

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 19, 2016**

AGENDA

- 10:00 Board Decision on the County's and Schools' FY 2016 Third Quarter Review
- 10:00 Board Markup of the County Executive's FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2017 Add-On Package
- 10:00 Board Decision on the Fairfax County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2017 - 2021 (With Future Fiscal Years to 2026)

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10:00 a.m.

Board Decision on the County's and Schools' FY 2016 Third Quarter Review

ISSUE:

Board decision on the County's and Schools' *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* to include Supplemental Appropriation Resolution (SAR) AS 16190 and 15311, and Amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution (FPR) AS 16901.

RECOMMENDATION:

The County Executive recommends that the Board approve staff recommendations including the County's and Schools' *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review*.

TIMING:

The public hearings on the *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* were held April 5, 6, and 7, 2016. Action should be taken on the *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* prior to the mark-up of the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan so that a revised FY 2016 General Fund ending balance will be known.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Board members are requested to bring the Memorandum to the Board of Supervisors dated March 14, 2016, from Edward L. Long Jr., County Executive, with attachments, transmitting the County's *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* with appropriate resolutions.

The *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* package is available at:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/third_quarter/fy2016/third_quarter.htm

STAFF:

Edward L. Long Jr., County Executive
Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer

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Board Markup of the County Executive's FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2017 Add-On Package

ISSUE:

Board markup of the County Executive's FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2017 Add-On Package.

RECOMMENDATION:

The County Executive recommends that the Board approve staff recommendations in the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2017 Add-On Package.

TIMING:

The public hearings on the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan were held on April 5, April 6, and April 7, 2016 and the markup is scheduled for today, April 19, 2016.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: April 8, 2016 Memorandum to the Board of Supervisors from Edward L. Long Jr., County Executive, with attachments transmitting the FY 2017 Add-On Package. The FY 2017 Add-On Package is also available at:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2017/fy2017-addon-package.pdf>

Board Members are requested to bring the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan. Budget documents are available at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

STAFF:

Edward L. Long Jr., County Executive
Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2016
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Edward E. Long Jr.
County Executive

SUBJECT: Adjustments to FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan (Add-On Package) and Impacts on the FY 2018 Budget

This package has been prepared to present the revenue and expenditure adjustments that have been identified since the preparation of the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan and the FY 2018 Budget Proposal. Based on the adjustments detailed in the FY 2017 Add-On package, the available FY 2017 General Fund balance is \$23.57 million and there is a projected shortfall of \$76.53 million in FY 2018.

Staff has reviewed General Fund revenue estimates based on the most up-to-date information. In addition to the revenue adjustments associated with FY 2017 administrative adjustments, a net increase of \$1.28 million to FY 2017 revenues and a net decrease of \$1.01 million to FY 2018 revenues is recommended as part of the Add-on Process. The revenue adjustments are based on State budget amendments approved during the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly approved an increase to the state-supported employee compensation of Constitutional Officers and their employees and an increase to State Aid to Localities with Police Departments (HB 599). These adjustments result in an additional \$1.28 million to the County in Revenue from the Commonwealth in FY 2017 and \$1.58 million in FY 2018. In addition, FY 2018 Real Estate Tax revenues are expected to be \$2.59 million lower compared to the Forecast based on slower than projected growth in residential real estate values. Staff will continue to monitor revenue collections monthly and will report to the Board with any necessary changes based on economic conditions. More details regarding the FY 2017 and FY 2018 recommended revenue adjustments can be found in Attachment I, Summary of General Fund Receipts.

Given the current revenue status, only a limited number of administrative expenditure adjustments are included in the package. The package includes a recurring adjustment of \$1.52 million to address the full-year cost of the *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* adjustment associated with 16/16.0 FTE Public Assistance eligibility workers. This expenditure adjustment is entirely offset with a corresponding increase in revenues, resulting in no net cost to the General Fund. In addition, the package also includes a recurring expenditure increase of \$45,733 to support the

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full-year cost of the *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review* adjustment associated with the School Health position for City of Falls Church. This expenditure adjustment is also entirely offset with a corresponding increase in revenues and results in no net cost to the General Fund. Finally, an expenditure increase of \$97,000 is necessary to fund the increase in custodial overtime hourly rates charged by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and the Fairfax County Park Authority for the community use of FCPS facilities. Details regarding the FY 2017 recommended expenditure adjustments and their impact on FY 2018 can be found in Attachment II, Administrative Adjustments.

As a result of the recommended revenue and expenditure adjustments for FY 2017 and FY 2018, including associated reserve adjustments, a balance of \$23.57 million is available in FY 2017 and a shortfall of \$76.53 million is projected for FY 2018.

Multi-Year Budget: FY 2017 and FY 2018

Summary of Add-On	FY 2017	FY 2018
Balance / (Shortfall) from Advertised Budget	\$22,526,094	(\$74,384,895)
Additional State Revenue	\$1,280,000 R	\$300,000
Adjustment of FY 2018 Residential Equalization	\$0	(\$2,591,405)
Public Assistance Eligibility Workers	\$0 R	\$0
School Health Position	\$0 R	\$0
Community Use Fees	(\$97,000) R	\$0
<u>Revenue Stabilization and Managed Reserve</u>	<u>(\$143,531)</u>	<u>\$146,490</u>
Subtotal:	\$1,039,469	(\$2,144,915)
Balance/ (Shortfall) as of Add-On*	\$23,565,563	(\$76,529,810)

* Note: Recurring (R) FY 2017 adjustments do not impact FY 2018 as it is assumed that the balance remaining in FY 2017 will be used for recurring expenses.

There is one Consideration Item as of April 8, 2016, which totals a non-recurring savings of \$1 million, and is included in Attachment III. The FY 2018 impact of the Consideration Item is \$0.

Additional information regarding Add-On adjustments is included in the following attachments:

Attachment I – Summary of General Fund Receipts

Attachment II – Administrative Adjustments

Attachment III – Consideration Items

**ATTACHMENT I
SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS**

In addition to the revenue adjustments associated with FY 2017 administrative adjustments, a net increase of \$1.28 million to FY 2017 revenues and a net decrease of \$1.01 million to FY 2018 revenues is recommended as part of the Add-on Process. These revenue adjustments reflect information received subsequent to the development of the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan.

Revenue categories that are sensitive to economic change may require further adjustments during FY 2017. Staff will continue to monitor revenue collections monthly and will report to the Board with any necessary changes based on economic conditions.

REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH¹

FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Advertised	FY 2017 Revised	FY 2017 Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change	FY 2018 Additional Revenue
\$96,908,824	\$97,336,374	\$98,616,374	\$1,280,000	1.32%	\$1,580,000

¹ Excludes Personal Property Taxes that are reimbursed by the Commonwealth as a result of the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998.

The FY 2017 revised estimate for Revenue from the Commonwealth is \$98,616,374, an increase of \$1.28 million, or 1.32 percent, over the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan estimate. The revenue adjustments are based on State budget amendments approved during the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly approved an increase to the state-supported employee compensation of Constitutional Officers and their employees and an increase to State Aid to Localities with Police Departments (HB 599). These adjustments result in an additional \$1.28 million to the County in FY 2017 and \$1.58 million in FY 2018.

REAL ESTATE TAX - CURRENT

FY 2016 Revised	FY 2017 Advertised	FY 2018 In Multi-Year Budget	FY 2018 as of Add-on	FY 2018 Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Change
\$2,425,254,804	\$2,591,405,466	\$2,671,739,035	\$2,669,147,630	(\$2,591,405)	-0.1%

The FY 2018 Forecast assumed a total Real Estate Tax base growth of 3.10 percent. This rate of increase was based on a projected 1.80 percent growth in residential values, a projected 3.00 percent growth in non-residential values, and a projected increase of 1.00 percent in normal growth. Based on information from the Metropolitan Regional Information System (MRIS) for the first two months of 2016, the average sales price of homes sold in Fairfax County decreased 1.41 percent. MRIS also reported that through February the number of active listings of homes available for sale in the County was up 7.10 percent. Due to the slower than anticipated market activity and because home sales throughout 2016 will impact the FY 2018 real estate assessment base, staff currently projects a slightly lower 1.64 percent growth in residential values for FY 2018, resulting in a revenue loss of \$2,591,405 compared to the Multi-Year Forecast. The total Real Estate Tax base is projected to grow 3.00 percent in FY 2018.

**ATTACHMENT II
ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS**

General Fund Impact

Public Assistance Eligibility Workers		RECURRING
	FY 2017 Revenue	\$1,522,154
Agency 67, Department of Family Services	FY 2017 Expenditure	\$1,042,857
Agency 89, Fringe Benefits	FY 2017 Expenditure	<u>\$479,297</u>
	Net Cost	\$0
	FY 2018 Revenue	\$1,522,154
	FY 2018 Expenditure	\$1,042,857
	FY 2018 Expenditure	<u>\$479,297</u>
	Net Cost	\$0

Funding of \$1,522,154 is required to appropriate additional FY 2016 revenue from the state to support the full-year impact of 16/16.0 FTE positions. The positions and partial-year funding is included in the *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review*. These positions will continue to address the increase in public assistance caseloads in the Self-Sufficiency Division of the Department of Family Services (DFS). It should be noted that an increase of \$479,297 in Fringe Benefits funding is included in Agency 89, Employee Benefits. The expenditure increase is fully offset by an increase in federal and state funding for no net impact to the General Fund.

In accordance with federal and state policy, the County is required to determine eligibility for public assistance and enroll clients in benefits programs within a certain timeframe. Current monthly caseloads are more than 95,000, which is an 84 percent increase from 2008. Federal and state policies require that 100 percent of cases for each program are processed within the mandated timeframes with 100 percent accuracy. The County is not currently meeting these mandates. This leaves the County vulnerable to both internal and external audit findings. In fact, the KPMG audit for the year ending June 30, 2015 found significant noncompliance in both the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid programs for the second consecutive year. KPMG also cited the County for having weaknesses in internal controls over eligibility determination and redetermination.

DFS has taken many steps to narrow performance gaps, including adding positions to address backlogs and overly burdensome caseloads; establishing a more robust management structure to focus on case review and increased monitoring; providing intensive staff training to strengthen knowledge of policies and procedures and reduce casework errors; and implementing new work-management processes to improve efficiency. Although there is an improvement over the previous year's audit findings, even with the additional resources added to address the rising caseloads, based on the current status of the program, it is anticipated that there will be additional audit findings for FY 2016.

In addition to the processing of new applications and ongoing cases, staff workloads include assessment of client status changes to determine continued eligibility for benefits; handling of administrative appeals; responding to Quality Control reviews, auditing cases for timeliness/quality; and performing fraud investigations. Additionally, implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (PPACA) has increased the amount of time each application takes to process. The application form, which was originally two pages, has increased to 18 pages but may be as long as 27 pages depending on family size. Additionally, technology changes made by the state that include monthly updates require continuous retraining of staff and adaption to new system requirements. With more than 95,000 monthly

ongoing cases, there is no capacity to adequately address existing workloads and absorb additional cases. These positions are necessary in order to continue improving the County's response times.

School Health Position for City of Falls Church

		RECURRING
	FY 2017 Revenue	\$45,733
Agency 71, Health Department	FY 2017 Expenditure	\$18,805
Agency 89, Fringe Benefits	FY 2017 Expenditure	<u>\$26,928</u>
	Net Cost	\$0
	FY 2018 Revenue	\$45,733
	FY 2018 Expenditure	\$18,805
	FY 2018 Expenditure	<u>\$26,928</u>
	Net Cost	\$0

Funding of \$45,733 is required to support the full-year impact of 1/1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse II position, which will support the school health program for the City of Falls Church. This position and partial year funding is included in the *FY 2016 Third Quarter Review*. The County provides School Health services to the City of Falls Church through a contract and the County is fully reimbursed for the costs associated with these services. The County has previously provided these services using a benefits eligible position, but increased workload complexity and volume now require a merit position. This funding reflects only the increased costs associated with the conversion of the benefits eligible position to a merit position. It should be noted that an increase of \$26,928 in Fringe Benefits funding is included in Agency 89, Employee Benefits. The expenditure increase is completely offset by an increase in revenue for no net impact to the General Fund.

Community Use Fees

		RECURRING
Agency 79, Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services	FY 2017 Expenditure	\$89,500
Agency 51, Fairfax County Park Authority	FY 2017 Expenditure	<u>\$7,500</u>
	Net Cost	\$97,000
	FY 2018 Expenditure	\$89,500
	FY 2018 Expenditure	<u>\$7,500</u>
	Net Cost	\$97,000

An increase of \$97,000 in Operating Expenses is necessary to fund the increase in custodial overtime hourly rates charged by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and the Fairfax County Park Authority for the community use of FCPS facilities. The custodial overtime rate will increase to \$34 per hour effective July 1, 2016. This is the first rate increase in the last five years.

**ATTACHMENT III
SUMMARY OF FY 2017 CONSIDERATION ITEMS
as of April 8, 2016**

#	Consideration Item	Requested By	Positions	Net Cost/(Savings)	
				Recurring	Non-Recurring
1.	Use the non-recurring funding of \$1 million allocated at the FY 2016 Third Quarter Review to the Board members' offices for small projects within each district to fund the non-recurring additional cost associated with the November 2016 presidential election included in the FY 2017 Advertised Budget. This would free up \$1 million in the FY 2017 budget.	Herrity	0 / 0.0	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
Subtotal FY 2017 Consideration Items as of April 8, 2016:			0 / 0.0	\$0	(\$1,000,000)

Total FY 2017 Consideration Items: 0/0.0 FTE Positions and Total Funding of (\$1,000,000)

The FY 2018 Impact of the Consideration Item list as of April 8, 2016 is \$0

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10:00 a.m.

Board Decision on the Fairfax County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2017 - 2021 (With Future Fiscal Years to 2026)

ISSUE:

Board decision on the Fairfax County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2017 - 2021 (with future fiscal years to 2026).

RECOMMENDATION:

The County Executive recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2017 - 2021 (with future fiscal years to 2026), as presented at the April 1, 2016, Budget Committee meeting. Recommended actions are:

- Make all necessary adjustments to reflect actions taken during the Board's decision on the FY 2017 Adopted Budget Plan that impact the CIP.

TIMING:

The Advertised Capital Improvement Program was discussed at the Board's budget workshops and final adoption of the CIP is scheduled for April 19, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors considered the Advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2017 - 2021 (with future fiscal years to 2026) at budget committee meetings. The Planning Commission conducted its mark up (Attachment I) of the CIP on March 15, 2016, and the Commission voted 10-0-1 (Commissioner Flanagan abstained from the vote and Commissioner Murphy was absent from the meeting) to recommend the following actions to the Board of Supervisors:

- Approval of the FY 2017 – FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (with Future Fiscal Years to 2026) as proposed;
- Consideration of alternatives to increasing the Athletic Service Fee, as proposed in the FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan; and

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- Exploration of options to support interim outpatient services to assist with the waiting list and the immediate need for residential services, as it relates to renovation and/or expansion of the CSB's residential treatment facilities.

In a related action, the Planning Commission voted 10-0-1 (Commissioner Flanagan abstained from the vote and Commissioner Murphy was absent from the meeting) to recommend the following:

- That County staff review the long-term financial and risk implications of the use of crumb rubber on synthetic turf fields, should future health and environmental reports conclude that the use of crumb rubber on synthetic turf fields is harmful to public health and/or the environment; and
- That Fairfax County Public Schools staff and School Board representatives meet with the Planning Commission's Schools Committee in advance of next year's CIP Workshop.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As shown on page 21 of the Advertised FY 2017 – FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (with Future Fiscal Years to 2026), the entire CIP, including all program areas, totals \$9.504 billion, including \$8.709 billion in County managed projects and \$0.795 billion in Non-County managed projects. Non-County projects include the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Program and the Water Supply Program. The entire \$9.504 billion program includes, \$2.213 billion budgeted or anticipated to be expended through FY 2016, \$4.915 billion scheduled over the FY 2017 – FY 2021 period, and \$2.376 billion projected in the FY 2022 – FY 2026 period. These estimates will be adjusted slightly to accommodate actions taken during the Board's decision on the FY 2017 Adopted Budget Plan that impact the CIP.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment I – Planning Commission Verbatim Transcript

STAFF:

Robert A. Stalzer, Deputy County Executive
Joseph Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Department of Management and Budget (DMB)
Martha N. Reed, DMB

MARKUP FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FY 2017
– 2021 (With Future Fiscal Years to 2026)

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing and Workshop held on March 3, 2016)

Commissioner Sargeant: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have some narrative and several motions that I'd like to read. Before we go, I have a second and then a discussion, if that would be all right. The Fiscal Year 2017 to 2021 Capital Improvement Program serves as a planning instrument to identify needed capital projects and to coordinate the financing and timing of these improvements. With this in mind, the Planning Commission kicked off the review of the CIP by hosting a workshop on Wednesday, March 3rd. The Commission had the opportunity to hear from 12 speakers about CIP projects and also held a public hearing that night to solicit feedback from residents of the County. On March 9th, the Planning Commission hosted a committee meeting about the CIP program to provide an opportunity for Planning Commissioners to ask questions and clarify the status of projects within this year's program. With this background in mind, Mr. Chairman, I'd now like to make a series of motions regarding the CIP. To begin, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE ADVERTISED FAIRFAX COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2021, WITH FUTURE FISCAL YEARS TO 2026. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO INCREASING THE ATHLETIC SERVICE FEE, AS PROPOSED IN THE 2017 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN. The athletic services fee is proposed to be increased from \$5.50 to \$9.50 per participant per season and from \$15 to \$25 per team per tournament for rectangular field users. Planning Commission members have expressed concern regarding this increase and recommend the alternative options be considered. In addition, the Planning Commission notes that medical studies have been inconclusive with regard to the health impacts from the use of crumb rubber on synthetic turf fields. However, there are increasing concerns regarding the possible health and environmental effects. The Planning Commission recognizes that there is a coordinated federal government study scheduled to examine this issue, but this may take time. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT COUNTY STAFF REVIEW THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS OF THE USE OF CRUMB RUBBER ON SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS, SHOULD FUTURE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS CONCLUDE THAT THE USE OF CRUMB RUBBER ON SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS IS HARMFUL TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND/OR THE ENVIRONMENT. In addition, the Planning Commission had a number of questions related to the School Board's CIP, indicating a need for further understanding about the long-term formula used to determine school capacity requirements and the implication of this formula on both future and existing school sites. The Planning Commission would like to see – have further discussion and discuss the definition of capacity and how it influences CIP decision-making in the future. And the Planning Commission shares and supports the goal of providing excellent school facilities for residents and would like to provide sound recommendations regarding long-term planning. Therefore, I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAFF MEET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEAR'S CIP WORKSHOP. And finally, while the Planning Commission supports the Human Services' top priority projects, including the shelters and community centers proposed for the 2016 Bond Referendum, it also recognizes the need for renovation and/or expansion of the CSB's residential treatment facilities. There are currently more than 100 individuals on the waiting lists for these facilities. The Planning Commission appreciates the plans for renovating these facilities in the future. However, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO SUPPORT INTERIM OUTPATIENT SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH THE WAITING LIST AND THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Migliaccio: I second his motion, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Strandlie: Second.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Seconded by Commissioner Migliaccio and – I'm sorry – Ms. Strandlie. Let's see, do we have any discussion? Yes.

Commissioner Hurley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I support the motion, but with three specific comments. First, I understand the need for school renovations, but I question keeping in the CIP planning and construction of school in areas in which current data show no significant projected overcrowding. Second, the definition of "overcapacity schools" may become a critical issue if the new proffer law is interpreted to mean new housing will only provide school proffers if local schools are overcrowded. And third – and perhaps, most critically – additional data from the Community Services Board indicates 102 people are currently on the wait list for inpatient treatment and, I quote, "in Fiscal Year 2015, three people died who are on the waiting list for services and one experienced a serious suicide attempt," end of quote. But to me, these numbers indicate an urgent need for additional CSB residential treatment facilities. Thank you.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Okay, thank you. And Commissioner Strandlie?

Commissioner Strandlie: Thank you very much. I concur with Commissioner Hurley's comments regarding the school capacity. This has been a very challenging and complex conversation. We don't feel that we have quite the exact answers that we are looking for and I'm looking very much forward to having a conversation with the Schools Committee. I would like to ask Commissioner Sargeant if he would be open to a FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO SAY, "RECOMMEND THAT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEAR'S CIP WORKSHOP."

Commissioner Sargeant: I AM CERTAINLY OPEN TO THAT. The meetings are public anyways so they're more than welcome.

Commissioner Strandlie: Great. Thank you. Well we – you know, we'd like to-

Commissioner Sargeant: Absolutely.

Commissioner Strandlie: -give them a personal invitation-

Commissioner Sargeant: They are more than welcome.

Commissioner Strandlie: -and hope that they – they are able to attend. And I also appreciate the effort on the crumb rubber. I've expressed strong concerns about both the health – the unknown health effects, the environmental effects, and the fact that parents have expressed to me – whose children play significant amounts of time on these fields – that they don't really like them anyway. So I appreciate your effort in this regard and I support all the work. Thank you.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Commissioner Keys-Gamarra.

Commissioner Keys-Gamarra: Yes. Well first of all, I'd like to thank Commissioner Sargeant for putting together such a detailed motion. I did want to speak specifically with respect to the school capacity requirements and the concerns that we had, with respect to the differences between the numbers that were provided last year, as opposed to this year. And I think that the public expects us to have sufficient information and make decisions and I don't believe that that was provided, despite the fact that questions were submitted. So I look forward to having a discussion so that we can meaningfully participate in this process.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Okay. Anyone else? Mr. Migliaccio.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say that I share the concerns of my fellow Commissioners that were stated just a few minutes ago. The Planning Commission asks, in our due diligence, simple questions of many agencies. All but one gave adequate answers. It is frustrating to hear Mr. Sargeant need to ask and recommend that the Fairfax County Public Schools and – now with Ms. Strandlie – the School Board meet with the Planning Commission's School Committee next year to get answers. An entity that receives more than 50 percent of the County budget and spends hundreds of millions in capital expenditures should be more responsive. It is not an us versus them. We should be collaborative in our effort on this and I wish that they would come to the table a little bit sooner so we can have all the information we need to make an educated vote and decision. Thank you.

Commissioner Hart: Mr. Chairman?

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Yes, Mr. Hart.

Commissioner Hart: Yes, thank you. I agree largely with the comments of my colleagues. My perspective is that on matters of policy concerning the schools, we ought, generally, to defer to the elected School Board representatives. At the same time, our function in making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the Capital Improvement Program depends on our independent analysis of what's been given to us about money that's going to be spent over the next several years. And I think this year, compared to prior years, was one filled with question marks – and questions that, I think, were not clearly answered in a way that gives me confidence in where we're going with this. I hope that these comments are received by the people that need to receive them and that, in that spirit, we would get more comprehensive

information for next year that I think would support the numbers that are requested, rather than necessarily expecting us to just take their word for it. Thank you.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Thank you. Anybody else? Okay. Is there any further discussion? Hearing and seeing none-

Commissioner Flanagan: Mr. Chairman?

Vice Chairman de la Fe: -the motion – yes?

Commissioner Flanagan: I didn't attend the public hearing or the Committee meetings so I'm going to be abstaining. But I would like to endorse some of the comments – particularly Commissioner Hurley because what she's talking about is good planning. In other words, we're not interfering in the operation of the school system or the decisions that they make in their – in scholastic issues. But I think that the concerns that I heard expressed her are suitable for the Planning Commission to be concerned about.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Thank you. Any further discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all those in favor of the – let's vote on all of them together – the motions – the various motions made by Commissioner Sargeant. Seconded by Commissioner Strandlie with the-

Commissioner Migliaccio: I seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: -with the friendly amendment that – and the one that recommends that the Fairfax County Public School staff and members of the School Board-

Commissioner Hart: Migliaccio seconded.

Commissioner Migliaccio: And I second.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: I said that seconded too. Okay you – so it's been accepted as a friendly amendment. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Opposed? The motion carries. Thank you very much.

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(Each motion carried by a vote of 10-0-1. Commissioner Flanagan abstained from the vote. Commissioner Murphy was absent from the meeting.)

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