

Resolution No.:	<u>20-755</u>
Introduced:	<u>March 18, 2025</u>
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Audit Committee

SUBJECT: Renewal of Council Contract for Audit Services

Background

1. Section 315 of the Montgomery County Charter states that: “The Council shall contract with, or otherwise employ, a certified public accountant to make annually an independent post audit of all financial records and actions of the County, its officials and employees.”
The Montgomery County Code (Section 33-51(c)) indicates that: “An independent audit of the retirement system will be completed annually by the firm of certified public accountants under contract with the Council.”
The Montgomery County Code (Section 21-24(d)) states that: “Financial transactions involving County fire tax funds must be included in the annual audit required by the Charter.”
2. Council Resolution 16-326, adopted October 2, 2007, established Council procedures for the selection of the independent auditor. The procedures direct the Council’s Management and Fiscal Policy Committee to perform the functions of the Contractor Qualification and Selection Committee, including reviewing and evaluating proposals and recommending independent auditors to the County Council.
3. Council Resolution 16-826, adopted January 27, 2009, established a Council Audit Committee consisting of the members of the Management and Fiscal Policy Committee (currently known as the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee) and the Council President and Council Vice President as ex officio members. The Audit Committee is charged with providing oversight of, among other things, County audit activities and fulfills the functions of the Management and Fiscal Policy Committee established in Council Resolution 16-326.

4. The procedures in Council Resolution 16-326 indicate that the final selection of the independent auditor will be made by the County Council.
5. The Audit Committee unanimously recommends that the Council renew the contract with the firm of SB & Company LLC to conduct the audit of the County Government financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; the audit of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; the audit of the Montgomery County Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; the audit of the Montgomery County Union Employees Deferred Compensation Plan financial statements for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025; and other tests, reviews and certifications. The Council may renew the contract with SB & Company LLC to complete the audits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027 and the calendar years ending December 31, 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Action

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

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland authorizes the Council President to renew the contract with SB & Company LLC to conduct the audit of the County Government financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; the audit of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; the audit of the Montgomery County Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; the audit of the Montgomery County Union Employees Deferred Compensation Plan financial statements for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025; and other tests, reviews and certifications.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council