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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Spending Affordability Guidelines for the FY11 Operating Budget

Background

1. Section 305 of the Charter and Chapter 20 of the Montgomery County Code require the Council to set spending affordability guidelines for the operating budget for the next fiscal year.
2. The guidelines must specify:
 - a) A ceiling on property tax revenues, which are used to fund the aggregate operating budget.
 - b) A ceiling on the aggregate operating budget. The aggregate operating budget is the total appropriation from current operating revenues, including appropriations for capital projects but excluding appropriations for: enterprise funds, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, specific grants for which the spending is contingent on the grants, and expenditures equal to the estimated tuition and tuition-related charges at Montgomery College.
 - c) The spending allocations for the County Government, the Board of Education, Montgomery College, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, debt service and current revenue funding of capital projects. As noted above, the College's allocation excludes expenditures equal to the estimated tuition and tuition-related charges.
3. The legislation lists a number of economic and financial factors to be considered in adopting the guidelines, requires a public hearing before the Council adopts guidelines, and requires that the Council adopt guidelines no later than the second Tuesday in February for the fiscal year starting the following July 1.

4. At the public hearing on February 2, 2010, the public had the opportunity to comment on the following guidelines.
- a) The amount of property tax revenue will not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with §305 of the Charter that would require nine affirmative votes.
 - b) The ceiling on the aggregate operating budget and the agency allocations:

	\$ Million
County Debt Service	274.9
MNCPPC Debt Service	5.0
Current Revenue, specific projects	25.0
Current Revenue, PAYGO	2.0
MCPS	2,044.5
Montgomery College	149.2
County Government	1,205.5
MNCPPC	102.8
AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET	3,808.9

Action

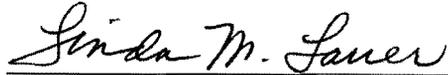
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

1. The spending affordability guidelines for the FY11 Operating Budget are:
 - a) The amount of property tax revenue will not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with §305 of the Charter that would require nine affirmative votes.
 - b) The ceiling on the aggregate operating budget and the agency spending allocations in **millions** of dollars are:

	\$ Million
County Debt Service	274.9
MNCPPC Debt Service	5.0
Current Revenue, PAYGO	25.0
Current Revenue, other	2.0
MCPS	2,044.5
Montgomery College	149.2
County Government	1,205.5
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AGGREGATE OPERATING BUDGET	3,808.9

2. The Council's intent is that \$3 million of the County Government's allocation will be appropriated for Community Grants (this amount excludes Community Service Grants), with Executive-recommended specific Community Grants totaling \$1.5 million and Council specific Community Grants totaling \$1.5 million.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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