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The Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Anne Arundel County
Arundel Center, P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Interim Deliberation Letter, Proposed
Capital Budget and Program, FY2021 -
FY2026

Dear Mr. Pittman:

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) is a citizen advisory board created by § 532 of the Anne Arundel County Charter. Under § 533 of the Charter, the PAB is charged with recommending the list of capital projects, along with their estimated costs, to be implemented by the County in Fiscal Year 2021 and in the balance of the program through Fiscal Year 2026 in the Capital Budget (CIP). The PAB believes that the CIP should be consistent with the County's goals, policies and plans including the *General Development Plan*, the *Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems* and other Functional Plans as adopted by Anne Arundel County. The PAB also believes that the CIP should be, to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the current adopted program.

The PAB received two days of presentations in February provided by various County Departments, as well as the Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Anne Arundel Community College and the Library. The PAB deliberated on February 26, 2020 and finalized our interim recommendations on projects/programs in the proposed FY2021 - FY2026 Capital Budget. During these deliberations, the PAB was well supported the Budget Office and the Department of Public Works responding to questions about projects and programs as well as cost estimates and budget impacts.

The PAB's recommendations for the Capital Budget and Program are based on the assumed availability of \$80.0 million of County PAYGO funds and General Obligation Bond affordability

of approximately \$940.2 million (presently set at \$163 million per annum until FY2024, then increases to \$170 million per annum until FY2026; this also includes an estimated negative carryover of approximately \$58.8 million from the prior fiscal year); the priority of the projects proposed by the requesting agencies; consistency with the prior adopted CIP (FY2020 – FY2025); and the fiscal and policy impact of these projects on the County. The initial Program, forwarded to the PAB for its deliberation was \$1,708,037,200 and was over assumed affordability by \$687,826,900 in the six-year cycle.

During its deliberation, the PAB, with the assistance of the Budget Office was able to substantially reduce the very large imbalance between the projects/programs with their estimated costs and assumed affordability. In offering these recommendations to you, the PAB has practically met the target of keeping the Capital Budget and Program within the limits of assumed affordability over the entire span of the program from FY2021 to FY2026, subject to changes in affordability ceilings and refined project cost estimates. Our recommendations to you are based on our understanding of the need to be fiscally conservative while funding the most important regulatory, life/safety and system/resource preservation needs.

Following further discussion about the Program, the level of assumed affordability, and the extent of demonstrated unmet need in the County, the PAB voted to unanimously approve the Interim Advisory Recommendation for the FY2021 – FY2026 Capital Budget.

The Interim Advisory recommended Program by the PAB is \$1,217,622,200 and is over assumed affordability by \$197,411,900 (16% of the six-year amount). The Capital Budget for FY2021 recommended by the PAB, valued at \$265,771,200 is over the assumed affordability by \$106,560,900.

After the application of additional anticipated funding sources by the Budget Office, the recommended Program by the PAB is over assumed affordability by \$5,261,900 (0.4% of the six-year amount), and the Capital Budget for FY2021 recommended by the PAB is over the assumed affordability by \$30,910,900.

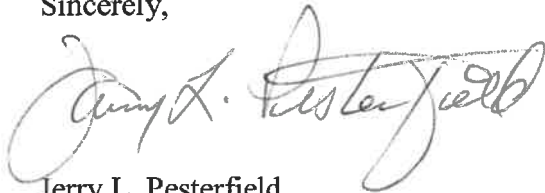
The PAB wishes to draw your attention to the following specific projects within the six-year program. These projects listed below are arrayed in no special order of significance:

- *F575100* Public Safety Support – the PAB supports the expansion of the Public Safety Support complex.
- *F003620* Firing Range - the PAB supports the design and construction of a new firing range for the Anne Arundel Police Department.
- *P579900* West County Swim Center - the PAB supports additional recreation facilities in West County.
- *C002118* South County Senior Center Renovation and Expansion - the PAB supports the renovation and expansion of the South County Senior Center.

Enclosed is the FY2020 (FY2020 – FY2025) Approved Program, the Departmental Requests and the PAB’s Interim Deliberation by Project Class Summary for your information.

If there are any questions regarding our comments, please contact Cindy Carrier in the Office of Planning and Zoning.

Sincerely,



Jerry L. Pesterfield
Chairman

Enclosures

1. Affordability Comparison – FY2021 – FY2026
2. Project Class Summary-FY 2020 - FY 2025 Approved Program
3. Project Class Summary-FY 2021 - FY 2026 PAB Interim Recommendation

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