

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-069-2024
 Proposed by Council Chair Ivey
 Introduced by Council Members Ivey, Dernoga, Watson, Harrison, Hawkins, and Fisher
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction July 16, 2024

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2024 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed
 4 on the 2024 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
 7 which local questions shall be placed on the ballot; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 1105 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland
 9 provides that proposed amendments to the Charter may be proposed by legislative act
 10 approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the full County Council, or by
 11 petition filed with the County Executive and signed by 10,000 registered voters of the
 12 County; and

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, the County Council has determined that the order of referendum
 22 questions on the 2024 ballot is a significant element of the Council's role to approve

1 questions for submission to the voters by referendum and that the County Attorney should
2 be informed and directed concerning the Council's determination in fulfilling their
3 obligations pursuant to the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
8 County, Maryland, that the County Attorney is directed to certify the order and form of the
9 questions to the State Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-
10 103(c)(3) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland as follows:

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12 QUESTION A

13 BOND ISSUE

14 **COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS**

15 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding
16 \$96,720,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
17 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of
18 County Buildings, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the
19 architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation
20 of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

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22 FOR THE REFERRED LAW

23 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW
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25 QUESTION B

26 BOND ISSUE

27 **LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

28 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding
29 \$17,284,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
30 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of
31 Library Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the

architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

FOR THE REFERRED LAW

AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

QUESTION C

BOND ISSUE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$194,380,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

FOR THE REFERRED LAW

AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

QUESTION D

BOND ISSUE

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$311,873,000 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), including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as defined therein.

FOR THE REFERRED LAW

1 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

3 QUESTION E

4 BOND ISSUE

5 **PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS**

6 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding
7 \$40,205,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,
8 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of
9 Public Safety Facilities (including Fire Department Facilities), including the acquisition and
10 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto,
11 and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as
12 defined therein.

14 FOR THE REFERRED LAW

15 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

17 QUESTION F

18 CHARTER AMENDMENT

19 **AGENCY STAFFING LEVELS**

20 To provide that during any fiscal year, no agency of County government may exceed the
21 number of positions for that agency as approved in the operating budget without the prior
22 approval of the Council.

24 FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

25 AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

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

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney, as directed by the State
2 Board of Elections, should also provide the Spanish language version of each question
3 certified to the State Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-
4 103(c)(3) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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

Adopted this 16th day of July, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council