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Acting County Executive

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Jolene Ivey
Chair
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry County Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Ivey:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Council bill removing the Police Facility Adequacy mandate as it relates to the County's subdivision regulations. While adequate police presence continues to be a high priority throughout the County, the current law is unworkable for several reasons.

The current subdivision regulations require the County Police Department to annually report patrol division response times. There are several challenges and factors that impact response times and these factors are not easily accounted for in calculating response times. The myriad of factors involved makes it extremely difficult to standardize police emergency response times. For example, the current dispatcher system (PremierOne CAD) relies on a dispatcher to take explicit action to populate timestamp values required to calculate the response time and it does not use GPS and unit/incident positioning to automatically determine when a unit is in the vicinity of a call. Therefore, a vast majority of the calls for service records do not have the requisite timestamp values required for an accurate response time calculation.

Moreover, no other large jurisdiction in the nation utilizes police response data in the manner required by County's current law. Of the 78 jurisdictions larger than the County, none utilize police response times in this manner.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please contact my office or contact Angela Rodgers at (301) 952-3785 or Chief Malik Aziz at 301-352-1200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tara H. Jackson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosure