

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2022 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-088-2022

Proposed by Council Chair Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Turner, Harrison, Ivey, and Glaros

Date of Introduction July 12, 2022

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Listing of Local Questions on the 2022 Ballot

3 For the purpose of designating the order and form in which local questions shall be placed
4 on the 2022 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 draftsman of the County Council unless
17 the 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 2022 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 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES BONDS**

15 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
16 exceeding \$64,611,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,
17 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,
18 rehabilitation or repair of Community College Facilities, including the acquisition and
19 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident
20 thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment
21 therefor, as defined therein.

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23 FOR THE REFERRED LAW

24 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW
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27 QUESTION B

28 BOND ISSUE

29 **COUNTY BUILDINGS BONDS**

30 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
31 exceeding \$51,939,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction,

1 extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,
2 relocation, rehabilitation or repair of County Buildings, including the acquisition
3 and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services
4 incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent
5 equipment therefor, as defined therein.

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7 FOR THE REFERRED LAW
8 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW
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11 QUESTION C
12 BOND ISSUE
13 **LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

14 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
15 exceeding \$9,258,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,
16 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,
17 rehabilitation or repair of Library Facilities, including the acquisition and development
18 of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the
19 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, as
20 defined therein.

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22 FOR THE REFERRED LAW
23 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW
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26 QUESTION D
27 BOND ISSUE

28 **PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BONDS**

29 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
30 exceeding \$208,686,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,
31 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,

1 rehabilitation or repair of Public Works and Transportation Facilities (including roads
2 and bridges, parking lots, and maintenance facilities), including the acquisition and
3 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident
4 thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment
5 therefor, as defined therein.

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8 AGAINST THE REFERRED LAW

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11 QUESTION E
12 BOND ISSUE

13 **PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BONDS**

14 AN ACT enabling the County to borrow money and issue bonds in an amount not
15 exceeding \$45,925,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension,
16 acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation,
17 rehabilitation or repair of Public Safety Facilities (including Fire Department
18 Facilities), including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural
19 and engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of
20 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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26 QUESTION F

27 CHARTER AMENDMENT

28 **COMPENSATION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL**
29 **MEMBERS**

30 To have the compensation of the County Council members and the County Executive
31 comply with State law.

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FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

QUESTION G
CHARTER AMENDMENT
GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE IN CHARTER

To provide for gender neutral language in several sections throughout the Charter.

FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

QUESTION H
CHARTER AMENDMENT
SUPPORT LOCAL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES

To include County law for the encouragement and support of local and minority businesses consistent with requirements of Federal, State, and County law.

FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

QUESTION I
CHARTER AMENDMENT
COUNTY COMPETITIVE BIDDING

To provide that public notice for bids or proposals shall be advertised on a publicly available website designated by the County Purchasing Agent, and in any other manner determined by the County Code. Such purchases and contracts shall be made from or awarded to the responsive and responsible bid that is most favorable to the County with respect to “best value”, including technical requirements, diversity of suppliers, and

1 costs, as defined in the Code; to provide for bonding and generally regarding
2 competitive bidding.

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4 FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
5 AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
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8 QUESTION J
9 CHARTER AMENDMENT

10 **COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

11 To provide that an at-large Council member shall have been a qualified voter of Prince
12 George’s County for at least one year immediately preceding their general election.
13 Council members representing one of the nine Council districts shall have been a
14 qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year immediately
15 preceding their general election. In an election year immediately following an approved
16 decennial redistricting plan changing the boundaries of any Council district, the one-
17 year residency requirement immediately preceding the general election shall not apply
18 if a person is deemed a qualified voter but no longer resides in their former Council
19 district because of a boundary change in the approved decennial redistricting plan. Such
20 person shall have resided in their former Council district for at least one-year
21 immediately preceding their general election and shall reside in the same Council
22 district as changed in the approved decennial redistricting plan by the deadline for filing
23 a certificate of candidacy.
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25 FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
26 AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney, as directed by the State
7 Board of Elections, should also provide the Spanish language version of each question
8 certified to the State Board of Elections in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-
9 103(c)(3) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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

Adopted this 12th day of July, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council