

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND BALLOT QUESTIONS  
FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION**

**QUESTION A**

**To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to permit the County Council to increase the minimum value of purchases and contracts subject to a simplified competitive procurement process from greater than \$5,000 to greater than \$10,000; and increase the minimum value of purchases that are required to be published on the County website from \$5,000 or greater to greater than \$10,000.**

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would increase the minimum value of purchases and contracts that qualify for a simplified competitive procurement from over \$5,000 to over \$10,000; and also increase by the same amount the minimum value of purchases that are required to be published on the County website.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the existing limits in the Charter, meaning any purchase or contract over \$5,000 would qualify for a simplified competitive procurement process and be required to be published on the County website.

(Resolution No. 15-24, passed May 20, 2024)

**QUESTION B**

**To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to require that all meetings and legislative sessions of the County Council comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.**

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment requires all meetings and legislative sessions of the County Council to comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current Charter provision that County Council meetings be open to the public.

(Resolution No. 20-24, passed June 3, 2024)

## QUESTION C

**To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to provide that a member of the County Board of Appeals may serve up to three full consecutive four-year terms.**

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would allow a member of the Board of Appeals to serve three full consecutive four-year terms.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current term limit for a member of the Board of Appeals, which is two consecutive four-year terms.

(Resolution No. 23-24, passed June 3, 2024)

## QUESTION D

**To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to clarify the duties of the County Auditor.**

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would clarify that the County Auditor's access to records and files includes those maintained by all officers, agents and employees of the County, including those confidential by law; clarify that the County Auditor's current post audit of all County agencies includes all County offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions, courts, corporations and other agencies; clarifies that, with approval by resolution of the Council, the Auditor may examine and audit all accounts, books, and records involving the activities and accounts of the County, including those for which the County is an agent, custodian, or trustee; clarify the requirement that any special examinations or audits by the County Auditor to be reported to the County agencies includes all County offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions, courts, and corporations covered thereby; require any allegations of or investigation related to employee fraud, waste, or abuse in County government be sent to the County Auditor and for the County Auditor to report any exceptions to findings of fraud, waste, or abuse allegations or investigation to the County Council and County Executive; require County employees or other persons associated with the expenditure of County funds to cooperate with the County Auditor in the performance of the Auditor's duties under the Charter; and prohibit retaliation against any employee or other person who assists or provides information to the Office of the County Auditor. This amendment also clarifies that the County Council's authority to assign additional functions, duties, and personnel to the County Auditor requires a resolution approved by the County Council.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would maintain the current language granting the County Auditor the authority to access all records and files pertaining to County business; the authority to make a current post audit of all County agencies; with the approval by resolution of the Council, examine and audit all accounts, books, and records reflecting transactions involving the financial activities and affairs of the County, including those for which the County has a responsibility as an agent, custodian, or trustee; require any special examinations or audits by the County Auditor to be reported to the department or office covered thereby; receive any

investigation report related to employee theft or fraud in County government, inspect any records related thereto, and report any exceptions to the findings to the County Council and County Executive; and the authority of the County Council to assign additional functions, duties, and personnel to the County Auditor.

(Resolution No. 27-24, passed July 1, 2024)