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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 27, 2020

The Honorable Todd M. Turner  
Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Turner:

Enclosed for consideration by the County Council is a general fund supplementary appropriations bill for FY 2020. This legislation provides additional appropriation authority totaling \$10,000,000 in the General Fund. This legislation also provides additional appropriation authority in the amount of \$5,000,000 in Special Revenue Funds. The additional resources will increase the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget from \$3,631,989,800 to \$3,641,989,800 and the Fiscal Year 2020 Special Revenue Funds Budget from \$215,146,800 to \$220,146,800 as expressed in CB-27-2019 respectively.

Primarily as a result of the COVID-19 impact on the County's economy, FY 2020 revenue projections are adjusted to reflect a net decrease of \$42,432,600 from the approved revenue appropriation. The largest components of the decrease include reductions in Income Tax Receipts (\$11.1M), Admissions and Amusement (\$7.4M), Table Games revenues (\$6.4M), Local Health Grant (\$4.6M) and Fines and Forfeitures (\$3.3M). The collective shortfall in revenues requires an increase in the appropriated use of fund balance. The use of fund balance increases by \$52,432,600 to account for revenue declines as well as appropriates \$10,000,000 of fund balance assigned in the FY 2019 CAFR to support a planned additional contribution to the Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") trust fund.

Specifically, the legislation appropriates additional resources to several County agencies to cover unanticipated and vital costs needed to meet year end operational requirements. The supplemental resources support operating expenses for the Office of the County Executive, Office of Central Services and the Office of Homeland Security; additional legal support for the Personnel Board; and public safety overtime, fringe costs and additional operating needs for the Fire/EMS Department as a result of a scabies outbreak as well as for the purchase of medical supplies and fire apparatus parts. The increased appropriations are covered by anticipated savings in the Police Department and Non-Departmental. The Police Department is experiencing compensation and fringe savings due to staff attrition and lower than anticipated recruiting class sizes along with savings. The Non-Departmental debt services costs are projected to be lower in FY 2020.

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Additional actions occur in Non-Departmental to reflect an additional OPEB payment (\$10 million) under Other Non-Departmental Expenses. Funding for the additional contribution for OPEB is supported directly by use of fund balance.

The legislation also includes an intradepartmental transfer of appropriation between expenditure characters for two agencies. Appropriations are reallocated within the Department of Permits, Inspection and Enforcement to support clean lot services and online records management system (\$1.1 million). Resources are also reallocated within the Health Department to support additional operating expenses including the utilization of contractual temporary personnel resources to support departmental services (\$0.3 million).

Lastly, the appropriation level of the Special Revenue Fund increases by \$5,000,000 within the Economic Development Incentive (“EDI”) Fund. The source of revenues come from the EDI fund balance. This funding supports the awarding of loans to small businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures