

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-73-2014

Proposed by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by Council Member Franklin

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 23, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2014 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed on the
4 2014 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
10 less than a two-thirds majority 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 2014 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-44-2014)

13 **PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS**

14 An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount
15 not exceeding \$240,839,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
16 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
17 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire/EMS
18 Department Facilities), as defined therein.

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20 **QUESTION B**

21 (CB-45-2014)

22 **LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

23 An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount
24 not exceeding \$32,243,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
25 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
26 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, as defined therein.

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28 **QUESTION C**

29 (CB-46-2014)

30 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS**

31 An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount

1 not exceeding \$93,617,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
2 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
3 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, as defined
4 therein.

5 **QUESTION D**

6 (CB-47-2014)

7 **COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS**

8 An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount
9 not exceeding \$238,182,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
10 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
11 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, as defined therein.

12 **QUESTION E**

13 (CB-48-2014)

14 **PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS**

15 An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount
16 not exceeding \$122,385,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,
17 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
18 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities
19 (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined
20 therein.
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22 **QUESTION F**

23 (CB-50-2014)

24 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

25 To clarify that general obligation bonds shall be in serial and/or term form.

26 **QUESTION G**

27 (CB-51-2014)

28 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

29 To provide that immediately upon a vacancy in the Office of the County
30 Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer shall become the Acting
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1 County Executive until a County Executive is chosen by the methods
2 established in this Section of the Charter.

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4 **QUESTION H**

5 (CB-52-2014)

6 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

7 To change the number of designated newspapers of record from three to one or
8 more; and to designate two or more primary sources of County maintained
9 electronic media available to the public for publication and transmission of
10 official County notices.

11 **QUESTION I**

12 (CB-53-2014)

13 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

14 To include disability and sexual orientation as additional bases of prohibited
15 discrimination in the County personnel system.

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17 **QUESTION J**

18 (CB-54-2014)

19 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

20 To increase the number of consecutive terms that a person may serve on the
21 County Council or as County Executive from two terms to three terms.

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

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

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council