

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2011 Legislative Session**

**REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL**

Executive Order No. 42

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Chapter No. 17

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**No. 42 -2011**

**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**, there is a need to economize on the cost of the administration of the County government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to combine various agencies of County government into joint administrative entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties and functions of the Human Relations Commission are related and compatible with those of the Office of Community Relations, and would be performed effectively with combined administration; and

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

**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.

The Human Relations Commission shall operate within the Office of Community Relations.

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 sixty (60) calendar days after such submission unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council.

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Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive