

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2019, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 16-19

Introduced by Mr. Volke

By the County Council, April 15, 2019

1 RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to respond to a request for documentation  
2 from the County Auditor

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4 WHEREAS, Section 311 of the County Charter provides for open inspection to the  
5 County Auditor of all records and files pertaining to the receipt and expenditure of  
6 County funds by all agents and employees of the County and all County offices,  
7 departments, institutions, boards, commissions, courts, corporations and other  
8 agencies; and

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10 WHEREAS, Section 311 further provides that the County Council shall have the  
11 power to assign additional functions, duties and personnel to the County Auditor  
12 not inconsistent with those duties provided in Section 311; and

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14 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 48-15 recognized and memorialized additional duties  
15 of the County Auditor to include a duty to submit to the County Council a written  
16 assessment of the fiscal and public policy considerations of each bill and resolution  
17 in advance of the scheduled legislative hearing date; and

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19 WHEREAS, since February 19, 2019 the County Auditor has made repeated  
20 requests regarding information related to Department of Public Works' current cost  
21 estimates to complete certain sub-projects in the capital budget, detailed by expense  
22 categories, along with the most recent engineer construction cost estimates; and

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24 WHEREAS, the information requested will not be released to the County Auditor  
25 by the Department of Public Works until the Office of the Budget approves even  
26 though open inspection of all records and files pertaining to the receipt and  
27 expenditure of County funds is guaranteed under the Charter and it will become a  
28 part of a duty to assess the fiscal and public policy of the proposed County budget  
29 for fiscal year 2020; and

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31 WHEREAS, there is no lawful basis for withholding the information requested by  
32 the County Auditor and failing to provide it in a timely manner is preventing the  
33 County Auditor from performing the duties of that office; now, therefore, be it

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35 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the County*  
36 *Council strongly urges the County Executive to immediately respond to the County*  
37 *Auditor and provide all requested records and files in furtherance of the legal duties of that*  
38 *office; and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.