



**FY 2011 Budget
Community Dialogues and
Employee Forums**

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Community Dialogues

■ Community Dialogues

- Held 12, added 3 additional sessions based on increased demand
- Total Attendance: 769 (compared to 718 at 20 community dialogues last year)
- Locations:
 - McLean Community Center
 - Schools: West Springfield, Marshall, South County, South Lakes and Woodson
 - Libraries: Centreville, Reston, John Marshall, Kings Park, Sherwood and George Mason
 - Additional Locations: Hayfield, Herndon and Lake Braddock

Employee Forums

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- Held 5 sessions
- Attendance 95 (compared to 197 at 5 sessions last year)
- Locations:
 - Reston Regional Library
 - South County Government Center
 - Government Center (2 sessions)
 - Massey Building

Other Ways to Input

- FY 2011 Budget Suggestions
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/fy11suggestions.htm
- Budget Hotline 703-324-9400
- Received more than 1,550 comments to date as of November 17, 2009

Results

- Most acceptable FY 2010 budget strategy
 - Increase in Real Estate tax rate
 - No pay increase for employees
 - User Fee enhancements
 - Balance of service cuts and tax increases
 - Holding transfer to Schools at FY 2009 level
 - Reduced library hours
 - Elimination of some County positions
 - School bus route efficiencies

Results (continued)

- Least Acceptable FY 2010 Budget Strategies
 - Increase in class size
 - Reduction in affordable housing penny
 - Disproportionate Reductions in library hours
 - Not implementing vehicle registration fee as a revenue strategy

Results (continued)

- What Strategies Should be Included in Framework for FY 2011 Budget
 - Increase real estate tax rate so average homeowner pays no more than in FY 2010
 - Increase real estate tax rate even if homeowner pays more than in FY 2010 to preserve services
 - Implement Vehicle Registration Fee
 - No further disproportionate cuts to Libraries
 - No increase in class size
 - No reduction in full day kindergarten
 - No significant reduction in elementary arts/music programs
 - Protect language immersion programs
 - Increase fees in County and Schools as possible