

DISTRICT 2 NEWS - Council Meeting Time Change & New Participation Option



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Good afternoon! I hope you are all well. I have two items for you today:

The public hearing for Councilwoman Pickard's **Bill 64-20 Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay Area** ([LINK](#)) will be held during the Tuesday September 8th meeting (the day after Labor Day). We've discussed this proposed legislation with many of you, and we'd love to hear from you for the public hearing on this Bill. The online comment submission tool is active now and is one way for the public to submit comments. Comments can also be submitted using the new live testimony option mentioned below. See this link for instructions and submitting testimony <https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/submit-county-council-testimony-online--attend-virtual-meetings>

Council meetings will now begin at 6:00 pm and will include an option for live testimony - starting with the September 8th meeting. Live testimony requires registration ahead of time and registration must be completed by 8:00 am the day of the meeting. Please note, spoken testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per person for each opportunity to be heard. Members of the public will be allowed to address the County Council using audio only and without video. Appropriate technology is required in order to register, join the live meetings, and speak at the appropriate times. Virtual County Council meetings are conducted using the Zoom application. See press release with website link below for additional information.

The County Council will continue to hold all meetings virtually in an effort to keep members of the public and all staff as safe as possible during the current COVID-19 health crisis, and to comply with the State of Maryland's Safer at Home recommendation and Governor Hogan's Executive Order limiting public gatherings.

Starting on September 8, 2020, County Council Meetings will begin at 6:00 P.M and will include closed captioning. In addition, the Council will allow live testimony during the meetings. Pre-registration for this is required.

The Council continues to work hard to keep the public informed and involved in all meetings. Members of the public can still submit testimony and comments to the County Council using the available tools, can watch or listen to meetings, and beginning August 24, 2020, can sign up to offer spoken testimony during live virtual meetings. Please visit the Council website for updated information on how to participate or [click here](#).

Please continue to monitor the [County Council website](#) to stay up to date on meeting format and participation as we move forward during the COVID-19 crisis.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening.

Kind Regards,

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