

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2026 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-064-2026  
Proposed by Council Member Oriadha  
Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Dernoga, Adams, and Hunter  
Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Introduction June 22, 2026

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2026 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed on the  
4 2026 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 which  
7 local questions shall be placed on the ballot; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Schedule of Legislation provides that the County Attorney shall  
11 be the legal advisor and legislative drafter of the County Council unless the Council shall  
12 specifically direct otherwise; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the order of referendum questions on  
14 the 2026 ballot is a significant element of the Council's role to approve questions for submission  
15 to the voters by referendum and that the County Attorney should be informed and directed  
16 concerning the Council's determination in fulfilling their obligations pursuant to the Election Law  
17 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

18 WHEREAS, Section 1017(c) of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland provides  
19 that a resolution of the County Council has the force and effect of law but of a temporary or  
20 administrative character.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
22 Maryland, that the County Attorney is directed to certify the order and form of the questions to the

1 State Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-103(c)(3) of the Election  
2 Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as follows:

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4 QUESTION  
5 CHARTER AMENDMENT  
6 **HARMFUL BUSINESSES TAXES AND FEES**  
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8 To allow the County to impose taxes and fees on the operators of businesses deemed to have an  
9 adverse impact on community health, safety, and welfare, or County economic development,  
10 including, but not limited to, tobacco stores, liquor stores, and self-storage, by removing the  
11 requirement that the public vote on such taxes and fees.

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13 A vote for this measure will allow the County to impose taxes and fees, to the extent authorized  
14 by law, on operators of businesses that negatively impact the quality-of-life of County residents or  
15 economic development. A vote against this measure will prevent the County from imposing taxes  
16 and fees on businesses that negatively impact the quality-of-life of County residents or economic  
17 development.

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19 For the Charter Amendment  
20 Against the Charter Amendment

QUESTION

CHARTER AMENDMENT

**ELIMINATE AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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5 Effective December 2030, and for each subsequent election cycle, this measure will reduce the  
6 County Council membership from 11 members to 9 members by eliminating the two at-large  
7 council seats which do not represent a specific council district. This measure will provide for more  
8 efficient and cost-effective elections and will restore the voting strength of communities and  
9 neighborhoods in each district.

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11 A vote for the measure will reduce the County Council membership from 11 members to 9  
12 members and eliminate spending of taxpayer dollars for general and special elections for at-large  
13 members and for the compensation of the offices for at-large members. A vote against the measure  
14 will keep the County Council membership at 11 members and will not eliminate spending of  
15 taxpayer dollars for general and special elections for at-large members and for the compensation  
16 of the offices for at-large members.

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18 For the Charter Amendment

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QUESTION  
CHARTER AMENDMENT  
**BILL TO CHANGE REDISTRICTING PLAN**

This measure provides that if the County Council passes a law to change the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission it shall do so by bill and not by resolution after notice and public hearing.

A vote for this measure will correct Section 305 of the Charter to require the County Council to adopt a bill and not a resolution when it changes the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission. A vote against this measure will not correct Section 305 of the Charter and may result in the County Council adopting a resolution instead of a bill when it changes the redistricting plan proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

For the Charter Amendment  
Against the Charter Amendment

QUESTION  
CHARTER AMENDMENT  
**COUNTY PURCHASING**

This measure will allow the County Purchasing Agent to sign all purchasing documents to promote flexibility in conducting government operations. It will also allow the County to partner with other public entities to buy goods and services.

A vote for this measure will expand the signature authority of the County Purchasing Agent. It will also allow the County to partner with other public entities to buy goods and services. A vote against this measure will maintain the current, more limited, signature authority of the County Purchasing Agent and will limit opportunities for the County to partner with other public entities to buy goods and services.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

QUESTION

CHARTER AMENDMENT

**COUNTY UNION INDEPENDENT ARBITRATION SERVICE**

This policy will allow unionized County employees to submit disputed labor issues to an independent arbitration service for arbitration.

A vote for this measure will allow unionized County employees to use an additional independent arbitration service to resolve disputed labor issues. A vote against this measure will maintain current labor dispute options for unionized County employees to resolve disputed labor issues.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

QUESTION

BOND ISSUE

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS**

This measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$67,306,000 to pay for the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of Community College Facilities.

A vote “for” this measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds to pay for Community College Facilities. A vote “against” this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money by issuing bonds to pay for Community College Facilities.

For the Referred Law

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**PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION BONDS**

This measure will authorize the County to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$140,089,000 to pay for roads, bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities.

A vote “for” this measure will allow the County borrow money by issuing bonds to pay for roads, bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities. A vote “against” this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money by issuing bonds to pay for roads, bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities.

- For the Referred Law
- Against the Referred Law

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BOND ISSUE  
**COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS**

This measure will enable the County to borrow money by issuing bonds of up to \$117,848,000 to pay for the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of County Buildings.

A vote “for” this measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds to pay for County buildings. A vote “against” this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money by issuing bonds to pay for County buildings.

- For the Referred Law
- Against the Referred Law

QUESTION

BOND ISSUE

**LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

This measure will allow the County to borrow money and issue bonds of up to \$33,656,000 to build, expand, repair, or improve County library buildings and facilities. This includes acquiring and developing library sites, hiring architects and engineers, and purchasing equipment needed to operate those facilities.

A vote for this measure will allow the County to borrow money and issue bonds to build, expand and repair County library facilities. A vote against this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money and issuing bonds to build, expand and repair County library facilities.

For the Referred Law

Against the Referred Law

QUESTION

BOND ISSUE

**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS**

This measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds in an amount of up to \$53,503,000 to finance the design, construction, acquisition, improvement, or repair of Public Safety Facilities including Fire Department Facilities.

A vote “for” this measure will allow the County to borrow money by issuing bonds to pay for Public Safety Facilities. A vote “against” this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money by issuing bonds to pay for Public Safety Facilities.

For the Referred Law

Against the Referred Law

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any petition for Charter Amendment or for referendum  
2 is hereafter filed that meets all requirements of law, the County Attorney is hereby directed to  
3 prepare and certify said question to the State Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions  
4 of Section 7-103(c)(3) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or as  
5 otherwise modified by the State Board of Elections.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney, as directed by the State Board of  
7 Elections, should also provide the Spanish language version of each question certified to the State  
8 Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-103(c)(3) of the Election Law  
9 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Krystal Oriadha  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council