

Montgomery County
East County Regional Services Center

County Executive's FY2017 Budget Forum - January 6, 2016
SUMMARY/NOTES

Jewru Bandeh, East County Regional Services Center Director welcomed guests and introduced Anthony Ramirez, Chair of the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB).

Anthony Ramirez welcomed guests, made brief remarks about ECCAB and introduced County Executive Ike Leggett and the Office of Budget and Management staff. The OMB power point briefing was provided by Scott Coble focusing on: The County Executive's priorities, Tax supported expenditures, FY17 fiscal projections and outlook, operating budget-services/capital budget-facilities, selected fiscal assumptions/resources and expenditures.

The County Executive's remarks followed the briefing by OMB staff. Key points – the FY17-FY22 Fiscal Plan, County's budget priorities and distribution/allocation, Fiscal outlook, continuing challenges and revenue uncertainties, FY16 savings plan, budget shortfalls closed over the years, fiscal assumptions and his six-point economic plan, including expanding affordable senior housing.

The County Executive's presentation was followed by a questions/answers session.

Topics/issues raised by residents included:

- Resources for public libraries and appreciation for the refresh program
- Public safety (Police)-support for additional officers and expanded community programs/services
- Affordable housing for seniors and workforce housing for the working poor
- Need for sidewalk construction/repairs and pedestrian safety in Fairland-Musgrove Road
- Transportation related improvements-crosswalks, bus stops, street lighting
- Veterans homelessness-support for housing resources
- Appreciation for transparency
- Revitalization of the Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center
- Need for positive youth development/engagement programs/services
- Expand community services programs for East County through the Executive and Council grants program
- Support for the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity programs at the ECRSC, volunteer support
- Expand access/use of public parks/facilities

The County Executive thanked residents. The forum ended at 8:53 p.m.