



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Council Member, District 6

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The Hon. Jim Rosapepe, Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation
James Senate Office Building, Room 314
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Jay Walker, Chair
Prince George's County House Delegation
Lowe House Office Building, Room 207E
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: **Prince George's County Delegation Bill Position**

Dear Senator Rosapepe & Delegate Walker:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on pending proposed State legislation for the 2016 General Assembly Session. The Council met on February 2, 2016. The enclosed report reflects our position on General Assembly bills as they are currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to our citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3426. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

Derrick L. Davis
Chair

Attachments

cc: Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, County Executive
Mr. Kenneth Battle, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

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RULES & GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Prince George's County Council met on February 2, 2016 with the following Members present:

Council Member, Derrick L. Davis, Chair
Council Member, Dannielle M. Glaros, Vice Chair
Council Member Andrea C. Harrison
Council Member Obie Patterson
Council Member Karen R. Toles
Council Member Todd M. Turner
Council Member Mary Lehman
Council Member Deni Taveras

The Council voted for the following positions on these respective bills:



BILL CONSIDERATION

1. **PG 429-16** **County Affiars**
Prince George's County – State and County Transfer Taxes – Exemptions – **SUPPORT W/AMENDMENT**
2. **MC/PG 108-16** **Bi-County**
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Ratemaking Structure – Review by Office of Legislative Audits – **SUPPORT**
3. **MC/PG 109-16** **Prince George's County – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Extraordinary Development District – SUPPORT**
4. **PG 305-16** **Law Enforcement**
Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Riverdale Park Station – **SUPPORT**



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POSITION STATEMENT

(PG 429-16)
Prince George's
County Executive

Prince George's County – State and County Transfer
Taxes – Exemptions

POSITION:

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

This bill exempts instruments of writing that transfers residential real property to an employee of a federal law enforcement agency from State and Prince George's County transfer taxes. The employee must be issued a Use and Occupancy Certificate by the county on or before July 1, 2016 and is exempt if:

- The federal law enforcement agency intends to employ at least 8,000 employees
- The employee of the federal law enforcement agency occupies the property as their principal residence
- The employee purchases the property no later than 1 year after the Use and Occupancy Certificate is issued

The Prince George's County Council understands the need to prepare for a potential large federal law enforcement agency tenant in the County. The County Executive's office has provided an amendment that seeks to require that the exemption of transfer tax be reserved for the "first purchase of residential real property in Prince George's County." This amendment speaks directly to the Council's intent to entice citizens that live outside the County to move to the County and receive this tax benefit.

The Council also requests the following as an additional amendment: The employee of the federal law enforcement agency shall be employed with the agency for a minimum of three (3) years following the purchase of the residential property.

Therefore, the County Council recommends a position of SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT on **PG 429-16** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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On behalf of Prince George's County Council
February 3, 2016