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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Support of the Findings and Recommendations from the Montgomery County Colocation of Public Facilities Study and the Ongoing Efforts of the Directors Oversight Committee

Background

1. The Council recognizes that the development of new public facilities is becoming more challenging and expensive due to limited available land.
2. The Council maintains the goal of providing high quality services to residents and efficiently using limited resources.
3. The Council acknowledges that the County has a successful history of colocation and seeks to build on this success through a strategic approach to colocation and enhanced interagency partnerships.
4. The Council approved funding for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to study colocation and to examine ways the public can benefit from colocation to more efficiently and cost effectively provide facilities such as parks, schools, community health centers, libraries, or other public amenities or services.
5. M-NCPPC completed a Colocation White Paper in January 2015 that addressed possible opportunities and challenges for colocation in the County and reviewed colocation policies and practices in other jurisdictions.
6. The Directors Oversight Committee (DOC), a group of senior level leadership representing the County's agencies and departments, was created in 2016 to follow up on the 2015 White Paper by establishing a framework for the County to pursue colocation opportunities for county agencies and departments.
7. The DOC completed the Montgomery County Colocation of Public Facilities Study in April 2018 and briefed the Council on the study on October 16, 2018.


8. The Council recognizes that the definition of colocation is broad and includes the sharing of physical space, operational infrastructure, and service delivery on a regular basis to save resources and increase potential collaboration.
9. The Council desires that agencies and departments continue to work together to develop and maintain innovative facilities that provide high quality services to residents.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland supports the following:

- 1) The findings and recommendations in the attached Executive Summary of the Montgomery County Colocation of Public Facilities Study;
- 2) The ongoing efforts of the DOC to monitor, encourage, and ensure that colocation policies and practices become and remain a part of the County property development process.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


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