

**COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING
FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND**

Wednesday, July 8 – 7:30 p.m.

**5th Floor Conference Room
Council Office Building**

Committee Members Present:

David Scull, Chair

Sharon Cohen, Vice Chair

Lee Annis, Jr.

Paul Schwartz

Committee Members Absent:

Margaret Greene

Staff:

Amanda Mihill, County Council

Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Scull welcomed Jennifer Bevan-Dangel and Raquelle Contreras of Common Cause, Maryland to the meeting.

Committee members continued their discussion with Ms. Bevan-Dangle and Ms. Contreras information that may help the Committee in its deliberations, including historical trends regarding the County's elections such as number of local candidates and campaign contributions. Copies of the presentation from Ms. Bevan-Dangle and Ms. Contreras will be made part of the meeting minutes.

Committee members also discussed with Ms. Bevan-Dangle issues related to increasing voter participation. Responding to Committee member questions, Ms. Bevan-Dangle stated that 2 issues that may increase participation are primary reform (there are many independents who are unable to participate meaningfully in primary elections) and redistricting.

Committee members unanimously approved the minutes from the May 18 meeting; motion made by Lee Annis and seconded by Paul Schwartz.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.