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The Honorable Stuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Pittman:

I wanted to update you on the status of our input to this year's budget process and why we will not be presenting any final or new recommendations. The main changes that occur from our Preliminary Capital Budget to our Final are typically minimal. They are mainly final numbers expected from the State following their session, adjustments from 2020 projects, changes in Impact fees and Grants, and any new projects submitted by the Administration.

After talking with the Budget office, it appears that minimal changes have occurred in these areas. In fact, the largest change will occur once the Budget Office estimates the impact of the CoVD-19 on the County revenues and it is expected to be substantial. The good news is that we were able to provide our Preliminary Budget recommendations to the Administration and the County Council prior to the lock down. Our Preliminary Report gives input as to the priorities from our PAB point of view. We will support the best guess emergency plans that the Administration and the County Council agree upon without a Final PAB recommendation.

At this point, there is nothing of value that the PAB can do in the near term that will bring any value to the decisions making process and we will not be presenting anything to the County Council on May 1. A suggestion would be to restart parts of the budget process later in the year when a more clearer financial picture is available. That process would include reconvening the Spending Affordability Committee to make their assessment. Once the SAC has made a recommendation based on better information the PAB could reconvene and redo our process to achieve meaningful recommendations for the Administration and the County Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry L. Pesterfield".

Jerry L. Pesterfield
Chairman

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