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County Executive

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
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“Despite the challenges we have faced over the last several years, we have worked together and made investments that are creating generational transformation for all Prince Georgians. Our County’s future has no limit but our imagination, and we are going to continue working together to secure our promise.”



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Our administration worked collaboratively with the Prince George’s County Council, the House and Senate delegations, the Presiding Officers, and other key members of the State Legislature to make the 2022 Session of the Maryland General Assembly a resounding success for Prince George’s County. During the 2023 Legislative Session, we plan to build on that success and deliver legislative victories that will enhance the lives of the nearly 1,000,000 residents who call Prince George’s County home.

I understand and believe in the power of true partnership, which inevitably leads to securing a level of common good, a better quality of life, and an expansion of opportunity for all residents, not limited to certain zip codes or neighborhoods. Last Legislative Session, I was proud of our Delegation’s tremendous work on behalf of Prince Georgians, and the work of legislative leaders from across the State, who worked with us to secure State funding for key operational and capital projects.

In the last Session, we spearheaded critical economic development initiatives including funding for the new cancer center at the Capital Region Medical Center in Largo, Blue Line Corridor infrastructure, and an amphitheater. We paired this effort with new laws to reform our school board, improve recreation services, invest in affordable housing, and support and protect tenants. We worked with the State to pass legislation to protect our environment, fight climate change, prohibit ghost guns (untraceable firearms), reform our juvenile justice system, and return vital highway user revenues to local jurisdictions.

As we move forward together, we understand that collective support for our youth, care for our seniors, stewardship of our environment, support and protection for our communities, growth in our economy, and increased affordability in our housing market are objectives we all share. I look forward to our continued work together to secure our future.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks
Prince George’s County Executive

BLUE LINE CORRIDOR

Legislative Priorities



We will seek to continue building on the key investments we made during the 2022 Legislative Session to bring much-needed development and amenities to the Blue Line Corridor. Redeveloping this corridor will connect our communities and enhance our ability to maximize access from Central Avenue into districts generated by this area. This Session, we are pursuing State capital funding to continue our vision of a redeveloped Blue Line, including the next phase of the Central Avenue Connector Trail, the reimagining of Downtown Largo and Arena Drive, and the creation of residential, retail, and commercial parcels to maximize the potential of this corridor.



We will continue to ensure that residents, businesses, and institutions in Prince George's County are competitive across the State and region and have the opportunity to grow in our County. Growing the commercial tax base in Prince George's County is a top priority. During the 2023 Legislative Session, Prince George's County will advocate for opportunities to bring economic growth and stimulation to our County. We will also be fighting to improve the road infrastructure that too often is a hindrance to business and a stimulus for traffic and congestion.

In addition, we will advocate for the State to support the demolition of the old Cheverly Hospital, which presents an incredible opportunity to bring significant benefits to the Town of Cheverly, broader Prince George's County, and the State of Maryland by delivering housing, creating opportunities for residents to age in place, and preserving communities. This demolition opens the door to over one billion dollars in opportunity for development for Maryland's gateway to Washington, D.C.

Key to the growth of Prince George's County is our unified effort to continue moving forward on our vision of transit-oriented development centered around our transportation hubs. We will work to secure needed funds to revitalize the downtown New Carrollton Metro Station, which will create a new transit center in Prince George's County that will connect Maryland to Washington, D.C., and major cities along the East Coast.

We will work to protect State funding for critical mass transportation, road, and pedestrian safety projects, as well as funding for local road maintenance, while aligning our regulations with regional competition to ensure the County is viable for business and fertile for development. These projects ensure Prince George's County has economic development opportunities across the entire County that allow us to widen our commercial tax base, grow our population, and strengthen our economy.



The health and safety of all Prince Georgians is a top priority. That includes not only reducing crime, but investing in healthcare delivery, environmental stewardship, and a holistic criminal justice system that is truly just. While the County is undeniably a safer and more attractive place to live, work, and visit, we will continue our efforts to increase the resources that are available for County agencies to reduce and prevent crime. In addition to curbing crime in our communities, we are seeking support to ensure we have the resources to support formerly incarcerated members of our community and reduce rates of recidivism, moving towards a system that focuses on reformation, not simply incarceration. We will advocate for State support for vital crisis intervention and stabilization services for those in our community who have emergencies that are not suitable for a law enforcement response and ensure that mental health and the safety of residents are prioritized in law enforcement engagement.

Securing our promise of safe and healthy communities also involves our environment, ensuring we have clean air and waterways, comprehensive waste diversion, and mitigation tools to combat the negative effects of climate change. We will advocate for additional resources to build the necessary stormwater mitigation infrastructure to create comprehensive flooding solutions. We will seek to target those resources through the lens of environmental justice in areas that have been historically overlooked and underfunded, including communities with failing water infrastructure that are currently coping with historic flooding.



Supporting our families at every stage of life is vitally important to our administration and that begins with our work to support, educate, and engage with our youth. Since the beginning of

our administration, we have been laser-focused on ensuring there was equity in school operational and construction funding, leading to historic investments that will impact our school system for decades. However, COVID-19 has shown us that we need to invest in wraparound services and support for students outside the walls of our school facilities. This year we are advocating for funds to expand out-of-school time programming and build partnerships with local non-profits focused on our youth. In addition to those services, we are seeking support to expand our public pediatric telehealth utility which circulates among campuses of schools that lack the physical space to provide on-site pediatric, mental health, and family health services. As we move forward together toward these goals, we are again going to fight for our seniors, who are the bedrock of our community. We plan to build on our success last Session with the passage of the Elder Abuse Registry Study legislation by bringing much-needed support for social programs and expanding at-home service delivery.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Legislative Priorities



As our County continues to grow in population, wealth, and development, ensuring that our residents can afford to stay in their neighborhoods and enjoy their community's new amenities remains a top priority. Last Session, we secured key resources to support affordable housing, and this Session, we will again pursue funding to facilitate housing preservation and protection for renters who are at risk of displacement. We will fight to secure funding to protect and house our most vulnerable families, complementing our current affordable housing tools with rental units designed to deepen levels of affordability. These State funds enable the County to move forward with our goal of protecting, preserving, and producing the types of housing stock we envision, ones that fulfill our vision to develop our County without displacing our residents.





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