

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2006 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-61-2006

Proposed by Council Member Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Exum and Harrington

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction July 11, 2006

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2006 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed on the
4 2006 ballot and matters related thereto.

5 WHEREAS, Section 7-103 (a) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of
6 Maryland provides that the County Attorney shall designate the order and form in which local
7 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; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Schedule of Legislation provides that the County Attorney
14 shall be the legal advisor and legislative draftsman of the County Council unless the Council
15 shall specifically direct otherwise; and

16 WHEREAS, in each legislative act enacted by the Council that is subject to referendum of
17 the voters, the language to be considered by the voters is specifically enacted as part of the
18 proposed Charter amendment or referendum question; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the order of referendum questions on
20 the 2006 ballot is a significant element of the Council's role to propose Charter amendments and
21 approve other questions for submission to the voters by referendum and that the County Attorney
22 should be informed and directed concerning the Council's determination in fulfilling his

1 obligations pursuant to the Election Law Article; and

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

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
6 County, Maryland, that the County Attorney is directed to certify the order and form of the
7 questions to the local board of elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-103 (b) of
8 the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as follows:

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10 **QUESTION A**

11 (CB-58-2006)

12 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

13 To provide a statement of the County's policy to encourage and support local and minority
14 business in the County; to amend the time for Council consideration of the proposed County
15 budget; to provide that the annual budget document contain forecasts of goods and services that
16 would necessitate competitive bidding; and to provide that reports of certain positions in the
17 exempt service be submitted semi-annually.

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19 **QUESTION B**

20 (CB-70-2006)

21 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

22 To provide that the staffing level of any agency approved in the annual operating budget
23 may not be increased without prior approval of the Council.

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25 **QUESTION C**

26 (CB-72-2006)

27 **PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

28 To provide that the revenue estimates in the proposed operating budget may be increased
29 or decreased by the Council by no more than one percent.
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QUESTION D

(CB-60-2006)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To increase the powers of the County Auditor to perform investigations; and to provide protection to County employees for providing information to the County Auditor during an investigation.

QUESTION E

(CB-59-2006)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To amend the prescribed scheduling and notice periods for legislation by the Clerk of the Council; to amend the time for presentation of enacted bills to the County Executive; and to authorize amendments to the County legislative process during an emergency declared by the Governor for matters relating to and responsive to the emergency.

QUESTION F

(CB-74-2006)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To provide an approval process for the making of certain contracts providing for the payment of funds at a time beyond the fiscal year in which the contract is made.

QUESTION G

(CB-73-2006)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To provide an approval process for certain intrafund transfers of appropriations within County agencies.

QUESTION H

(CB-71-2006)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

To allow additional time for holding a public hearing on executive appointments and providing that failure to act within forty-five days shall constitute approval.

QUESTION I

(CB-50-2006)

LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$11,288,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, as defined therein.

QUESTION J

(CB-49-2006)

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$62,327,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), as defined therein.

QUESTION K

(CB-51-2006)

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$9,259,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire Department Facilities), as defined therein.

QUESTION L

(CB-52-2006)

COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$15,600,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, as defined therein.

QUESTION M

(CB-53-2006)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS

An Act enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$15,499,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, as defined therein.

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

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

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Thomas E. Dernoga
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council