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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to County Charter - Resolution to Acknowledge Receipt of a Petition and Approve the Placement of Question A on the 2026 General Election Ballot

Background

1. Section 5 of Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, Section 7-102(c)(3) of the Election Law Article of the Maryland Code, and Chapter 16 of the Montgomery County Code permit qualified voter petitions to initiate amendments to the Charter of Montgomery County.

2. On July 21, 2026, the County received a petition (the "Petition") to amend Section 305 {Approval of the Budget; Tax Levies} of the County Charter. The County transmitted the Petition to the Montgomery County Board of Elections for the review of voter signatures under Section 6-107 of the Election Law Article. The County will timely transmit any additional voter signatures it receives to the Board for review.

3. Under Section 7-103 of the Election Law Article, as amended by the 2026 Laws of Maryland Chapter 439, the County Attorney must certify to the State Board of Elections, no later than July 1 preceding the general election, the ballot language of a petitioned Charter amendment. In anticipation of the Petition submitted on July 21, the County Attorney certified ballot language for the Petition to the State Board on June 29, 2026. The Board has posted the language submitted by the County Attorney for public comments; public comments must be submitted to the State Board by 5:00 p.m. on July 30. See Ballot questions for the November 3, 2026 election. On or before August 3, 2026, the County Attorney will review any public comments received by the State Board, and will certify the final ballot language to the State Board under Section 7-103(c)(5) of the Election Law Article.

4. The purposes of this Resolution are to: (a) acknowledge the County's receipt of the Petition; and (b) subject to the verification of signatures and the certification of the ballot question by the Board of Elections under Maryland law, approve the placement of the

petitioned ballot question as Question A on the 2026 general election ballot pursuant to Section 7-102(c)(3) of the Election Law Article.

Action

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

Subject to the verification of Petition signatures and the certification of the ballot question under Maryland law, including Sections 6-206 through 6-208 of the Election Law Article of the Maryland Code, the proposed amendment to Charter Section 305 received by the County via Petition on July 21, 2026 must appear on the 2026 general election ballot as Question A.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council