

Response to Questions on the FY 2016 Budget

Request By: Chairman Bulova

Question: Please explain the discrepancy between the 2.87% revenue growth and the 2.61% expenditure growth as shown on slides 7 and 8 of the County Executive’s budget presentation.

Response: As shown in the table below, the 2.87% revenue growth shown on slide 7 of the County Executive’s budget presentation is based on a comparison of the FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan to the *FY 2015 Revised Budget Plan*. This comparison is used because the *FY 2015 Revised Budget Plan* includes the most recent projection of total revenue to be received in FY 2015.

The growth in disbursements of 2.61% shown on page 8 of the County Executive’s budget presentation compares the FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan to the FY 2015 Adopted Budget Plan. The *FY 2015 Revised Budget Plan* is not used as the base for the disbursement growth calculation as it includes expenditure authority for encumbrances carried forward from the prior year and funding for one-time requirements identified as part of the *FY 2014 Carryover Review*.

It should be noted that the table below only shows General Fund revenue and disbursements. In addition to revenue, the disbursement levels shown are supported by transfers in from other funds and, in the case of the *FY 2015 Revised Budget Plan*, the carryover of unexpended balances from FY 2014.

	FY 2015 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2015 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2016 Advertised Budget Plan	Inc/(Dec) Over Adopted	% Inc/(Dec) Over Adopted	Inc/(Dec) Over Revised	% Inc/(Dec) Over Revised
Total Revenue	3,708,563,492	3,701,038,589	3,807,380,285	98,816,793	2.66%	106,341,696	2.87%
Total Disbursements	3,716,363,975	3,780,165,625	3,813,478,453	97,114,478	2.61%	33,312,828	0.88%