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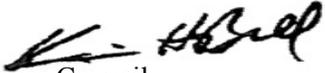
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May 20, 2016

TO: Chairman and Members, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin H. Bell, Chairman 
Fairfax County Human Services Council

SUBJECT: Meals Tax

This letter is to inform you that the Fairfax County Human Services Council, at its May 16, 2016 meeting, voted unanimously to support the inclusion of the Meals Tax issue on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 election. The Council strongly supports efforts to diversify county revenue sources and believes that a meals tax represents an important step in that direction. A meals tax would generate badly needed revenue and bring Fairfax County in alignment with all of our neighboring counties and communities, which each have a meals tax.

As regards the allocation of revenue generated from a meals tax, there are several approaches the Board may consider, including allocating new revenue in a manner consistent with the way in which the county currently allocates our tax revenue through general fund expenditures. This approach would allow the Board to incorporate the important, but difficult decisions it makes regarding county priorities during the annual budget process, including the allocation of funds for human services programs.

While the Council believes it is important for the Board to keep this approach in mind during its decision making concerning a meals tax referendum, the Council defers to the judgment of the Board to determine the most appropriate revenue split.

Further, the Human Services Council was unanimous in their desire to request additional discussions with the Board on issues related to the ongoing need for additional support and funding to respond to the increased demand for human services for the residents of Fairfax County. These human services requests were outlined in the Council's recommendations for the 2017 Advertised Budget Plan that was presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 1, 2016. [Human Services Council FY2017 Budget Recommendations - Letter to Board of Supervisors](#)  (March 2016)

Thank you for consideration.

cc: Human Services Council Members
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Patricia D. Harrison, Deputy County Executive
Joseph Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Management and Budget
Human Services Directors