

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND BALLOT QUESTIONS
FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION**

QUESTION A

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Executive Branch – Merit System - Binding Arbitration

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to permit all authorized employee representatives to enter into binding arbitration to resolve labor disputes relating to the terms and conditions of employment.

Currently, only authorized employee representatives of uniformed firefighters and uniformed officers of the County Police Department, Sheriff’s Department, and Office of Detention Facilities may enter into binding arbitration with the County to resolve labor disputes relating to the terms and conditions of employment. There are several other labor organizations in the County that cannot enter into binding arbitration with the County.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would permit all authorized employee representatives to enter into binding arbitration to resolve labor disputes relating to the terms and conditions of employment.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current binding arbitration provisions in the County Charter, meaning only authorized employee representatives of uniformed firefighters and uniformed officers of the County Police Department, Sheriff’s Department, and Office of Detention Facilities may enter into binding arbitration to resolve labor disputes relating to the terms and conditions of employment.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

(Resolution No. 30-25, passed October 20, 2025)

QUESTION B

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Legislative Branch – Officers – Specific Position Titles

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to remove specific position titles from the officers appointed by the Council.

Currently, the Charter provides that the County Council shall have an Administrative Officer appointed by the Council and other officers as provided in the County Council's Rules of Procedure.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would remove from the County Charter the specific position titles of the officers the County Council may appoint.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current Charter provision that the County Council shall appoint an officer with the specific position title of Administrative Officer.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

(Resolution No. 15-26, passed June 15, 2026)

QUESTION C

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Executive Branch – Planning Advisory Board – Staggered Terms – Council Confirmation

To amend the Anne Arundel County Charter to establish staggered terms for the appointees to the Planning Advisory Board and to require County Council confirmation of County Executive appointments to the Planning Advisory Board.

Currently, the members of the Planning Advisory Board are appointed by the County Executive and serve terms coterminous with the County Executive or until their successors are appointed.

A vote **FOR** the charter amendment would require, starting December 2026, staggered initial terms for appointees to the seven-member County Planning Advisory Board and County Council confirmation of the County Executive's appointees, meaning the County Executive, with the confirmation of the County Council, would appoint one member for a one-year term, two members for two-year terms, two members for three-year terms, and two members for four-year terms, with four-year terms for all members thereafter.

A vote **AGAINST** the charter amendment would retain the current terms of members of the Planning Advisory Board, meaning a term coterminous with the County Executive's term or until their successor shall qualify, and retain the authority of the County Executive to appoint members of the Planning Advisory Board without confirmation of the County Council.

For the Charter Amendment

Against the Charter Amendment

(Resolution No. 18-26, passed June 15, 2026)