

# Community Discussions Summary



Three Fairfax County Lines of Business (LOBs) focused presentations were held to respond to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and to solicit input. The Board of Supervisors' Chairman Sharon Bulova participated in robust discussions at each of the community locations. Discussion themes highlighted the LOBs survey and addressed each of the LOBs agency groupings and agencies/funds. The participants provided additional input by informally or formally responding to three questions. The questions and responses are listed below. Please note that responses are **not** listed by priority.

**Question 1:** Considering what you value about Fairfax County, what are the most important agency groupings/agencies/LOBs for you or your family or community that need to be maintained?

- Support for Parks
- Library Hours
- Recreation and Community Services
- Parktakes
- Libraries
- Public Safety /Security / Law Enforcement
- Police
- Pre-notification of medical conditions with 911 calls
- Education and capital dollars for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
- Collaboration between Board of Supervisors (BOS) and FCPS Boards
- Elections
- Aging
- Services for children with special needs
- Social Services
- Family Services
- Consolidated Community Funding Pool
- Human Services (Consumer Protection specifically – senior alerts)
- Transportation
- Concerned about impact retailers / businesses and economic success
  - Focus on development process to make it more nimble
- Focus on a way to make cost of the internet service lower
  - Wi- Fi Hotspots
  - Consumer Affairs LOB valuable in this regard
- Equal access to technology in schools and for all citizens
- Information Technology / Cybersecurity
- Concerned about over-reliance on fees (e.g. Parks)
- Contingency Planning – Continuity of Operations (COOP) (e.g. Public health, financial assistance disaster recovery)
  - Office of Emergency Management LOBs
  - Reserves
  - Continuity of Operations Plans
  - Citizen Reserve Corps
  - Human Services and Nonprofits relationships
- Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB)
- Health
  - Child Protective Services
  - Adult Protective Services

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**Question 1 continued:** Considering what you value about Fairfax County, what are the most important agency groupings/agencies/LOBs for you or your family or community that need to be maintained?

- CSB – Infant-Toddler Connection
- Mental Health
- Housing and Community Development
- Homelessness Environment

**Question 2:** In the context of constrained resources, what are the agency groupings / agencies / LOBs that you think should be identified for further review to look for efficiencies / elimination based on your priorities?

- Human Services departments set-up to help people use technology
- Budget Development / needs development – Collaborative process between BOS and School Board Review
- Review of services for co-location / collaboration / multi-use facility ( e.g. Merrifield, Diversion First)
- Integration of Services
  - Family Services, Community Services Board and Police
  - Public Safety, Courts and Judicial Administration (Justice)
- County and Schools Coordination
  - Human Services and Transportation
  - Neighborhood and Community Services
  - Libraries
- Identify Mental Health and Behavioral Health within School buildings
- Alignment of County and Schools Strategic Plan (Joint Strategic Plan)
- Metro Access – on call options / privatized
- Family Services and Community Services Board – focus on caregiver support
  - Area Agency on Aging
  - Education of various resources
- Intergovernmental coordination for consumer protection
- Aligning Technology to meet needs

**Question 3:** What strategies and ideas would you offer to the Board of Supervisors to identify cost reductions and/or increased resources to address future year budget requirements?

- Morality vs legality
  - Not mandated, should not do it
- Value in LOBs
- Simplify LOBs – perform more frequently
- Change interpretation of housing rules
- Change interpretation of zoning rules
- Service delivery options for housing
- Equity as a public policy discussion
- Community outreach
- Upfront investments lead to long term savings
- Meals tax- diversification, targeting industry
- Cross County Budget Community Council
- Police exposure to public views