

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

2017 LEGISLATIVE ANNUAL REPORT

"MOVING FORWARD WITH PURPOSE"



INVESTMENT • VISION • GROWTH

County Council

All legislative powers of Prince George’s County, Maryland, are vested in the Prince George’s County Council. In addition, the County Council sits as the District Council on zoning matters and land use policy, and as the Board of Health to govern and guide health policy.

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- The Council exercises its oversight and legislative responsibilities to improve services and programs for residents.
- The Council manages County resources in an efficient and effective manner.
- The Council’s Core Values are guided by the following Principles:

RESPECT

In our continuing commitment to inclusive Council processes, the Council will respect the values and contributions of one another, the legislative body and the residents and communities we are privileged to serve. The Council will seek to maximize citizen involvement.

INTEGRITY

All Council business will be conducted with integrity. The Council steadfastly upholds the values of honesty, fiscal responsibility, accountability, openness, trust and responsiveness in its commitment to serve Prince George’s County and all of its residents.

PROFESSIONALISM

Recognizing our dedication to service, the Council will demonstrate professionalism in all we do, and conduct our business with excellence, discipline, knowledge and accountability. We commit to serving the people of Prince George’s County together in a spirit of patience, diligence and compromise.

“Serving the People of Prince George’s County!”

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Dear Prince Georgians,

“The opportunity to serve as Prince George’s County Council Chairman for a second consecutive year, has been a distinct honor for me. I am also grateful for the privilege of continuing to represent the wonderful citizens of District 6 on the County Council. ”

It is my pleasure to share the 2017 Legislative Annual Report for the Prince George’s County Council, which tells our remarkable story of progress in the County, and highlights how as a community, we are continuing to “Move Forward with Purpose.”

It is with extraordinary pride that I reflect on our many groundbreaking and ribbon-cuttings over the last year, as my heart recalls the determination of our beloved former County Executive, the late, great, and immortal Wayne K. Curry, and his unmovable love and commitment to Prince George’s County.

“There is not a community like this anywhere in America. Celebrate the diversity we have and the achievement. Nowhere!”

In that spirit, we can celebrate an empowering 2017 Legislative Year.

It has been in the “working together” that our labor bore fruit over the past year. I want to thank each County resident for participating in the Council’s legislative processes, exercising your voices and sharing your priorities. You have been incredible community partners!

Team Prince George’s is continuing to improve quality of life in our communities! I gratefully acknowledge the teamwork of my Council colleagues, Vice-Chair Dannielle Glaros, and Council Members Deni Taveras, Todd Turner,

Mel Franklin, Andrea C. Harrison, Mary Lehman, Obie Patterson, and Karen R. Toles.

I applaud the leadership of County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, our state leadership, and the County’s regional partners. “Thank you” sounds simple but it is a sincere and heartfelt expression of this Council’s appreciation.

As you page through this report, you will see our County Moving Forward with Purpose! You’ll read about projects that create the jobs and business opportunities we need to grow, provide enormous economic benefits for local businesses, and poise our County to become the regional economic powerhouse we all know it will be.

Are you feeling the excitement? There goes “Wayne” in my ear again, reminding me just how great it is to be a Prince Georgian, and about all the work ahead to fulfill the County’s destiny to become a major center for economic development, culture and commerce worldwide!

God bless you, and God bless Prince George’s County, Maryland!



MESSAGE FROM THE HONORABLE DERRICK LEON DAVIS
IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN, PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2017


Derrick Leon Davis
County Council Chairman

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

The nine-member Prince George's County Council serves three distinct functions:

- o County Council on legislative and business matters
- o District Council on zoning and land use matters
- o Board of Health on health policy matters

The County Council meets as a legislative body on Tuesdays in the Council Hearing Room on the first floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.



“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

Derrick Leon Davis
Chair



DERRICK LEON DAVIS
DISTRICT 3
Chair

Reelected by Council colleagues to serve a second consecutive term as Council Chair; Rules and General Assembly Committee Chair; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors Vice-Chair; Council Representative, Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, and the Prince George's Community Foundation; Chair, Council's WSSC Leadership Board; Alternate Member, Dimensions Healthcare System Board of Directors.



DANNIELLE M. GLAROS
DISTRICT 3
Vice-Chair

Reelected by Council colleagues to serve a second consecutive term as Council Vice-Chair; Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee Chair; Rules and General Assembly Committee Vice-Chair; Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Member; Chair, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Region Forward Coalition, and COG Transportation Planning Board Member; Vice-Chair, WSSC Leadership Board; Council Representative, Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.



MARY A. LEHMAN
DISTRICT 1

Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee Vice-Chair; Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee Member; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Member; Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Alternate Member; Council Representative, Prince George's County Board of Education, and the Prince George's County Conference and Visitors Bureau; Alternate Council Representative, Mental Health Advisory Board.



DENI TAVERAS
DISTRICT 2

Health, Education and Human Services Committee Vice-Chair; Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee Vice-Chair; Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee Member; Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Member; Council Representative to the County's Health Advisory Committee; Alternate Council Representative, Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.



TODD M. TURNER
DISTRICT 4

Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee Chair; Member, Health, Education and Human Services, and Public Safety and Fiscal Management committees; Council Representative, Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Board; Council Representative, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Member, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors.



ANDREA C. HARRISON
DISTRICT 5

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Chair; Member, Health, Education and Human Services, and Public Safety and Fiscal Management committees; Council Representative, Dimensions Healthcare System; Council Representative, Mental Health Advisory Board.



KAREN R. TOLES
DISTRICT 7

Health, Education and Human Services Committee Chair; Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Member; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee Member; Alternate Member, COG Transportation Planning Board; Council Representative, Prince George's County's Health Department.



OBIE PATTERSON
DISTRICT 8

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Chair; Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee Member; Council Representative, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, the Prince George's Board of Social Services, and the Prince George's County Conference and Visitors Bureau.



MEL FRANKLIN
DISTRICT 9

Member, Health, Education and Human Services, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development and Transportation, Housing and the Environment committees; Alternate Council Representative, Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Board.

Standing Committee Report 2017

Standing Committees are a fundamental part of the County Council's legislative process. The Council accomplishes most of its work through these committees, including the budget review and adoption process; committee oversight of ongoing County Government department and agency operations; identifying issues appropriate for legislative review and consideration; gathering and evaluating information; and recommending courses of action to the full Council.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES (HEHS), chaired by Council Member Karen R. Toles, with the assistance of Committee Vice-Chair Deni Taveras, and Council Members Mel Franklin, Andrea C. Harrison and Todd M. Turner, voted affirmatively on legislation establishing the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. The Commission serves as an advisory resource to the County Executive, County Council and the public on the concerns and needs of fathers, men and boys within Prince George's County. HEHS also passed legislation regulating food and beverage vending machines located on real property owned, operated or managed by County Government to provide healthy vending options. The committee also supported a measure protecting minors from the dangers of tanning facilities in the County, and legislation requiring employers in the County to provide earned sick and safe leave to employees working in the County subject to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; providing enforcement by the Human Relations Commission; and generally regulating the sick and safe leave benefits.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PZED), chaired by Council Member Andrea C. Harrison, with the assistance of Committee Vice Chair, Council Member Obie Patterson, and Council Members Mel Franklin, Dannielle Glaros, and Karen Toles, considered legislation focusing primarily on zoning text amendments to promote economic development throughout Prince George's County. These amendments to the Zoning Ordinance allowed a variety of uses with "site specific" criteria for certain locations in the County. Among other PZED legislative highlights, legislation was approved permitting the use of agritourism businesses such as vineyards, in rural areas of the County. The committee also passed legislation prohibiting commercial use of residential property. This was aimed at protecting communities from the adverse impact of the misuse of residential properties for

criminal activity, and increased litter, noise and traffic. The measure allows the Police Department or Code Inspector to immediately issue a cease and desist order to halt such activity.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT (PSFM), chaired by Council Member Dannielle Glaros, with the assistance of Committee Vice Chair Deni Taveras, and Council Members Andrea Harrison, Mary Lehman and Todd Turner, conducted budget reviews, and reviewed bills and resolutions, including legislation to provide a presumption of illness standard allowing volunteer firefighters and their families to access disability and death benefits when the cause of the disability or death is lung disease or some specific cancers, and a bill amending previous legislation, to expand opportunities for County-based businesses to procure County goods and services, ensure the efficient and timely procurement of goods and services by County agencies, identify ways to simplify the procurement code for vendors and reduce the administrative burdens on County employees, and considered appointments and held several briefings on public safety and economic development issues.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT (THE), chaired by Council Member Todd M. Turner with the assistance of Committee Vice Chair Mary Lehman, and Council Members Mel Franklin, Obie Patterson, and Deni Taveras, participated in a joint meeting with the Montgomery County Council Committee on Transportation and Environment that included a discussion about a new WSSC rate structure, and an update on the Purple Line status. THE also reviewed legislation creating an Administrative Hearing Board to address specific housing code issues; create a process for the administration of citations; and empower the Nuisance Abatement Board to hear appeals. The committee also received an update on the work of the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Subcommittee. In addition to considering legislation, the committee also reviewed appointments, proposed budgets, and held briefings.

HOUSE CHAMBER

RULES AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (RGA), chaired by Council Member Derrick L. Davis, with the assistance of Committee Vice Chair Dannielle Glaros, convened meetings several months ahead of the 90-Day Legislative Session that began January 11, 2017. The 2017 Legislative Session opened with Senate and House leaders warning of significant statewide cuts to programs and services as a structural deficit loomed over Governor Larry Hogan's impending budget proposal.

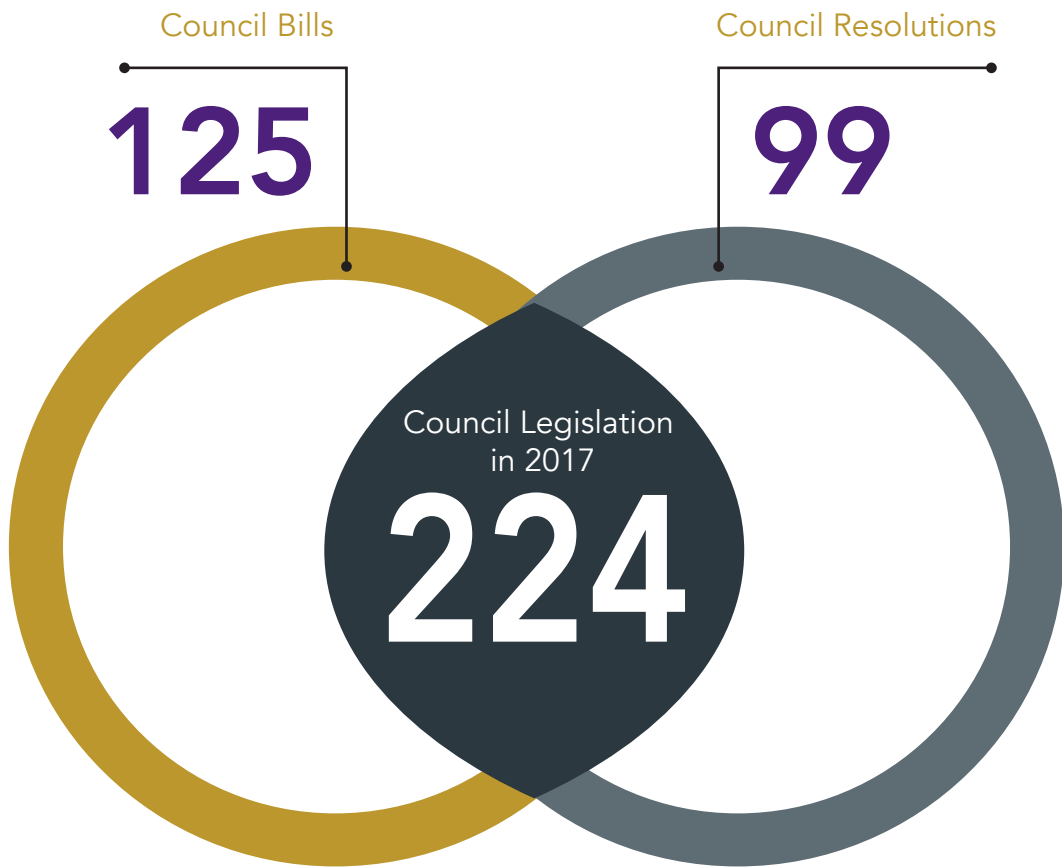
Notwithstanding the fiscal challenges facing the state, County leaders, with strong support from the Prince George's County Council, together encouraged the Governor to restore funding for the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center's (PGCRMC) operating grants, following the release of his proposed Budget Reconciliation and Funding Act (BRFA). The Governor's proposed BRFA restructured PGCRMC funding, and included a \$15 million cut to operating grants. In response, Senate Bill 1198 was introduced, ultimately passed and became law, mandating capital appropriations that the Governor must include in the capital or operating budget for the construction of PGCRMC in FY 2019 through FY 2020.

Prince George's County was allotted \$1,260,977,000 in direct aid for use in FY-18 to help fund the needs of County residents in areas such as education, healthcare, transportation, fire and rescue services, libraries, and public safety. Additionally, the County was awarded state grants for the funding of 66 capital projects to include the Prince George's County Community College, Queen Anne Academic Center renovation and addition; Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund, Lower Anacostia Basin sewer rehabilitation; Prince George's County Correctional Center Medical Unit renovation and expansion; University of Maryland at College Park, Bioengineering Building; and the Cheltenham Youth Center Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The 2017 Legislative Session adjourned on April 11, 2017.

The Council has imposed upon itself a committee system, which operates pursuant to the County Council Rules of Procedure. The committee system operates prior to the introduction of a bill, and when determined to be appropriate by a majority of the Council Members present, after introduction, to permit further study or modification to a bill. It should be noted that, notwithstanding the establishment of the committee system, the Council may waive the Rules of Procedure and alter the committee process for a particular bill, and that the Charter permits any Council Member to introduce any bill on any legislative day.

COUNCIL LEGISLATION



To view all the Council Bills and Resolutions for 2017, please visit our Legislative Zoning Information System on the Council website: <https://pgccouncil.us/LZIS>

LEGISLATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE IN 2017

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES (HEHS)

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TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT (THE)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)

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TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Focusing on the great future of our County, the Council continues to collaborate with residents, parents, educators, elected officials and all stakeholders to ensure our school system operates at its highest level, and that the County offers a world-class 21st Century education that produces the leaders of tomorrow. In Legislative Year 2017, the Council moved forward with the long-awaited Continuous Business Process Improvement Study, also called the Performance Audit, the first ongoing comprehensive assessment of County school operations in nearly 20 years. This initiative reflects a transformative partnership between the County Council, County Executive, Board of Education, CEO of Prince George's County Public Schools, and all stakeholders.

For more information, visit: <https://pgccouncil.us/Continuous-Business-Process-Improvement-5>

DEVELOPING A HOUSING STRATEGY THAT MEETS OUR NEEDS

Focused on the future of housing needs in Prince George's County, the Council established a Comprehensive Housing Strategy Ad Hoc Housing Subcommittee that remains hard at work assessing the current and future housing needs of the County. The Ad Hoc Housing Subcommittee, created by CR 13-2016 and extended by CR-91-2017, is charged with providing critical and valuable feedback and oversight to best inform the Comprehensive Housing Strategy initiative. We will continue to build

consensus around housing policies, considering the County, State and regional economies; the County's transportation network; and the County's position in the future of the Greater Washington-Baltimore region. The goal is to develop a housing strategy that sets a vision, defines challenges, identifies assets, and develops a modified approach to ensure that the County can offer affordable, high-quality, housing options for a range of income levels, preferences and phases of life.

For more information, visit: <https://pgccouncil.us/Ad-Hoc-Housing-Subcommittee>

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON ADDRESSING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY'S STRUCTURAL DEFICIT

Focusing on ensuring the future economic success of Prince George's County, the Council is committed to enhancing fiscal accountability with information gleaned from the Blue Ribbon Commission Report on Addressing Prince George's County's Structural Deficit. The Council continued to examine the structural deficit challenges, as considered by the Blue Ribbon Commission, as part of its Budget Review and Adoption process. The Blue Ribbon Commission was charged with recommending policies to the County Council and County Executive that will address the County's structural deficit – the imbalance caused when normal government spending exceeds tax revenues on an annual basis.

To read the January 2017 Blue Ribbon Commission Final Report, visit: <https://pgccouncil.us/Blue-Ribbon-Commission>

THINGS ON PURPOSE in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE

Focusing on future development in Prince George's County, the Council is engaged in a partnership initiative with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the business community and citizens, to rewrite the County's 50-year-old Zoning Ordinance. As the County's land use authority, updating the County's zoning policies is among the most important undertakings of the Council, and modernizing the code will promote growth, sustainable communities, and economic vitality in our County. In July 2017, the Council held a special Joint Town Hall Meeting on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.

For updated information on this continuing initiative, visit: <https://pgccouncil.us/ZOR>

FY 2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Legislative Branch, includes among its most important duties, the Council's Budget Review and Adoption process, and the exercise of its budget oversight authority. The adopted \$3.8 billion FY 2018 County Budget reflects critical investments in education, public infrastructure, economic development, human service delivery, safe communities, and support for the County's most vulnerable residents.

This budget is part of a multi-year, measured and long-term financial strategy that requires structural balance to succeed. The recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing Prince George's Structural Deficit were factored into FY 18 Budget considerations, and will guide all future County spending decisions.

The FY 18 investment in education, at \$ 1.97 Billion, exceeds 65% of our total budget, and includes a commitment to Pre-K through the Community College, and County libraries. The FY 2018 funding level for the Board of Education is nearly three-percent higher, or \$51 Million more than the previous year, and exceeds the state-mandated Maintenance of Effort requirement by \$30 Million. The Council also authorized the use of a \$12 Million transfer from the system's fund balance, providing additional budget flexibility. We look forward to the outcome of the ongoing Continuous Business Process Improvement Study of school system operations to ensure accountability for this investment.

FY 18 Public Safety appropriations included funding for new police recruits, firefighters, deputy sheriffs, positions to process warrants and manage records, correctional officers, correctional treatment coordinators, dispatchers and call takers.

A second round of grant funding, \$500,000, was approved to support programs serving the housing, counseling, prevention and advocacy needs of domestic violence and abuse victims.

"The Council also provided greater support to the County's safety net agencies and established a Public-Private Partnership model to generate stronger nonprofits, with a blend of resources, expertise, and relationships that contribute to more positive outcomes for County residents."

Entrepreneurs, especially small, local, women and minority-owned businesses, are at the core of County growth. The Council passed several pieces of legislation to increase local and minority procurement and job opportunities, an economic priority.

Combined with additional investments for roads and sidewalks, senior services, housing rehab assistance, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, FY 18 Council budget enhancements significantly improve the County's Quality of Life.

Council actions to produce a livable wage in the County unintentionally challenged provider agencies to the developmentally disabled community. The County is one of two Maryland jurisdictions that raised the minimum wage, setting it two-dollars above the State's minimum wage. The Council temporarily bridged this wage gap with one-time Temporary Gap Funding from the County, to stabilize the Developmental Disabilities system while the State develops a long-term solution.

The Council thanks every stakeholder and champion for our County for staying focused on our future. With this spending blueprint, we are taking the next steps in lockstep, together.

Council Chair's FY 2018 Budget Message (as excerpted from original remarks)

Our Investment in Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

2.7% ↑
\$2.0 BILLION

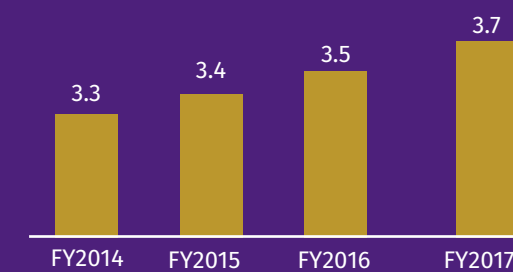
Funding increases \$51.6 million or 2.7% over the FY 2017 budget, primarily due to a \$40.9 million increase in the County contribution and a \$19.4 million increase in State Aid. These increases offset \$8.7 million of funding reduction in federal and Board sources. The County's contribution totals **\$739.2 million**, a \$40.9 million or 5.8% increase above FY 2017 budget and exceeds the Maintenance of Effort requirement.

County Contribution vs. Maintenance of Effort

Date	County Contribution	Maintenance of Effort	Contribution Over/Under
FY 18	738,631,200	709,084,213	29,546,987
FY 17	699,448,100	679,411,718	20,036,382
FY 16	669,292,100	656,188,016	13,104,084
FY 15	630,218,800	628,053,260	2,165,540
FY 14	623,743,913	623,726,378	17,535

"The time has come for a serious policy conversation about comprehensively putting the County's financial house in order. We are committed to achieving greater fiscal accountability, efficiency and sustainability as the County becomes an economic competitor in our region. Recommendations in the Blue Ribbon Commission Report Addressing the Structural Deficit in Prince George's County, will play a key role in all spending decisions going forward."

**Immediate Past Chair Davis
Legislative Year 2017**



AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS

INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

0.9%
\$29.8

PUBLIC SAFETY

21.2%
\$690.3

COLLEGE AND LIBRARY

4.5%
\$145

BOARD OF EDUCATION

60.8%
\$1,975.4

ENVIRONMENT

.1%
\$4.2

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

2.4%
\$76.4

HUMAN SERVICES

1.0%
\$35.4

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

8.5%
\$276.9

COURTS

0.6%
\$18.1

TOTAL \$3,251,537,400

Amounts in millions, except percentage share data. Fiscal year ends June 30th.

#COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS ENHANCING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

“NO PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY” ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

The Prince George’s County Council, committed to ending domestic violence and abuse in Prince George’s County, appropriated \$500,000 in FY 2018, to support the Council’s Domestic Violence Grant Program. The grant program is a funding resource for nonprofit programs that serve the housing, counseling, or advocacy needs of County residents who are victims of domestic violence. The program also supports prevention activities through a coordinated and collaborative community response to domestic violence in Prince George’s County. This initiative helps to build the capacity of nonprofits in our community that share the Council’s commitment to end domestic violence. **To find out more, visit: <https://pgccouncil.us/DVGP>**

NEW FY 18 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO ENHANCE CAPACITY OF YOUTH-SERVING NONPROFITS IN THE COUNTY

The Prince George’s County Council and Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP) announced the new Ready for Work Nonprofit Capacity Building Initiative in December 2017, to strengthen nonprofits to better serve Prince George’s County youth. Many of the 4,000 nonprofits currently operating in Prince George’s County are without the capacity to successfully apply for major grant support or fully achieve their objectives. With a \$250,000 commitment to Ready for Work in FY 18, the Council is supporting this pilot initiative and working in partnership to increase the power of nonprofits to serve the community. The Council was especially excited to partner with VPP for this critical investment in our youth and the future of our County. Following a competitive process,

four nonprofits in the County were identified as organizations specifically focused on supporting high school students with academic achievement, high school completion, post-secondary preparation, career readiness and healthy behaviors.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES START OF IMMIGRATION SERVICES AND LANGUAGE ACCESS INITIATIVE IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY

The Prince George’s County Immigration Services and Language Access (ISLA) Initiative was established as part of the Adopted FY 2018 County Budget, which followed the adoption of Council Resolution 2-2017, legislation introduced by Council Member Deni Taveras (D) – District 2, denouncing anti-immigrant activity, racial bias and discrimination, hate speech, hate crimes and harassment in Prince George’s County. The Council announced that the Legal Service Provider (LSP) selected for Prince George’s County’s ISLA Initiative, the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition, would begin work in Prince George’s County in December 2017. The ISLA initiative is coordinated and managed through the Human Relations Commission. As a part of the ISLA Initiative, the County Council approved \$50,000 in FY 2018 to support translation equipment and services through the Office of Community Relations. An additional \$100,000 was approved to support ISLA as a public-private partnership. Through the Human Relations Commission and with support from various non-profit providers, Prince George’s County successfully applied to the Vera Institute of Justice for a \$100,000 matching grant to fund ISLA legal services.

2017 COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETINGS



ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE COUNTY BUDGET EDUCATION

The Prince George’s County Council hosted three offsite Town Hall meetings during Legislative Year 2017 at various locations around the County, engaging residents in constructive dialogue about important issues – the County Budget, the Zoning Rewrite and Education. Each meeting featured a panel of experts including Council Members and other public and elected officials, as well as presentations and an opportunity for public participation and comment.

The Council’s “FY 18 Budget Town Hall Meeting,” at Charles Herbert Flowers Senior High School, offered an important opportunity for Council Members to hear ideas and concerns from residents about spending in FY 2018. The “FY 18 Budget Town Hall Meeting” included presentations on the County’s fiscal outlook, as well as an overview of the Council’s budget review process.

The meeting featured a presentation on recommendations submitted by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing Prince George’s County’s Structural Deficit. Council Members heard testimony from citizens on shared priorities including public safety, education, transportation, economic development, transit-oriented development and healthcare.

Focusing on the Zoning Rewrite and the modernization of the County’s 50-year-old zoning ordinance, the County Council and Prince George’s County Planning Department held a joint “Zoning Rewrite Town Hall” in July, welcoming residents to the Council Hearing Room in Upper Marlboro for the spirited discussion. Chair Davis stated, during remarks to the audience, “Updating the County’s zoning policies is among the most important undertakings of the Council in its role as the County’s land use authority. Residents deserve a leaner,

clearer zoning process to be better informed about development and to play a more significant role in shaping the future of our county.”

The Council’s third and final Town Hall Meeting for Legislative Year 2017 focused on the importance of education and a thriving school system. The “Education Town Hall” took place in October at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro, and featured Prince George’s County Public Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell and Prince George’s County Board of Education Chairman Segun Eubanks. Participants received updates on key initiatives for Prince George’s County Public Schools including the Continuous Business Process Improvement Program and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

2017 MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

The Prince George's County Council disseminates a wide range of Council-related press releases, media advisories, and statements to reporters, media outlets, residents, and interested stakeholders throughout each Legislative Year. Media Highlights offer a brief overview of the disseminated media alerts for Legislative Year 2017.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2017 LEGISLATIVE YEAR

The Prince George's County Council unanimously elected Council Member Derrick L. Davis (D) – District 6, to serve a second consecutive term as Chair for Legislative Year 2017. Council Member Dannielle M. Glaros (D) – District 3, was elected to serve again as Vice Chair. The newly-elected Council Leadership team presided over the first session of Legislative Year 2017 on Tuesday, December 6, 2017. Chairman Davis and Vice-Chair Glaros will serve in Council leadership through December 5, 2017.

CHAIR DERRICK L. DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT ON RETIREMENT OF SENATOR BARBARA MIKULSKI

The Prince George's County Council respectfully salutes Senator Barbara Mikulski upon her retirement. While we will miss her tireless advocacy for working people and civil rights in her work on Capitol Hill, this Council is proud to celebrate Senator Mikulski's remarkable servant leadership and indelible legacy. Blazing trails and shattering glass ceilings, Senator Mikulski is the longest-serving woman in the history of the United States Congress, and the only woman to have chaired the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee.



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL 2017 ANNUAL RETREAT

The Prince George's County Council will hold its 2017 Annual Retreat on Wednesday, January 4th through Friday, January 6th, at the Loew's Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, in Annapolis, Maryland. Sessions are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. each day. During the three-day retreat, Council Members and staff will discuss a variety of legislative and public policy issues including, but not limited to, the Maryland General Assembly, Blue Ribbon Commission; Zoning Ordinance Rewrite; Transit-oriented development; economic

development tools and incentives; state legislative and budget issues; and Legislative Priorities and Teambuilding for the 2017 Legislative Year.

COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, February 28, unanimously adopted Council Resolution 7-2017, legislation expressing strong Council support for protecting access to quality, affordable health care provided to millions of Americans and thousands of Prince George's County residents by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

CHAIR DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET

The Prince George's County Council has received the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating and Capital Budget proposals from County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, and we commend the diligence of the County Executive and his team in the assembly of the proposed spending plan.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL TO HOLD FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON FY2018 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET

The Prince George's County Council will hold five public hearings during the months of April and May, on the County's Proposed Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2018. All public hearings will be held in the first-floor Council Hearing Room, County Administration Building.

COUNTY COUNCIL TO ANNOUNCE FY 2017 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT PROGRAM

The Prince George's County Council, committed to ending domestic violence and abuse in the County, will announce a \$500,000 Domestic Violence Grant Program during Council session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 1:45 p.m. The Prince George's County Council Domestic

Violence Grant Program will provide funding support to programs that provide housing, counseling or advocacy assistance to victims of domestic violence. This includes organizations whose programs and activities support prevention through a coordinated and collaborative community response to domestic violence in the County.



COUNCIL CHAIR DAVIS SAYS PURPLE LINE RULING DISAPPOINTING

Prince George's County Council Chair Derrick L. Davis (D) – District 6 says Monday's Purple Line ruling was a disappointing decision that will result in costly construction delays that threaten the local economy.

"The planned Purple Line project will provide even greater access to jobs and economic mobility for Prince George's County residents, as well as critical transportation connections across the region. While Monday's ruling threatens to stall this vital project, the Council applauds the State's commitment to ensuring the Purple Line project continues to move forward. The unwarranted delays are costly to taxpayers; harmful to surrounding communities; and unfair to residents that rely on public transportation. We look forward to a swift resolution so construction on the planned Purple Line can begin."

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTS \$3.8 BILLION FY 18 BUDGET

The Prince George's County Council adopted a \$3.8 billion balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2018 on Thursday, May 25. The FY 2018 County Budget becomes effective with the new Fiscal Year which begins July 1, 2017.

COUNCIL CHAIR DERRICK L. DAVIS RESPONDS TO ATTACK DURING CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL PRACTICE

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with the Members of the U.S. Congress, their families and staffs, as well as first responders and all other victims injured and impacted by this morning's horror on a ballfield in Alexandria. We are extremely grateful for the heroic efforts of law enforcement and other first responders whose quick and decisive action unquestionably saved lives. All of us must stand united against violence in any form.

COUNCIL ESTABLISHES 2017-2018 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, June 20, adopted Council Resolution 55-2017, legislation establishing a 2017-2018 Charter Review Commission to undertake a comprehensive study of the County Charter and recommend appropriate changes. The County Charter requires that the County Executive and County Council appoint, by Resolution, a Charter Review Commission every four years.

COUNTY COUNCIL TO HOLD ZONING REWRITE TOWN HALL MEETING JULY 17

The Prince George's County Council, in partnership with the Prince George's County Planning Department, encourages County residents to attend a Zoning Rewrite Town Hall Meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building. The County Council and Prince George's County Planning Department, are conducting a comprehensive update of the County's 50-year-old Zoning Ordinance to streamline zoning laws and create a user-friendly document supporting the County's vision for smart growth, economic development and improved quality of life for residents.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

The Prince George's County Council has reaffirmed its commitment to heighten

awareness, strengthen the County's safety net, and enhance the effectiveness of nonprofit partners by appropriating \$500,000 in FY 2018 to domestic violence programs in Prince George's County for a second consecutive year.

COUNCIL CHAIR DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT RECOGNIZING KEVIN DURANT DAY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY



Today, Prince George's County residents and the Seat Pleasant community celebrate hometown hero Kevin Durant. While the County Council, including Council Member Toles whose District includes Seat Pleasant, is attending the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Summer Conference in Ocean City, we are extremely proud of Kevin Durant's achievements on and off the court. His story is one of hope and inspiration for countless young people in Prince George's County and 'Kevin Durant Day' is a celebration of what is possible with dedication, hard work and unrelenting drive.

CHAIR DAVIS SAYS COUNCIL APPLAUDS \$256 MILLION, 15-YEAR FEDERAL LEASE AWARD TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Prince George's County Council is elated by the announcement that the General Services Administration (GSA) has finalized the lease for the relocation of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) headquarters to the County's developing Town Center at Camp Springs, near the Branch Avenue Metro station.



CHAIR DAVIS RESPONDS TO UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM ACQUISITION OF DIMENSIONS HEALTHCARE

Access to quality health care, health promotion and disease prevention are priority concerns for the Prince George's

County Council, in its role as the Board of Health, and for the residents we represent.

The University of Maryland Medical System acquisition of Dimensions Healthcare, a big step toward addressing those priority concerns, is a significant milestone in the historic journey toward healthcare transformation in Prince George's County.

COUNTY COUNCIL RECEIVES VEHICLE USE REVIEW BOARD FINAL REPORT

The Prince George's County Council received the final report of the Vehicle Use Review Board during session on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Its work now completed, the County Vehicle Use Review Board, established by Council Resolution 001-2017, was charged with conducting a careful review of administrative policies governing the use of County-assigned vehicles and providing recommendations for policy changes.

CHAIR DAVIS CELEBRATES NEW FEDERAL INSTALLATION TO BE BUILT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Prince George's County Council welcomes an important new neighbor. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) headquarters, an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, is relocating from multiple lease locations in Washington, D.C., to its new, soon-to-be-built site near the Branch Avenue Metro in Camp Springs, one of our County's most important transit-oriented development communities. The decision to choose Prince George's County as its next home, with a commitment to a 15-year lease, will centralize this federal agency's headquarters for the first time in USCIS history. Construction is slated for completion in Fiscal Year 2020.

For Council news and updates, please visit our Council website: <https://pgccouncil.us/News>



"Focus on the Future" is a half-hour, cable television program produced by the Prince George's County Council and hosted by 2017 Legislative Year Council Chair Derrick Leon Davis.

Focusing on the great promise of Prince George's County, "Focus on the Future," in its second year of production, explores ways the County is moving towards a quality of life that brings better schools, better healthcare, better transportation options, and new opportunities for residents and businesses.



A. Toni Lewis
Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education, Inc. (FAME)
Founder
Dr. Clarence Knight
FAME Jazz Band Associate Artistic Director
FAME Student Musicians



The premiere edition of "Focus on the Future" shined a spotlight on arts education and its impact on school culture, academic performance and community wellness. Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education (FAME) Founder, A. Toni Lewis, and Associate Artistic Director Dr. Clarence Knight joined Chair Davis to discuss the non-profit and its mission to positively impact the lives of young people through access to quality music, education, programs and experiences. Student guests Langston Hughes, Bryant Thomas II, Nia Harris Burnley and Darryl Bryant, Jr. shared their experiences in the FAME program and Chair Davis joined the young performers for a musical performance to close the show.



Dr. Afie Mirshah
Largo High School Principal
Brandon Felder
Largo High School Performing Arts Department Chair
Lonnie Elias
Largo High School Band Director

And the GRAMMY goes to, the Largo High School Choir! The Largo High School Performance Arts Department, following their special recognition by the D.C. Chapter of the GRAMMY Recording Academy, shared their excitement with Chair Davis during "Focus on the Future." Principal Mirshah, Department Chair Brandon Felder, and Band Director Lonnie Elias, along with student guests MacKenzie Sherman, Halimah Caldwell and Traves McGhee discussed their GRAMMY honor, and what the accomplishment has meant for the Largo High School community.



Dr. Charlene Dukes
Prince George's Community College President
Michelle Hamiel
Prince George's County Memorial Library System Co-Chief Executive Officer

To focus on the expanded definition of education in the County, Chair Davis welcomed Prince George's Community College President Charlene Dukes to "Focus on the Future" to share with viewers the many new offerings at the Community College and the new construction projects taking shape on campus. PGCMLS Co-Chief Executive Officer Michelle Hamiel closed the program with an overview of the expanded library facilities and services available in the County.



"Focus on the Future" aired on Government and Public Affairs Channel 70, Community Television of Prince George's – an award-winning, nonprofit cable access facility serving as the media hub of information in Prince George's County since 1989. For programming information, visit www.pgctv.org

Prince George's County is Groundbreaking!



\$543 Million
University of Maryland
Capital Region Medical
Center

Highly anticipated healthcare is bringing:

- An anticipated 3,279 direct construction jobs in the County to be created from the \$429.5 million construction budget
- \$634.9 million in economic development activity to be generated, with 4,853 total jobs supported because of project construction
- \$397 million in economic activity in Prince George's County directly generated from the Regional Medical Center, with the support of an additional 2,641 additional workers.



\$256 Million
U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services
Headquarters

15-year deal will shift about 3,700 employees with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services from five leased locations across the D.C. area into a new, 574,767-square-foot headquarters in One Town Center on One Capital Gateway Drive in Camp Springs



\$1 Billion
New Carrollton
Transit Center

10-year development plan includes:

- 71-acre transit-oriented development
- 2.7 Million square feet mixed-use development
- 1.3 Million square feet of residential
- 1.1 Million square feet of office
- 150,000 square feet of retail and a hotel

\$400 Million
Town Square at Suitland
Federal Center

- 900 apartments and single family homes
- 100,000 square feet of retail space
- 50,000-square-foot performing arts center
- Creating 1,200 construction jobs

\$34 Million
Glenarden Phase I

27-acre site will be conducted in four phases including:

- 114 new affordable and market-rate apartment homes for families and seniors
- The second phase of Glenarden will add 55 units of affordable senior housing, affordable and market-rate apartments, two pools, and additional open space.



" Job creation is critical to the success of our economic development initiatives and a must for improving the quality of life for our residents."

Chairman Derrick Leon Davis

SITTING AS BOARD OF HEALTH



The Prince George's County Council acts as the local Board of Health pursuant to Section 3-201(b) of the Health-General Article of the Maryland Annotated Code which states, "In a code county or charter county, the governing body is ex officio the board of health for the county, unless the governing body establishes a board of health." The County Council is established as the local Board of Health pursuant to Section 12-101 of the Prince George's County Code. The Board of Health's scope of authority is stated in Section 3-202(a) and (d) of the Health-General Article of the Maryland Annotated Code. Under State Law, the Board of Health, must meet at least semi-annually during May and October, however, in practice, the body meets far more often than required to consider various aspects of health policies and programs, and a broad spectrum of related health issues. During Legislative Year 2017, the Board of Health convened five sessions between February and October.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAPITAL REGION HEALTH SYSTEM

The University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) officially became operator of the newly-branded University of Maryland Capital Region Health System on September 1. Governance of the system was directed for the first year by a nine-member Board, which under the terms of the operating agreement, included as a voting member, consultant to the Board of Health, Dr. Joseph Wright, and in an ex-officio capacity, 2017 Legislative Year Council Chair, Derrick L. Davis. A highly-anticipated groundbreaking for the flagship University of Maryland Capital Region Health, was successfully executed at the Largo site on November 30th.

QUALITY OF LIFE

In its annual review of the national County Health Rankings, the Council received a report and update in April 2017 from Board of Health consultant Dr. Joseph Wright. The rankings revealed a continuing downward trend in overall mortality and a concomitant increase in life expectancy reaching an average of 80 years for the first time. Dr. Wright reported to the Council that this positive trending appears sustainable based on the unique synergistic confluence of cross-sector factors including improvements in public safety, land use, and economic development. He also noted that anticipated elevation of clinical care measures, with the advent of the new University of Maryland Capital Region Health System, have yet to be fully realized; the contribution of metrics from this sector will, almost assuredly, solidify improving quality of life for the overall population moving forward.

"Access to quality health care, health promotion and disease prevention are priority concerns for the Prince George's County Council, in its role as the Board of Health, and for our residents," said Council Chair Davis. "University of Maryland Capital Region Health is a game changer for Prince George's County, and is the result of a partnership that is producing jobs, spurring economic development, transit-oriented development, and investment in our community, all while providing quality healthcare. We are not just building a hospital. We are building a future in Prince George's County and scoring a big win for healthy communities and a thriving economy."

Immediate Past Chair
Derrick Leon Davis

BROAD ENGAGEMENT

The Prince George's County Council sitting as the Board of Health, engaged with a more diverse array of non-governmental entities operating in the regional healthcare environment than ever before in Legislative Year 2017. Groups and organizations that briefed or partnered with the Board of Health included system-level inpatient providers, community-based ambulatory providers, behavioral health and primary care providers, ancillary service providers, as well as, private sector entities (see below). This level of broad engagement is critically important as Prince George's County, teaming with its health leadership partners, undertakes a monumental and transformative effort to institute generational impact on the health and wellbeing of all Prince Georgians:

- Children's National Health System
- Clinical Pharmacy Associates
- Doctor's Community Hospital
- Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Region
- MedStar Southern Maryland
- Quality Healthtech Solutions
- University of Maryland Medical System
- University of Maryland School of Public Health





“MOVING FORWARD WITH PURPOSE”

Prince George’s County is beginning to reap the harvest of this Council’s very hard labor. I again gratefully acknowledge the energy, talent and commitment of my colleagues, Vice-Chair Dannielle Glaros, and Council Members Deni Taveras, Todd Turner, Mel Franklin, Andrea C. Harrison, Mary Lehman, Obie Patterson, and Karen Toles. Our teamwork has served this County well.

My leadership partner, Dannielle Glaros, caught every fast ball, curve ball, screw ball and pop fly over the last two years. With confidence I pass the Gavel of Leadership to Legislative Year 2018 Council Chair Glaros and her co-leader Council Vice-Chair Todd Turner. Congratulations!

I pledged a year ago that this legislative body would give its all; serve with humility and integrity; and that when this Council is done, County residents would be able to take even greater pride in their community.

Oh, the road we have traveled! I want to thank each resident for their participation in our legislative processes.

Our thanks to County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III for his leadership, partnership and extraordinary vision for Prince George’s County.

It has been my privilege to have served in Council leadership for a second consecutive year, and to continue to serve the great residents of Prince George’s County and the communities of District 6.

God bless you all and God Bless Prince George’s County.

Focused on the Future,

The Honorable Derrick L. Davis
Immediate Past Chair, Prince George’s County Council
Legislative Year 2017



DANNIELLE M. GLAROS MESSAGE FROM CHAIR FOR LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2018

I am deeply grateful to my Council colleagues for choosing me to serve as Chair for the 2018 Legislative Year, and proud to accept the gavel entrusted to me. I am also very proud of the work we have done together to strengthen the communities we represent.

Legislative Year 2017 was a banner year! I must express my sincere gratitude to the leader of this Council for the past two years, the Honorable Derrick Leon Davis. I applaud your steadfast and bold leadership of this body, and promise to remain committed to Telling Our Story, Bringing the World to Prince George’s County, Doing Big Things on Purpose and Focusing on the Future, while Together Strengthening Our Communities.

I am incredibly excited about leading this body and working together with you to achieve the best possible Prince George’s County. It’s an awesome responsibility.

2018 will be a huge year for our County, and I am thrilled that my colleague from District 4, Todd Turner, will serve as my co-leader. We both worked as staff in our respective Council District offices, and Todd also served in Council Administration before we became freshman Council Members, following the 2014 General Election.

Among his many, many leadership positions, Todd Turner previously served as Mayor Pro Tem in the City of Bowie, making him the first African-American to hold that position in the City’s history. Like me, he is a Prince George’s County Public School parent. I could not be blessed with a better partner in the leadership of this legislative body!

My Council colleagues are hardworking and committed servant leaders. Some trace their roots to the 1800’s, while others are daughters of activists, transplants from New York or South Carolina, graduates of Central and Suitland high

schools, or Marylanders who grew up elsewhere in the state but call Prince George’s County home. However we arrived here, we serve one common purpose.... improving the Quality of Life for residents in Prince George’s County. Our commitment to the County runs deep, so it’s GAME ON in Legislative Year 2018!

The Council will continue its strong commitment to our legislative priorities and maintain our focus on strengthening nonprofit organizations in Prince George’s County. We will also continue to focus on state and federal funding; budget priorities; rewriting the County’s Zoning Ordinance; addressing housing challenges; measuring the performance of school system operations; and focusing on health policy, as the County’s Board of Health.

I will work diligently to lead this body with integrity, foster consensus around the issues of critical importance to our constituents, and contribute to the legacy that we as a Council are successfully building together for Prince George’s County.

In the unforgettable words of our 44th President Barack Obama, “Our destiny is not written for us, it’s written by us.”

Together we are writing yet another exciting chapter of our destiny in Prince George’s County. May God continue His abundant blessings upon us, and always upon Prince George’s County.

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