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**PRINCE GEORGE'S FORWARD TASK FORCE RELEASES ITS FIRST
REPORT, "ACTIONS TODAY"**

*Report Includes 38 Recommendations That Will be Implemented by January 1,
2021*

LARGO, MD – Today, Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and the Prince George's Forward Task Force released "Actions Today", the first of three reports on concrete steps Prince George's County is taking to position the County to emerge stronger than ever after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This report from the Forward Task Force is a critical first step towards a thriving, bright future for Prince George's County as we navigate our recovery from this pandemic," said Alsobrooks. "This first report is data-driven and innovative, and I am excited and proud to implement these recommendations. I want to thank all the subject-matter experts on our Forward Task Force who have volunteered their time to help us move Prince George's County forward."

Among the Actions Today recommendations are expanding technical business assistance/support, adopting a holistic approach to student well-being, enhancing County remote-work policies, streamlining the County's PPE purchasing power, and coordinating food distribution. All of these recommendations have been approved by County Executive Alsobrooks for immediate implementation by January 1, 2021. The full report, along with details of each of the 38 recommendations, can be found at princegeorgesforward.com.

Forward Task Force Co-chair Dr. Charlene Dukes said, "As part of our commitment to helping the County emerge stronger from this pandemic, we have identified several improvements that can be made now to improve how we live, work, and do business in the County. The ideas we are implementing are not only quick and actionable, they also address an immediate need."

Forward Task Force Co-chair Dave Velazquez added, “This is exciting in part because it is only the beginning. Looking forward, we will also be recommending new ways that we can make longer term progress over the next several months and years. We are working hard to position the County for a stronger, more prosperous future.”

County Executive Alsobrooks established the Forward Task Force in May to help guide the County’s recovery efforts. Comprised of experienced leaders and policy experts with deep ties to the County, the Forward Task Force will be issuing recommendations in phases, knowing there are immediate, short- and long-term steps the County can take to bolster all areas of its recovery.

The Forward Task Force subject areas were chaired by experts in their field with close ties to Prince George’s County.

- Government Operations: Hon. Martin O’Malley, former Governor, State of Maryland
- Education Recovery: Dr. Darryll Pines, PhD, President-Designate, University of Maryland College Park
- Human and Social Services Recovery: Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way of the National Capital Area
- Health Recovery: Dr. Joseph Wright, MD, Sr. Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, University of Maryland Capital Region Health
- Economic Recovery: Thomas Graham, Principal, TH Graham and Associates

About Prince George’s Forward

The Prince George's Forward Task Force is an engaged group of experts and County employees working together to address the impacts of COVID-19 on all Prince Georgians as we guide our path forward. Together, we are navigating the complex and challenging environment to reimagine and rebuild our County stronger than it has ever been before. Through collaboration and innovation, we will offer ideas and recommendations to County Executive Alsobrooks on actions, programs, and public policies that will improve the health, safety, educational, and economic circumstances of County residents.

For more on the task force and to read “Actions Today”, visit PrinceGeorgesForward.com.

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