

**City Council  
Work Session**

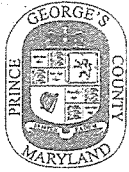
**Meeting with County Executive  
Rushern L. Baker, III**

**7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
August 10, 2016**

**Council Chambers  
Municipal Building**

# Suggested Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions – Mayor Jordan
2. Comments by County Executive Baker
3. Items for Discussion
  - A. Fiscal Year 2017 and Beyond – Outlook
  - B. Update on Efforts to Locate FBI headquarters in Greenbelt
    - Tax Incremental Financing (TIF)
  - C. Charter Amendments
    - Add Two At-Large Seats to County Council
  - D. Help Restore Youth Service Bureau funding from the State
  - E. Municipal Notice of DPIE Approved Permits
  - F. Greenbelt Children Going to Greenbelt Schools
  - G. Status of Sunnyside Avenue Complete Green Street Project
  - H. Has CB-89-2012 been effective?
  - I. Thank You!



Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 25, 2016

Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor, State of Maryland  
State House  
100 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

We are writing to you with regard to your decision to withhold funding identified for children's mental health, substance disorder, and suicide prevention services and, specifically, the Governor's Office for Children's decision to withhold State funding for four Prince George's County Youth Services Bureaus. This budget cut directly results in decreased access to much needed mental health and substance abuse counseling, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention services for hundreds of vulnerable Prince George's County children and their families. As you are aware, we face a time in our County, and across this nation, when behavioral health services are needed more than ever before. According to data from the Maryland Coalition of Families, 1 in 5 children experience a diagnosable mental health disorder each year, yet only 20 percent are identified and receive treatment, and 1 in 9 youth, ages 13 to 18, experience a substance use disorder, and yet only 7 percent receive services.

After a thorough examination of the data provided by the Local Management Board, it has been determined that the claim by the Governor's Office for Children that the Prince George's County Youth Services Bureaus have been underperforming is inaccurate. It should be noted that the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) that is being utilized by the Governor's Office for Children has several data points, not just the single data point which is being cited as determinative. To establish validity and reliability about the performance outcomes, these data points are meant to be used collectively. No one data point in isolation can or will provide a comprehensive assessment of a program's performance.

Based on the aggregate data submitted to the Governor's Office for Children annually on the data point in question, the County's performance data shows 78 percent of clients showing improvements in Fiscal Year 2014, and 72 percent in Fiscal Year 2015, with a two year average of 74 percent of clients showing improvement. Furthermore, Fiscal Year 2016 semi-annual reports indicate a performance improvement to 94 percent of clients showing improvement across all the County's Youth Services Bureaus. This data very clearly demonstrates that the Prince George's County's Youth Services Bureaus exceeded the 70 percent benchmark established by the Governor's Office for Children.

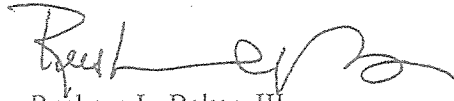
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In addition, the defunding of these programs was completely unexpected. There has never been any prior communication from the Governor's Office for Children to either the County's Youth Services Bureaus or the Local Management Board that this one select performance measure would be used in determining overall performance, or that it would be the sole factor determining future funding.

The Youth Services Bureaus provide essential services to the residents of Prince George's County, most of which have decades of data and testimonies to support the critical need for their continued existence. We urge you to reconsider funding the County's Youth Services Bureaus for Fiscal Year 2017, so that we can avoid a disruption of their greatly needed service to our Bowie, College Park, District Heights, Greenbelt (and Laurel) communities.

Sincerely,



Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive



Derrick L. Davis, Chairman  
County Council

**Council News**

Posted on: July 20, 2016

**VOTERS TO DECIDE ON PROPOSED AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEATS**

**COUNCIL APPROVES CHARTER AMENDMENT PLACING QUESTION FOR AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEATS ON NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**Voters to Decide on Proposed At-Large Council Seats**

The Prince George’s County Council, during the final Council session before August recess on July 19, voted to approve Council Bill 40-2016, legislation placing the question regarding a proposed amendment to the County Charter on the November General Election ballot that provides for the election of two additional members to the County Council to serve at-large.

The Charter Amendment will be placed on the ballot in the following form:

To provide for the election of council members by district and at large, to change the composition of the County Council to a system of nine district members and two at large members, and to provide that a Council Member who has been elected to two consecutive terms of office as a district member shall be eligible to be elected as an at-large member.

In other action, the Council unanimously supported Council Bill 41-2016, legislation addressing situations where the County Executive and the County Council may have differing or competing legal interests. CB-41-2016 proposes a Charter amendment to provide

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there is a conflict of interest between the executive and legislative branches on matters requiring legal services and advice, both branches will engage outside counsel. The proposed Charter Amendment will be placed on the November General Election ballot.

To view Council Bill 40- 2016 and related information, including "Frequently Asked Questions," please click the link below.

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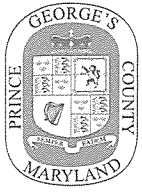
**COUNCIL APPROVES LEGISLATION EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE**

Posted on: July 19, 2016

**COUNCIL'S TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CONVENES JULY 14**

Posted on: July 13, 2016

**COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON**



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**TODD M. TURNER**  
Council Member  
4<sup>th</sup> District

July 21, 2016

Hon. Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor, City of Greenbelt  
25 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Dear <sup>Emmett</sup> Mayor Jordan:

Thank you for August 3, 2015 letter expressing your concerns regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) funding in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. I apologize for my delay in responding to your letter.

I am pleased to inform you that the \$80,000.00 was maintained in the FY16 supplemental budget approved by the County Council. In addition, working with my colleagues, I secured continued funding for the SRO program in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the FY 2017 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Council on May 26, 2016. This funding provides for on-going support to the City of Greenbelt Police Department for Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

This was my second budget session as a County Council Member and I hope my decisions reflect the right balance between what we want, what we need and what we can afford in Prince George's County.

Thank you, again, for contacting my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd".

Hon. Todd M. Turner  
County Council Member, District 4

*Thanks for your efforts!*