

STATE OF MARYLAND-CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION

To: President of the County Council of Montgomery County

We, the undersigned voters of Montgomery County, hereby petition to have this amendment of the County Charter submitted to a vote of the registered voters of the County, for approval or rejection at the next general election.

It is the intent of this proposed amendment to to limit the authority of the County Council to approve an aggregate operating budget which exceeds the aggregate operating budget for the preceding fiscal year by a percentage increase greater than the annual average increase of the Consumer Price Index. The full text of this proposal is printed on the back of this form.

NOTICE TO SIGNERS: Print and sign your name (1) as it appears on the voter registration list, OR (2) your surname of registration and at least one full given name AND the initial of any other names. *Please print or type all information other than your signature. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid.* By signing this petition, you agree that the above-mentioned charter amendment proposal should be placed on the ballot as a question at the next general election and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Maryland and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition. *Please note: The information you provide on this petition may be used to change your voter registration address.*

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By Authority – Committee to Control MoCo Spending – Victoria Birkett, Treasurer.

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Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page, and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief all signatures on this page are genuine and all signers are registered voters of Maryland.	
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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CONTROL SPENDING

This is a petition pursuant to Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution and Section 507 of the Charter of Montgomery County to submit to voters of Montgomery County in the next general election a proposal to amend the Charter of Montgomery County to limit the authority of the County Council to approve an aggregate operating budget which exceeds the aggregate operating budget for the preceding fiscal year by a percentage increase greater than the annual average increase of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the twelve months preceding December first of each year, except by a vote of all current Councilmembers that a greater increase is justified by an emergency, by deleting “seven Councilmembers” from the first sentence in Section 305, Paragraph 2 of the Charter of Montgomery County and replacing that language with “all current Councilmembers, following a finding by all current Councilmembers that an emergency justifies such an increase.”

Upon amendment, Section 305, Paragraph 2 of the Charter of Montgomery County shall read:

An aggregate operating budget which exceeds the aggregate operating budget for the preceding fiscal year by a percentage increase greater than the annual average increase of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the twelve months preceding December first of each year requires the affirmative vote of all current Councilmembers, following a finding by all current Councilmembers that an emergency justifies such an increase. For the purposes of this section, the aggregate operating budget does not include: (1) the operating budget for any enterprise fund; (2) the operating budget for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; (3) expenditures equal to tuition and tuition-related charges estimated to be received by Montgomery College; and (4) any grant which can only be spent for a specific purpose and which cannot be spent until receipt of the entire amount of revenue is assured from a source other than County government.

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