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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 11, 2021

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Council Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Hawkins:

Enclosed for consideration by the County Council is a general fund supplementary appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year ("FY 2021"). This legislation provides additional appropriation authority totaling \$57,508,400 in the General Fund. The additional resources will increase the Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund Budget from \$3,714,400,900 to \$3,771,909,300 and the Fiscal Year 2021 Internal Service Fund Budget from \$61,232,700 to \$63,632,700 as expressed in CB-24-2021 respectively.

Primarily as a result of the continuing (COVID-19) mitigation activities occurring in the second half of this fiscal year and significant legal fees related to police-related litigations, additional appropriated use of fund balance is required. The use of fund balance increases by \$16,140,200. There will be a subsequent supplemental request to reduce up to \$14 million in compensation from the Fire/EMS Department to reflect the pending transfer of eligible Fire/EMS Department expenditures from the General Fund to the FY 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act grant. This action will significantly reduce the drawdown of additional use of fund balance requested in this bill. This legislation also reconciles with the final Board of Education adopted on June 25, 2020 by reflecting \$41.4 million in additional outside aid revenue based on additional federal and state aid and use of fund balance.

Specifically, the legislation appropriates additional resources to several County agencies to cover unanticipated and vital costs needed to meet year end operational requirements. The supplemental resources support the following operating expenses: (1) remaining year deep cleaning costs and the purchase of thermal machines related to COVID-19 mitigation and detection in the Office of Central Services; (2) anticipated remaining legal expenses and increased telecommunication costs in the Police Department and (3) COVID-19 related activities including contact tracing, additional test kits and vaccinations for the Department of Health. The legislation also includes partial reallocations of appropriation between expenditure characters for both the Police Department and Department of Health in support of these critical expenses. There is also \$2.4 million transferred from the General Fund to the Information Technology Internal Service Fund to implement technical and communications improvements for both COVID-19 vaccination registration and appointment scheduling.

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Finally, this legislation includes adjustments across the Board of Education expenditure categories to reconcile to the County Council adopted budget to the final Board of Education adopted budget.

The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is requested. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Stanley A. Earley, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), at (301) 952-3300.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures