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A Report on the Advertised Budget Plan From Supervisor John C. Cook

On February 14, County Executive Ed Long presented the Advertised Budget Plan to the Board of Supervisors. The property tax rate is proposed to remain at \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The Fiscal Year 2018 budget calls for \$4.1 billion in expenditures which represents an overall increase of 2.42%. The transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) increases by 2.70%. General Fund Revenues are increased \$88.20 million, or 2.2%, over the FY2017 Budget Plan. [Detailed information](#) on the Advertised Budget Plan, as well as the [Advertised Budget Plan presentation](#), as delivered by the County Executive, can be found online.

New county programs devoted to addressing challenges that we face as a community, such as a second tranche of funding for Diversion First, a continuation of the Public Safety Staffing Plan, and a Fire & Rescue Large Apparatus Replacement, are not funded. However, some new items are funded, such as a new position for a Human Trafficking Policy and Prevention Specialist, as well as a baseline level of funding for Diversion First. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee and advocate for both items, I urged their inclusion in this year's Advertised Budget Plan.

Looking ahead, there are a few important dates to keep in mind. On February 28, 2017, the Board must set the advertised tax rate. The final tax rate cannot exceed the advertised rate. Public hearings will be held on April 4-6 at the Government Center. On April 25, the Board will mark up (make changes to) the County Executive's FY2018 budget recommendations. On May 2, the Board will adopt the FY2018 budget, including the budget transfer to FCPS. Fiscal Year 2018 begins July 1.

The release of this proposed budget marks the beginning of the Board of Supervisors' budget deliberations. Throughout this process, public comment is critical. First and foremost- as always, my office is available for comment via phone (703-425-9300) or email (braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov). Second, the Braddock District Council (BDC) will host its annual county budget meeting on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Rd.). Finally, I hope you will attend my Budget Town Hall on March 27 at Robinson Secondary School (5035 Sideburn Rd) at 7:30 p.m. Both Braddock District meetings will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and provide comments. By attending these meetings, and providing budget-related feedback to me and my colleagues, you are helping to craft the future of your county.



Supervisor Cook has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and six children.

Braddock Road Community Meeting Summary and Information

A Community Meeting for the Braddock Road Multimodal Study, sponsored by Supervisor Cook, was held on February 6 in the cafeteria of Lake Braddock Secondary School to update the community and solicit community input. About 300 people attended, and many asked questions of Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff and reviewed information at various stations.

The findings and recommendations of the Braddock Road Task Force, a citizen council formed by Supervisor Cook to provide input and review potential options to improve Braddock Road from Guinea Road to the Beltway, which has studied the corridor in depth over the last two years, and FCDOT, are that no additional lanes should be built on Braddock Road from Guinea Road to the Beltway. Instead, a series of intersection improvements, including significant adjustments to the Burke Lake Road and Wakefield Chapel Road intersections, and access management techniques – such as making some unsignalized intersections right-in right-out only – among others, should be built.

Implementation of the proposed intersection improvements recommendations would present only one-third the cost of adding lanes to the roadway. The intersection improvement plan shows fairly significant reductions in travel time when compared with the no-build option. The study was based on a 2040 planning horizon. The no-build option showed significant degradation in roadway conditions and significant increases in travel time compared to today. Details of the recommendations can be found [here](#).

The task force also presented pedestrian and bicycle options, but not recommendations, which will come later in the spring. These options include construction of shared use paths on both sides of the road, completion of all missing trail connections, and one or more pedestrian overpasses.

The task force set aside the question of whether to build a transit center. Once road and pedestrian recommendations are finalized, then the group will take back up the transit center questions. Options for transit will be presented to the public at a community meeting in the late spring.

The public is urged to review the complete [PowerPoint presentation](#) online and make comments [here](#) by February 20. Future editions of the Braddock Beacon will continue to provide updates on the project.

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Braddock Neighborhood News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites topical guests to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

All too often, those experiencing a mental health crisis will come into contact with law enforcement and be unnecessarily incarcerated for a low-level offense. The Diversion First program was established to provide an alternative of treatment instead of incarceration in appropriate cases. This alternative will reduce crime, save money, and help people become self-sufficient.

To discuss the Diversion First program, Supervisor Cook invited Ed Roessler, Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department and Major Ron Kidwell from the Sheriff's Office, to come on BNN and tell viewers about this mission.



This month on BNN, Supervisor Cook sat down with Ed Roessler, Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department, and Major Ron Kidwell from the Sheriff's Office.

Cook in the Community

St. Stephen's Cub Scouts – On January 5 and 10, Supervisor Cook spoke to lively groups of scouts from St. Stephen's United Methodist Church about civic responsibilities and issues that are popping up in Braddock and Fairfax County.

Commission for Women – On January 9, Supervisor Cook attended the monthly meeting for the Commission for Women and talked about some of the policy initiatives that he is involved with, especially in his role as Chairman of the Board's Public Safety Committee and the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council.



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Stonehaven HOA – On January 9, Supervisor Cook also attended the annual meeting of the Stonehaven HOA and talked about what 2017 might bring to the Braddock District.

ARC Presentation – On January 11, Supervisor Cook spoke to members of the Arc of Northern Virginia about the study being done about whether or not to begin the use of body cameras for our police officers.

DVPPCC – On January 19, Supervisor Cook chaired the first meeting of 2017 of the Domestic Violence, Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council.

Vietnamese Festival – On January 21, Supervisor Cook took part in a Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration that was held at Stuart High School in Falls Church.

Diversion First Presentation – On January 25, Supervisor Cook, along with members from Fairfax County Police Department and Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, gave a presentation to staff at the Gartlan Center CSB on the County's Diversion First initiative.

Korean New Year Celebration – On January 28, Supervisor Cook gave welcoming remarks at a Korean Lunar New Year Celebration which was held at Seoul Presbyterian Church.

Croftwood HOA – On January 30, Supervisor Cook joined members of Croftwood HOA in Braddock Hall and talked about current and future issues in the District and County.



On January 21, Supervisor Cook took part in a Vietnamese New Year Celebration that was held at Stuart High School in Falls Church.

Community Information

Responses to Supervisor Cook's Community Issues Survey

Supervisor Cook's office received over 750 responses to the Community Issues Survey, and numerous constituents contacted the office with additional thoughts and commentary. Supervisor Cook would like to thank the members of the community who participated in the survey for voicing their opinions.

There was some dissatisfaction with [question number two](#)- some people believed that the question was worded to solicit a certain response. We assure you- it was not. Funding for schools, police and fire services, and disability services and mental health programs cumulatively totals over 75% of County expenditures. These particular options were included because they were the three biggest areas of the budget, and it is difficult to find major savings without impacting one or more of those areas. The purpose of the question was to gauge which major area was the preference as a target for reductions.

The [results of the Community Issues Survey](#) are posted at the end of the Braddock Beacon. Supervisor Cook encourages you to review them.

Meet Supervisor Cook's Staff Members

Supervisor Cook's office has some new staff members! Take a look at the new and current staff members, and what their role is on Team Cook:

Lindsey Smith, Chief of Staff: Lindsey Smith, Supervisor Cook's Chief of Staff, ensures the office is running at full steam for the people of the Braddock District. In addition to his role as the office leader, he handles the many appointments to advisory boards and commissions and is Supervisor Cook's scheduler. Email: Lindsey.Smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov

Ann Sharp, Senior Staff Assistant for Constituent Services: Ann Sharp, an office veteran, helps facilitate issues relating to the Braddock District Council (BDC), HOAs and civic associations, George Mason University, code compliance, and road maintenance, just to name a few. Email: Ann.Sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov

Marcia Pape, Senior Staff Assistant for Land Use: Marcia Pape, who started in Supervisor Cook's office in May of 2016, handles Land Use, Zoning Applications, and Development Process. Email: Marcia.PapeDaniels@fairfaxcounty.gov

Linda Bufano, Senior Legislative Assistant: Linda Bufano is a new hire to Supervisor Cook's office! Linda, who formerly worked for Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, is excited to begin working for the residents of Braddock. She will be covering issues relating to Diversion First, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention, as well as other human services issues. Email: Linda.Bufano@fairfaxcounty.gov

Kyle Codey, Communications Director: Kyle Codey began working for Supervisor Cook in March of 2016, and helps facilitate media outreach, writing the Braddock Beacon newsletter, producing Braddock Neighborhood News, and handling issues such as the County budget and other legislative areas. Email: Kyle.Codey@fairfaxcounty.gov

Patrick Gooley, Legislative Assistant: Patrick is another new hire to Supervisor Cook's office, and has experience in public policy through his work on Capitol Hill. Patrick will be handling the issues of public safety, police reform, criminal justice reform, transportation policy, environmental issues, and others. Email: Patrick.Gooley@fairfaxcounty.gov

If you have a question or comment please feel free to email any staff member or the office in general at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call us at 703-425-9300.

Applications for Express Lanes Community Grant Programs Due March 31

The [395](#), and [495 and 95](#) Express Lanes Community Grant Programs are designed to support organizations that sustain, enhance, or protect the local environment and neighborhoods of these highways. The most recent winners of these awards were just announced, and the next application deadline is March 31. The [395 application](#) and the [495 and 95 application](#) can both be filled out online. Each of the following organizations will be receiving grants this quarter:

495 and 95 Express Lanes Grant Program

- Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity - \$1,500
- Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department - \$1,500
- Workhouse Arts Center - \$1,500

395 Express Lanes Grant Program

- Arlington Pediatric Center - \$5,000
- Bright Resilient Youth Committed to Enrichment (BRYCE) - \$5,000
- Inova Mount Vernon Hospital - \$5,000
- Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) - \$5,000

Code Compliance Corner

The topic of this month's Code Compliance Corner is exterior property maintenance. The Virginia Maintenance Code requires all Fairfax County property owners to maintain the exterior of their structures to be in good repair and structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to public health, safety, or welfare. If there are properties in your neighborhood with rotting wood, broken or cracked windows, defective roofs, unsecured doors, or structurally unsound members, the Department of Code Compliance can investigate and issue a Notice of Violation to have those items repaired and/or replaced. A flyer with more information can be found [online](#).

Burke Historical Society First Quarter Meetings

The [Burke Historical Society](#) will be holding two additional general meetings in the coming weeks:

Jazz in and Around Burke, Part 3

Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Pohick Regional Library

6450 Sydenstricker Rd, Burke

For the first meeting at Pohick Regional Library, Brian Slawski, BHS Vice President and Programs Chair, will conclude his series on jazz in Northern Virginia and the District, past and present, with a look at local jazz festivals, instruction, and radio.

Life in Burke in the 1950s and '60s

Mar. 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Pohick Regional Library

6450 Sydenstricker Rd, Burke

Siblings Chip and LaVerne Carson, fifth-generation Burkites, will share some of their own and their family's experiences in "Old Burke."

84 Exciting Offerings at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

If you have a passion for learning, 84 stimulating, diverse, exam-free daytime courses and special events, plus social and cultural activities, are in store for you this spring term 2017 (March 20 – May 20) in Fairfax by joining the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University.

OLLI courses, created by members for members, are taught by Washington newsmakers, university professors, regional experts and OLLI members themselves. Courses this spring include

“Migration, Immigration, Refugees: The Humanitarian Response,”

“How I Survived the Holocaust” and “The Internment of Japanese Americans During World War II.”

Classes are held in Fairfax at OLLI's Tallwood Campus (4210 Roberts Road, between Braddock Road and Main Street, adjacent to the Mason campus) and at local churches.

If you'd like to get a feel for what OLLI is like, you can sample two class sessions for free. The registration period for spring term classes begins February 14. Call 703-503-3384, email olli@gmu.edu, or go to olli.gmu.edu for more information.

Human Services Corner

CSB Funds Teen Mental Health Projects

The [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) (CSB) has awarded eight mini-grants for youth-led projects that aim to reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues among teens. All projects will be implemented by September 30, 2017.

Funding for the CSB's mini-grant program for youth-led projects is provided as part of a regional suicide prevention grant from the [Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) (DBHDS). A list of grant awards can be found [online](#).

By providing resources to youth-led projects, the CSB seeks to inspire young people to be the driving force for a positive culture change to eliminate the stigma around mental illness.

Check out past [youth-led projects](#) and follow the CSB on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn more about mental health in Fairfax County, the Cities of Falls Church and Fairfax and across Northern Virginia.

Community Happenings

Lunch N' Life

Are You 50 or Better? Please join the Shepard's Center for the next *Lunch N' Life* on Thursday, March 16 from 12-2 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center (4650 Shirley Gate Rd, Fairfax). The guest speaker will be Mike McGrath, syndicated public radio gardening show, gardening editor, columnist and author. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by March 10. The cost is \$10.00, with checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 273-5730. See www.scfbva.org for more information.

Volunteers Needed as Drivers and Office Workers

The Shepard's Center serves those over the age of 50 and who no longer drive. Volunteer drivers are needed for trips Monday through Friday to medical appointments and Companion Shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. Office Workers are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office during the week to match an available driver for each request. If you can volunteer your time, please contact the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

Environmental Update

Board of Supervisors Environmental Vision Draft – Submit Your Feedback

On June 7, 2016, the Board of Supervisors officially launched the process to update the County's Environmental Vision. Following public outreach in the Summer of 2016, a [draft update](#) to the Board of Supervisors' [Environmental Vision](#) has been produced. To offer input, an [online survey](#) is available from Monday, February 6, through Monday, March 6. The [project's web page](#) can be found online. Members of the public are encouraged to take the survey and encourage others to do so as well. Following this process, the results and final draft will

be presented to the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee on May 23, 2017. For more information, contact Kambiz Agazi, Environmental Coordinator, at 703-324-1788, TTY 711.

Program Updates

February Stream Monitoring Event

Cold? What cold? February is a perfect time to monitor streams! Join the stream monitoring workshop at South Run, Springfield, on Sunday, February 19, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Place Your Seedling Sale Orders!

Orders for the Conservation District's annual seedling sale have begun. This year's sale features native shrubs and trees that will add lovely color to your garden, while also cleaning our water and providing wildlife habitat. The tree package includes two each of northern red oak, bald cypress and sassafras. The shrub package features two each of common ninebark, gray dogwood, smooth sumac, New Jersey tea, and arrowwood viburnum. Seedlings can be picked up on April 21 and 22.

Soil and Water Conservation District Board Vacancy: Applications Being Accepted

The Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District welcomes applications by persons interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Applications should contain supporting information including related experience and training, and the applicant's willingness to participate fully in carrying out the responsibilities of the District. The Board will nominate a person to fill the vacancy and complete the remainder of the term through December 31, 2019. The next general election to fill this position will be held on November 5, 2019.

Please submit a nomination package, including cover letter, resume, and application no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 3, 2017, to [Laura Grape](#), NVSWCD Executive Director. For questions, call Laura at 703-324-1425 or the office main line at 703-324-1460. Applicants are encouraged to request a copy of Guidelines for NVSWCD Director Participation and the 2016 NVSWCD Annual Report, which can be sent via email. More information about the District and its programs are available online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd.

Natural Resources Scholarship and Summer Camps: Applications Being Accepted

The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's college scholarship and Youth Conservation Camp, and the Department of Forestry's Holiday Lake Forestry Camp are all accepting applications. The \$1,000 college scholarship is for high school seniors interested in pursuing resource conservation studies in college. Youth Conservation Camp is a week-long residential camp for high school students on the campus of Virginia Tech. A partial scholarship is available through a competitive application process. Forestry Camp is a six-day residential camp for 13-16 year olds at Holiday Lake 4H Center. Applications for all are available on the [Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's website](#).

Communal Garden Seeks Volunteers

A new community is about to take shape in Lorton! The Fairfax County Park Authority has granted permission for the Laurel Hill Community Garden Group to develop a garden in Mason Neck West Park. Unlike other community gardens that lease out plots to individuals, this garden will be truly communal: volunteers will work together to develop, plant and sow the garden, and all produce will be shared. Volunteers are needed for the early stages of planning and developing the site. If interested, please contact project coordinator [John Glover](#).

Land Use Update

Church of the Apostles (Anglican) (PCA 2008-SP-012)

On February 14, the Board of Supervisors approved the application of the Church of the Apostles (Anglican) to develop a two-story, 18,500 square foot place of worship at 11717 Lee Highway, next to the Lee Plaza Shopping Center. The property is currently undeveloped, although a three-story, 30,000 square foot office building was approved for the site in June 2009, but was never built. The next step for this proposal is site planning.

Supervisor Cook held a community meeting on the application in November and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee endorsed the application last month after hearing presentations from the applicant. In addition, the Church worked directly with the community regarding their concerns about lighting and landscaping. As a result of the community input, the Church committed to supplemental plantings for neighbors with direct sightlines to the property; the height of light poles on the southern property line was reduced to ten feet (instead of 15 feet) to mitigate views of the lights at the property line; and the Church agreed that all outdoor parking lot and sidewalk lighting, exclusive of security lighting, will be set on timers to cut off by 11 p.m., with exceptions for infrequent activities (such as a Christmas Eve midnight service).

Some questions remain concerning traffic at nearby intersections. Unfortunately, none of us can predict what traffic will look like once the service road is connected and the church is constructed and begins operations. Once the Church is constructed and the Lee Highway construction project is completed, Supervisor Cook's office will work with VDOT to review the traffic counts at the intersections with Lee Highway at Lee Plaza and to the east at Village Drive and, if necessary, ask them to consider adding a stop sign for traffic exiting Lee Plaza and/or modify the light timing on Sunday mornings to provide a slightly longer light that would allow more cars to exit onto Lee Highway. Given that completion of the service road will allow traffic to be split between two existing intersections with traffic signals, the impacts on other traffic will be lessened.

Woodward Property at Burke Lake and Coffey Woods Roads (RZ/FDP 2016-BR-019)

An application by Tetra Corporation and Christopher Companies to build nine single-family detached homes on a 2.7-acre tract of land at the intersection of Burke Lake and Coffey Woods Roads is currently under consideration. The proposal has two possible layouts, one with an entry from Burke Lake Road and an optional plan proposing entry from Coffey Woods Road. The second plan would require getting an easement from the adjoining Burke Village Homeowners Association, which owns the small strip of land along Coffey Woods Road next to this parcel. The intersection of Burke Lake and Coffey Woods Roads has significant traffic, so that has been a primary focus as this project moves forward.

Supervisor Cook held a community meeting on the proposal in November. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee has heard presentations and received comments from community members and will consider the application and make a recommendation at its next meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Interested community members are invited to attend.

The application is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on March 2. Residents who wish to testify before the Planning Commission are encouraged to register in advance at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>. A hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 14. To testify before the Board of Supervisors, you may register at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm.

Community Council on Land Use Engagement

We received a great response to the request for volunteers to serve on the new Community Council on Land Use Engagement, and as a result, five Braddock District residents were selected as members by Board Chairman Sharon Bulova. This Council is an effort to identify new and better ways of communicating and engaging the community when land use changes are being considered. The Council held its first meeting on Monday and plans to meet five more times over the coming months. For more information, visit the Council's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/communitycouncil.htm>.

Modular Building Units at Sprague Center

Fairfax County Public Schools has moved modular building units from White Oaks Elementary School, which is currently undergoing a renovation, to the athletic field across from the Sprague Technology Center in the Chapel Square neighborhood. We have been assured that this placement is temporary. Due to the lack of storage space available within the county and budget constraints, a decision was made by FCPS to use school property while seeking a more permanent location. The project which will allow the modular building to be moved will be bid this March and FCPS anticipates moving the units over the summer. FCPS will then repair any damage done to the field and restore it to its previous condition.

Five Guys in Burke Center

Construction is proceeding on the new Five Guys restaurant at the site of the old Friendly's on Burke Center Parkway. The grand opening is scheduled for mid-March.

Chick-fil-A in Burke Center

Works is underway at the site of the new Chick-fil-A next to the Kohl's on Burke Center Parkway. Construction has been slightly delayed due to wet weather, but the restaurant is expected to open in April.

Land Use Questions Answered

Need help navigating the land use development process at Fairfax County? The new [Customer Information Center \(CIC\)](#) on the first floor of the Herrity Building opened last fall with the purpose of streamlining the customer experience with easier, faster navigation and providing people with consistent guidance on our land use processes. The Development Services Customer Information Center provides a centralized location for customers to meet with Department of Planning and Zoning and Land Development Services staff members who can help them navigate the county's land development process.

The Engineer of the Day and two Planners of the Day are available to answer your questions on a first come, first served basis. These experts answer a broad range of questions, such as:

- What is my property zoned?
- What are the natural constraints, zoning setback requirements, easements, etc.?
- What do I need to do to obtain a permit for a deck on my home?
- I want to start a business in this location. What are my next steps? Do I need to go through zoning?

Visit the CIC at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 111, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community Issues Survey Results

Below, please find the results of the Community Issues Survey. Supervisor Cook appreciates those who took the time to take the survey to make their voices heard.

1. County Budget: Maintaining current levels of services requires about a three percent increase in revenue, due to inflation, population growth, and some uncontrollable expenses such as health care. This year, at current tax rates, revenues are expected to grow less than two percent. Given that assumption, which statement most closely represents your preference for the upcoming county budget?

Hold the tax rate the same and decrease spending to balance the budget.	43.69% (336)
Increase the tax rate in order to increase spending.	42.00% (323)
Reduce the tax rate and implement significant spending reductions.	14.30% (110)

2. Which statement(s) most closely represents your view on budget reductions? You may choose more than one.

Cut police and fire service in order to hold down taxes.	12.76% (91)
Cut schools to hold down taxes.	34.08% (243)
Cut programs in mental health and services for people with disabilities in order to hold down taxes	18.09% (129)
Cut nothing. Increase taxes to hold spending even.	45.72% (326)
Don't cut, but increase spending and increase taxes significantly.	10.80% (77)

3. Police use of force has received a lot of attention both nationally and locally. Which statement most closely matches your views on police use of force?

I support police use of force to combat crime and I do not believe any changes are needed.	30.85% (236)
I support the police, but believe reforms to reduce the use of force are a good idea.	59.61% (456)
I believe police use of force needs to be sharply curtailed with significant oversight.	9.54% (73)
Total	765

4. Technology available today allows police departments to collect and retain data on license plates and cell phones. This data, if collected, could allow police to trace where your car has traveled and when. It could also trace your cell phone as a way of tracking your movements. Police say that this technology can help them catch criminals, and if the data is retained, it can be used in the future to solve crimes. Some citizens say the government should not collect this data at all. Others say it should only be collected for a specific purpose, such as under a warrant for a specific criminal investigation. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views?

I think the police should collect and maintain license plate and cell phone data as a way of reducing crime.	16.91% (130)
I don't think this data should be collected at all.	4.55% (35)
I think license plate and cell phone data should only be collected as part of a specific criminal investigation and only after a judge signs a warrant for the data.	60.47% (465)

I think license plate and cell phone data should be collected and the police should be allowed to use it, but it should only be maintained for a short period of time, such as one to four weeks. 18.08% (139)

5. Mental health is an area receiving more attention both nationally and locally. People with mental illness often run into legal trouble, and up to one-third of people incarcerated in the Fairfax Jail have significant mental health challenges. Which statement most closely matches your views on mental health issues?

I support programs to help people with mental illness get treatment so they can lead productive lives. If treatment will help keep people from committing more crimes, then I support treatment instead of incarceration. 68.93% (528)

If you do the crime, you do the time. I think people with mental illness who commit a crime should serve jail time in the same way people would without a mental illness. Treatment is up to them. 12.79% (98)

I do not know enough about this issue to form an opinion. 18.28% (140)

6. Which statement most closely matches your views on school spending?

I believe we should increase taxes to provide more money to our schools. 29.61% (225)

I would support more money for schools if I thought the money would go to teachers, but I am not confident that it will, so I do not support additional funding. 24.74% (188)

I think school funding is about right as it is, and we should try to keep current levels and programs. 17.11% (130)

I believe specialty programs such as language immersion, advanced academic centers, AP and IB classes, etc. should be reduced to balance the school budget. 10.92% (83)

I believe programs that provide services for special needs students and programs that provide extra services for at risk students, that is, students who due to poverty or family factors face extra challenges, should be reduced to balance the school budget. 3.82% (29)

I don't care what you cut, but the school budget is too big and it should be reduced. 13.82% (105)

7. Which statement about county parks most closely resembles your views?

I love our parks and would support tax increases to continue to improve them. 35.31% (268)

I enjoy our parks, but I do not support tax increases, and would support some reductions in park spending to balance the budget. 59.82% (454)

I think park spending is too high and should be reduced significantly. 4.87% (37)

8. Metro faces significant problems in its management and budget. On the other hand, an effective and efficient Metro system is a key element of economic growth in the region. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on Metro?

Metro has been short funded for years. Increase the Metro budget, even if it means higher taxes, so we can get the system fixed. 13.87% (104)

My trust in Metro is gone. I need to see significant improvements in safety and management before I can support more money for Metro. If there are improvements, then and only then will I support more money. 47.33% (355)

I support the Metro system and recognize the problems facing Metro are complex. I support more focus on safety, improved management, reductions in expenses including employee pay, and more funding even if it means more taxes. 36.13% (271)

I don't support Metro. Stop putting more money into the system and shut it down. 2.67% (20)

9. Looking at your specific neighborhood, which statement most closely resembles your views?

My neighborhood is great. I like it just the way it is. 67.67% (517)

I think my neighborhood could be better. I think making things better requires more of my neighbors getting involved. I wish I knew how to make this happen. 27.75% (212)

My neighborhood is deteriorating. I believe this is due to crime, overcrowding, or new people moving in. The government ought to fix things. 4.58% (35)

10. Regarding the Board of Supervisors as a whole and our county government, which statement(s) most closely reflects your views? You may pick more than one.

I think our county is very well run and I support our government. 51.13% (385)

I think our county spends too much of my money. 34.00% (256)

I think the county should increase taxes and spending to provide more services. 14.08% (106)

I think our county is mismanaged and I don't trust the government. 10.36% (78)

I think our county used to be well run but now it is not. 14.61% (110)

I think our county is run better today than it was ten or twenty years ago. 9.56% (72)

I don't care about county government. I don't know why I even completed this survey. 0.40% (3)