

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2020 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-84-2020

Proposed by Council Member Turner

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Glaros, Davis, Ivey,  
Franklin, Streeter, Harrison and Hawkins

Date of Introduction July 21, 2020

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2020 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed on the  
4 2020 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, Section 1105 of the Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland provides that  
9 proposed amendments to the Charter may be proposed by legislative act approved by not less than  
10 two-thirds of the members of the full County Council, or by petition filed with the County  
11 Executive and signed by 10,000 registered voters of the County; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the order of referendum questions on  
21 the 2020 ballot is a significant element of the Council’s role to approve questions for submission  
22 to the voters by referendum and that the County Attorney should be informed and directed

1 concerning the Council’s determination in fulfilling her obligations pursuant to the Election Law  
2 Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
7 Maryland, that the County Attorney is directed to certify the order and form of the questions to the  
8 State Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-103(c)(3) of the Election  
9 Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as follows:

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11 QUESTION A

12 BOND ISSUE

13 **PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS**

14 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not  
15 exceeding \$178,150,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
16 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation,  
17 or repair of, Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads and bridges,  
18 parking lots and maintenance facilities), including the acquisition and development of  
19 sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the  
20 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor , as defined  
21 therein.

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23 FOR THE REFERRED LAW  
24 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

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26 QUESTION B

27 BOND ISSUE

28 **LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

29 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not  
30 exceeding \$28,829,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
31 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation

1 or repair of Library Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites  
2 therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition  
3 and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.  
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5 FOR THE REFERRED LAW  
6 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW  
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8 QUESTION C  
9 BOND ISSUE

10 **PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS**

11 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not  
12 exceeding \$44,477,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
13 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,  
14 rehabilitation, or repair of, Public Safety Facilities (including Fire Department  
15 Facilities), including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the  
16 architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and  
17 installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor , as defined therein.  
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19 FOR THE REFERRED LAW  
20 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW  
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22 QUESTION D  
23 BOND ISSUE

24 **COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS**

25 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not  
26 exceeding \$133,000,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
27 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,  
28 rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, including the acquisition and  
29 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident  
30 thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment  
31 therefor, as defined therein.

1 FOR THE REFERRED LAW  
2 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

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4 QUESTION E  
5 BOND ISSUE

6 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS**

7 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not  
8 exceeding \$121,714,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,  
9 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,  
10 rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and  
11 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident  
12 thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment  
13 therefor; as defined therein.

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15 FOR THE REFERRED LAW  
16 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

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

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

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

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Adopted this 21st day of July, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council