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"Building the People's Movement"

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The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks
Prince George's County Executive
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive – Suite 400
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Dear County Executive Alsobrooks:

The Prince George's County Council met as the Committee of the Whole on June 24, 2021 and reviewed your recommendations for the FY 2022-2024 Local Impact Grant (LIG) Multiyear Spending Plan contained in your June 9, 2021 letter as required by State and County law. We understand that this draft Spending Plan will be forwarded to the Local Development Council (LDC), pursuant to Section 10-309.02 of the County Code, for review after these comments are received from the County Council.

There are no additional comments beyond the possibility, first discussed late last year, that we jointly work to refine the process with the goal of improving transparency, efficiency, and community acceptance of this process. The Council would recommend that improvements are made to the LIG multiyear spending plan timetable of adoption and procedures. In 2015, Council Bill 88 was enacted that requires a review by the Council at the beginning of the process in addition to the review that takes place during the legislative process to adopt the spending plan. Transparency relative to revenue and expenses is hard to follow from the gaming site to the State of Maryland and back to the County through the various layers of State and Local government. Also, considering that the requirements of plan adoption do not align well with the County budget process we would like to work with the administration and our State partners to plan adjustments.

Currently, the date of adoption occurs within just a few months of the receipt of the final adjusted numbers, therefore, we suggest moving the date that LDC comments are due to the Council to May 1st. This will better align this process with the budget cycle, improve transparency and minimize a process described in a recent Council Hearing as cumbersome and less than optimal.

The County Council appreciates your consideration of these recommendations. We look forward to continued engagement with you about the most impactful uses of LIG funding from the Prince George's County gaming facility. Please contact Mr. Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator and copy Nathaniel Tutt, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: County Council Members
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