

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive

April 19, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II Chair Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Hawkins:

Enclosed for consideration by the County Council is a third supplementary appropriations bill for Fiscal Year ("FY 2022").

First, this legislation provides additional appropriation authority totaling \$489,572,700 in the General Fund. The additional resources will increase the Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Budget from \$3,805,950,800 to \$4,295,523,500 as expressed in CB-35-2021 and amended by CB-110-2021 and CB-004-2022. The legislation includes an adjustment in revenue estimates for the income tax receipts (increase of \$25,628,300), use of fund balance (increase of \$32.0 million) and Board of Education outside sources (\$431.9 million).

Specifically, this legislation provides supplementary appropriations in the General Fund to incorporate the FY 2022 budget reconciliation transfer request from the Board of Education (previously passed by the County Council in October 2021) and cover unanticipated and vital costs needed to meet year end operational requirements. For the Board of Education reconciliation, the increase in outside sources revenue comes from federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grants under the CARES Act as well American Rescue Plan State Supplemental grants (\$447,864,700) which was offset by final State aid changes (-\$15,920,300). The additional funding supports various restricted programming across BOE expenditure categories.

Additionally, this legislation appropriates additional resources to several County agencies to cover unanticipated and vital costs needed to meet year end operational requirements including impact of the merit adjustments which were originally appropriated under Non-Departmental – Contingency but not in department budgets in FY 2022. This legislation reallocates \$13,800,000 from Non-Departmental to various agencies to cover the net impact of the approved merit adjustments. The supplemental resources supports the following operating expenses: (1) Office of the County Executive – \$300,000 for anticipated fringe benefits and operating expenses; (2) Office of Ethics and Accountability - \$23,400 for anticipated fringe benefits and merit pay; (3) Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel - \$12,200 for projected legal expenses, anticipated fringe benefits and merit pay; (4) Board of License Commissioners - \$35,300 for merit pay and payment of a prior

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year contract; (5) Board of Elections - \$4,163,800 for expenditures related to changes to the Maryland Election Law Code and the District 8 special election; (6) Office of Central Services -\$2,855,200 for merit pay, anticipated overtime, temporary positions and utility costs at the former Cheverly Health Center site; (7) Circuit Court - \$1,309,600 for merit pay and anticipated fringe benefits costs; (8) Office of the State's Attorney - \$355,400 for anticipated fringe benefit costs and merit pay; (9) Fire/EMS Department - \$11,975,000 for anticipated overtime expenditures, merit pay and anticipated fringe benefits costs; (10) Office of the Sheriff - \$3,334,200 for merit pay and anticipated fringe benefits costs; (11) Department of Corrections - \$1,032,400 for projected additional expenses in the food and medical contracts; (12) Health Department - \$11,515,700 to support continued COVID-19 mitigation activities including the purchase of COVID test kits and cleaning services in various County government sites; (13) Department of Public Works and Transportation - \$1,616,100 for costs associated with snow events and additional support for onboarding various trades helper/laborer positions; (14) Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement - \$900,000 for additional costs related to the online permitting system; and (15) Non-Departmental - \$18,200,000 to reflect the transfer of \$16 million each to the Risk Management and Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) funds which is partially offset by reallocating \$13.8 million from Contingency to various County budgets to cover the cost of the merit pay.

This legislation also provides for the remaining \$844,800 in additional appropriated fund balance from within the Information Technology Internal Service Fund to cover the remaining costs of the COVID Scheduling Software project. The Fiscal Year 2022 Internal Service Fund Budget as expressed by CB-35-2021 and amended by CB-110-2021 increases from \$65,544,400 to \$66,389,200

The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is requested. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Stanley A. Earley, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), at (301) 952-3300.

Enclosures

Sincerely,

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