



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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County Executive

July 28, 2025

The Honorable Edward P. Burroughs III  
Chair, Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Burroughs:

It is with the utmost confidence and enthusiasm that I write to you in strong support of Jonathan R. Butler as a candidate for the position of Director of Housing & Community Development. Mr. Butler is a proven leader with a distinguished record of public service, operational excellence, and transformative management that spans over two decades across the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region. His exceptional qualifications and integrity-driven leadership uniquely position him to lead this department through the pressing challenges and opportunities that define the future of equitable housing and vibrant community development.

Throughout his career, Mr. Butler has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to delivering public value, fostering inclusive economic growth, and driving organizational performance. His most recent role as Agency Director of the Prince George's County Office of Central Services— major regional agency with responsibility over more than \$1 billion in operations, 5 million square feet of facility space, and nearly 5,000 acres of real estate— epitomizes the scope, scale, and strategic vision he brings to public sector leadership. Under his stewardship, this agency achieved a 40% increase in service level responsiveness, streamlined outdated systems, and introduced enterprise-wide digitization that yielded over 60% in operational efficiency gains.

Mr. Butler's capacity to lead large, multi-disciplinary teams—both union and non-union—while instilling a collaborative and high-performance culture is nothing short of exemplary. His fiscal stewardship, having managed both capital and operating budgets exceeding \$1 billion, is matched only by his ability to translate complex strategies into clear, actionable goals. This is a critical strength as our communities seek thoughtful and agile leadership to expand affordable housing, foster neighborhood revitalization, and strengthen the social and physical infrastructure that underpins community well-being.

Prior to his work in Prince George's County, Mr. Butler held senior executive roles across vital agencies in the District of Columbia. As Chief Business Officer/COO of the DC Public Library System, he managed capital and operating budgets totaling \$335 million, overseeing construction, procurement, HR, public safety, and IT for the system. He not only delivered measurable performance improvements but also implemented innovation practices that elevated customer service and community engagement across the board. These initiatives are directly



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transferable to a housing and community development context, where innovation and responsiveness must be balanced with fiscal accountability and regulatory compliance.

Equally noteworthy is his experience at Events DC and within the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development, where he executed complex real estate transactions and major procurement activities supporting over \$60 billion in economic development. His success in improving small business utilization by 30% and deploying initiatives to increase regulatory compliance and cost efficiency speaks directly to his ability to integrate policy with impact—especially important in ensuring community development initiatives are inclusive, transparent, and data-driven.

Mr. Butler holds academic credentials from Virginia State University (B.S.), James Madison University (MBA), and has completed advanced real estate education at Cornell University. He serves on several regional boards and committees, including DC Water, the Capital Regional Supplier Development Council, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, underscoring his regional perspective and deep commitment to public service collaboration.

Beyond his impressive resume, what truly distinguishes Jonathan Butler is his integrity, strategic vision, and unshakeable belief in the power of community. He understands that housing is more than infrastructure—it is the foundation of economic mobility, family stability, and neighborhood identity. His leadership is visionary yet grounded in experience, and he has the rare ability to move seamlessly from boardroom strategy sessions to front-line community engagement.

Mr. Butler's distinct combination of operational excellence, policy insight, and commitment to inclusive development make him not only qualified but ideally suited to serve as Director of Housing & Community Development. At a time when transformative leadership is more important than ever, Jonathan Butler stands ready to deliver it with distinction for Prince George's County.

Pursuant to Sections 322, 402, and 504 of The Charter of Prince George's County, I am appointing Acting Director of the Office of Procurement as Director of the Office of Procurement. Attached for the Council's consideration is Alice Williams resume and appointee Data Form. Her financial Disclosure statement has been filed with the Maryland State Ethics Commission, and confirmation of its submission is enclosed. A copy will be provided to the Prince George's County Office of Ethics upon confirmation.



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I appreciate your attention, and I respectfully request that you consider this appointment favorably. If you require additional information, please contact Danielle Hunter, Appointments Liaison, (301) 952- 4431

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Sincerely,

  
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