

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive

March 18, 2022

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

Dear Chair Hawkins:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is one of three bills that will implement required provisions of the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021. The attached bill (the Law Enforcement Accountability Act) establishes the required boards and committees, specifically the Police Accountability Board, the Administrative Charging Committee and the Trial Boards. The proposed legislation also covers other general provisions and incorporates state mandates for law enforcement including, but not limited to, requirements to forward certain police investigations files to the administrative charging committee, establish a trial board process, and adoption of the unified State discipline matrix.

Please note that regulations are still being developed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. Once final regulations are released, and if necessary, changes to proposed legislation will be made and submitted for review. Finally, in addition to the three bills previously mentioned, in the near future we will also be forwarding proposed legislation adding members of the Police Accountability Board and the Administrative Charging Committee to the list of persons that are required to file financial disclosure statements pursuant to the County's ethics law.

The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Barry Stanton at 301-952-4227, or Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, at 301-952-5225.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures