

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POSITION STATEMENT

HB 836 County Police Accountability Boards – Investigation of Complaints of Police

Delegate Davis Misconduct

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Prince George's County Council supports **House Bill 836**, which seeks to empower local police accountability boards with investigatory and subpoena powers to address complaints of police misconduct. This legislation is a vital step toward enhancing transparency, trust, and accountability within our local law enforcement agencies.

As the communities we serve continue to demand greater oversight and integrity from law enforcement, it is crucial that local governing bodies, including Prince George's County, have the ability to grant police accountability boards the tools they need to thoroughly investigate complaints. By authorizing these boards to exercise investigatory and subpoena powers, we can ensure a more robust and impartial process for handling police misconduct allegations.

In Prince George's County, we are committed to ensuring that law enforcement practices align with the principles of justice, fairness, and equality for all residents. The passage of House Bill 836 will be an important tool in advancing these goals. By strengthening the powers of local police accountability boards, we are taking a significant step toward fostering stronger community-police relations, increasing transparency, and ensuring that misconduct allegations are thoroughly and independently reviewed.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS House Bill 836** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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