership Prince George's program; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has determined that transferring the community mediation, community forum and Leadership Prince George's functions from the Human Relations Commission to the Office of Community Relations and certain related staff will improve the efficiency of the provision of services to the citizens and residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Prince George's County Charter provides that the County Executive may propose changes to the organization for the Executive branch, including the establishment or abolition of agencies, and the assignment of functions, powers and duties among agencies, which proposals shall be set forth in Executive Orders in statutory form and be submitted to the County Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Legislation of the Charter for Prince George's County, Maryland, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION

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Section 16. Office of Community Relations.

There shall be an office of Community Relations headed by the Director of Community Relations. The Director shall be responsible for responding to citizen and resident complaints and inquiries concerning County services and programs; assisting citizens and residents in addressing community disputes and in developing leadership skills; coordinating County relations with community-based organizations; and developing community-based programming.

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SECTION 2. This Order shall be submitted to the County Council pursuant to Section 503 of the Prince George’s County Charter and, thereafter, shall become effective unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council within sixty (60) days of submission to the Council, and shall be retroactive to July 1, 2003.

Jack B. Johnson
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing provisions that remain unchanged.