



### **For Immediate Release: Board Adopts FY 2014 Budget**

**April 30, 2013** – Today, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2014 budget. This Budget reflects the difficult struggle Fairfax County has had in order to maintain our excellent quality of life during a prolonged and sluggish recovery from the Great Recession. Adding to the Board’s difficulty have been the effects of Sequestration on our corporate neighbors, our commercial tax base and federal employees.

“A great amount of effort and compromise went into this year’s budget. The final product contains positive steps to resolve structural imbalances with increasing demands for services coupled with falling or stagnant revenues.” Chairman Bulova said. “During difficult economic times, our Board has agreed to invest in important County priorities such as education, public safety, community services, and critical transportation improvements while keeping taxes affordable for our residents.”

A few highlights of the budget include:

- Investing in a **quality educational system**—The County transfer for School Operating is increased 2% over FY 2013, an amount sufficient to address the School’s projected increase in the student population.
- **Keeping taxes affordable**—The adopted budget includes a real estate tax rate of \$1.085 per \$100 of assessed value, a one cent increase from the \$1.075 rate in FY 2013 and one cent less than the County Executive’s proposed budget increase.
- **Eliminating a projected shortfall of \$169 million**—Through a one cent increase in the tax rate coupled with **\$21 million in County agency reductions**, maintaining **County compensation at the current FY 2013 level**, and the **net elimination of 41 positions**, the adopted budget, the shortfall is eliminated.
- Developing an **efficient transportation network**—Fairfax County has made it a priority to connect people and places, allocating **\$53 million in general fund support** to transit and transportation throughout the County.
- Investing in safe streets and neighborhoods—The Budget allocates a total of \$443 million to **Public Safety**, including Police, Fire and Rescue, Sheriff’s Office, Emergency 911 and other services.
- **Protecting Human Services**—Allots \$395 million to important family, health, and neighborhood and community services and maintains at least \$1 million in reserves to

address critical items in the Human Services area that may be at risk of federal cutbacks. **Special Education graduates** from our public schools will continue to be served in this budget, as will **infants requiring early intervention** services.

- **Maintaining community services**—Cuts in prior years have involved fewer hours and a reduction in service for our Parks and Libraries. This budget allocates \$50 million to **Parks and Libraries**, preserving current service hours and funding without raising fees.
- Additional information on the FY 2014 Budget can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb).

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