



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Friday, July 16, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 10:37 A.M. on Friday, July 16, 2021.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President  
Councilmember Andrew Friedson  
Councilmember Will Jawando  
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President  
Councilmember Evan Glass  
Councilmember Sidney Katz  
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

### **Meeting with U.S. Senator Ben Cardin**

Senator Cardin provided opening remarks and mentioned that he recently met with President Biden and provided an update on the President's three-part Build Back Better agenda, including the American Rescue Plan's expansion of the Child Tax Credit, which began sending out monthly payments yesterday, July 15, to families to help reduce child poverty; the status of the American Jobs Plan to create jobs and rebuild infrastructure and the bipartisan Infrastructure Bill to invest in areas such as transportation, clean water, universal broadband, and clean power infrastructure; and the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution that would pave the way to pass a wide-ranging spending package over the next decade for antipoverty measures, education, and climate protection and would also include funding for social programs in the American Families Plan such as universal pre-K, paid family and medical leave, and nutrition assistance.

Senator Cardin responded to questions from Councilmembers on immigration, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Dreamers; the need for engagement with countries experiencing political upheavals such as Cuba, Haiti and Venezuela; Intellectual Disability Act (IDA) funding; voting rights; the proposed Pandemic Center in Montgomery County; global assistance to African countries that are in desperate need of Covid vaccinations; expansion of Medicare for all under the

Affordable Care Act and availability of telehealth and telemedicine; funding for mental health; and efforts regarding more environmental protection for the Chesapeake Bay.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 A.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council