

# Fairfax County FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan

Slides adapted from the County Executive's February 23, 2021 Presentation



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#### FY 2022 Advertised Budget Context



- With the timing and scale of economic recovery still uncertain, maintains conservative budgetary posture
- Builds upon the success that the County has had in utilizing federal stimulus funds, particularly the \$200.2 million received through the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund
  - No additional stimulus funds are assumed in this proposal, but staff is monitoring progress of new stimulus package
- Adjustments are in alignment with the Priority Areas as outlined in the Countywide Strategic Plan
  - Updated proposed Strategic Plan is released concurrent with the budget

#### FY 2022 Advertised Budget Highlights



- Decreases Real Estate Tax rate by 1 cent to \$1.14 per \$100 of assessed value
  - O Based on equalization, results in an increase in the average tax bill of approximately \$224
- Includes overall increase for County and Schools, excluding reserves, of 0.55%
  - O Provides an \$14.13 million increase over FY 2021 for School Operating; School Board request was \$104.40 million
- Includes no funding for employee pay increases in FY 2022
- Recommendation includes a \$20 million unappropriated reserve for Economic Recovery
  - Could be utilized at Board's discretion and appropriated at future quarterly reviews for County or School requirements
- Funds modest investments in Board priorities such as Public Safety staffing, Diversion First, Opioid Use Prevention Efforts, and Environmental Initiatives
  - Also include baseline funding for previously approved initiatives, such as Body-Worn Cameras and Health Department positions initially funded
    with stimulus funds
  - Includes increase of 109 positions, primarily for new facilities and the continuation of previous initiatives

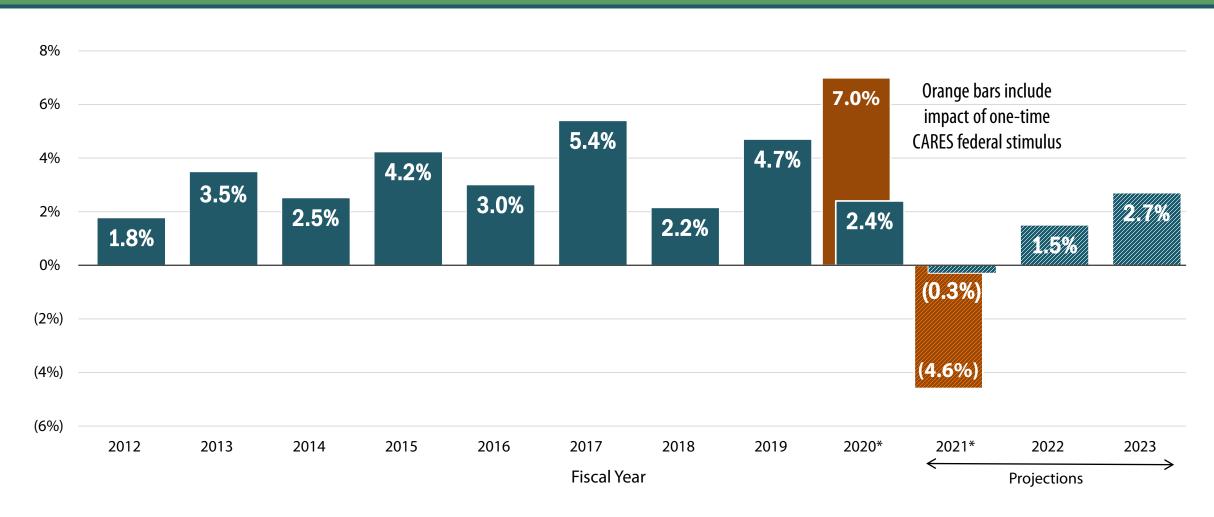
### Release of updated proposed Countywide Strategic Plan

- Countywide Strategic Plan originally presented with the <u>FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan</u>
- Onset of the COVID-19 pandemic caused us to delay action on the plan by one year
- Staff has utilized this time to make updates to the plan based on the significant cultural and societal changes that have occurred over the past year
  - Worked closely with County's Chief Equity Officer and followed the recommendations coming out of the Chairman's Task Force on Equity and Opportunity to ensure alignment
- Fundamental components of the plan remain unchanged
- Updated plan now available online



# Annual Change in General Fund Revenue FY 2012 — FY 2023





<sup>\*</sup> FY 2020 growth rate of 7.0% includes one-time CARES federal stimulus revenue of \$200.2 million.

# FY 2022 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN

#### **Real Estate Tax Base**

- The projected value of 1 Penny on the Real Estate tax rate equals \$27.14 million in revenue in FY 2022
- The Commercial/ Industrial percentage of the total real estate assessment base decreased from 19.72% in FY 2021 to 18.17% in FY 2022

|                  | 2010     | 2011    | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015   | 2016   |
|------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Equalization     | (10.52%) | (8.98%) | 2.67% | 2.53% | 2.63% | 4.84%  | 2.40%  |
| - Residential    | (12.55)  | (5.56)  | 2.34  | 0.71  | 3.50  | 6.54   | 3.39   |
| - Nonresidential | (4.51)   | (18.29) | 3.73  | 8.21  | 0.14  | (0.10) | (0.60) |
| Growth           | 0.57     | (0.22)  | 0.60  | 0.74  | 0.77  | 0.93   | 1.06   |
| TOTAL            | (9.95%)  | (9.20%) | 3.27% | 3.27% | 3.40% | 5.77%  | 3.46%  |

|                  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023<br>Prelim |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|
| Equalization     | 1.94% | 0.97% | 2.58% | 2.45% | 2.71% | 2.02%  | 1.75%          |
| - Residential    | 1.64  | 0.68  | 2.17  | 2.36  | 2.65  | 4.25   | 3.00           |
| - Nonresidential | 2.87  | 1.85  | 3.79  | 2.71  | 2.87  | (4.05) | (1.95)         |
| Growth           | 1.04  | 0.92  | 1.01  | 1.15  | 1.05  | 0.86   | 0.85           |
| TOTAL            | 2.98% | 1.89% | 3.59% | 3.60% | 3.76% | 2.88%  | 2.60%          |

#### FY 2022 Budget **Summary**

- Net County revenues increase totals \$42.23 million, with \$13.07 million transferred to support Schools Operating and Debt Service requirements, a net \$11.70 million to support County priorities, and \$20 million held in balance for the Board for Economic Recovery efforts
- Schools support and County requirements, excluding reserves, are both increased 0.55% over FY 2022
- Schools are 52.8% of General Fund Disbursements in FY 2022
- County's reserves remain budgeted at target of 10% of General Fund disbursements

#### Adjustments included in FY 2022 General Fund Budget

| (Amounts shown are in millions, net change over <u>FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan</u> ) |           |         |           |  |  |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| Available Revenue Increase   |           |         |           |  |  |
| Revenue Increase at Current Real Estate Tax Rate                                     |           |         |           |  |  |
| Real Estate Tax Rate Decrease of One Cent to \$1.14 per \$100 of Assessed Value      |           |         |           |  |  |
| Net Impact of Transfers In   |           |         |           |  |  |
| Total Available  |           |         | \$42.52   |  |  |
| FY 2022 Requirements   |           |         |           |  |  |
|  | County    | Schools | Total     |  |  |
| County Compensation  | (\$1.97)  |         | (\$1.97)  |  |  |
| County Debt Service  | \$0.28    |         | \$0.28    |  |  |
| Lifelong Education and Learning  | (\$0.01)  | \$13.07 | \$13.06   |  |  |
| Safety and Security  | \$11.91   |         | \$11.91   |  |  |
| Health and Environment   | \$9.12    |         | \$9.12    |  |  |
| Empowerment and Support for Residents Facing Vulnerability                           | \$2.92    |         | \$2.92    |  |  |
| Effective and Efficient Government   | \$2.49    |         | \$2.49    |  |  |
| Cultural and Recreational Opportunities  | \$2.18    |         | \$2.18    |  |  |
| Housing and Neighborhood Livability  | \$0.47    |         | \$0.47    |  |  |
| Economic Opportunity   | \$0.22    |         | \$0.22    |  |  |
| Mobility and Transportation  |           |         |           |  |  |
| Agency Reductions and Savings  | (\$15.91) |         | (\$15.91) |  |  |
| Subtotal   | \$11.70   | \$13.07 | \$24.77   |  |  |
| Reserve Adjustments  |           |         | (\$2.25)  |  |  |
| Total Uses   |           |         | \$22.52   |  |  |
| Available Balance to be set aside in Economic Recovery Reserve                       |           |         | \$20.00   |  |  |

### **Looking Forward**



- Will continue to closely monitor revenue categories and include potential adjustments as part of the FY 2022 Add-On Package
- Staff will continue to maximize stimulus resources as appropriate
- Even if economy improves for FY 2023, will be challenging budget year due to competing demands
  - Employee compensation, impacted by collective bargaining
  - Board priorities that have not been addressed in FY 2022 including affordable housing and school readiness
- FY 2023 will be developed based on Strategic Plan priorities as approved by the Board of Supervisors

## How to Provide Input on the FY 2022 Budget



• To learn more about participating in the budget public hearings, call the Clerk to the Board's Office at (703) 324-3151 (TTY 711) or to access the form at:

#### www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form

- The public can send written testimony or communicate with the Clerk's Office by email at: <a href="mailto:clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov">clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.
- Residents can also provide testimony by phone or submit video testimony. In-person testimony will not be allowed if the Board meetings are held virtually.
- The entire <u>FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan</u> and the <u>FY 2022-FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program</u> are available online at:

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## **FY 2022 Budget Timeline**



| February 23, 2021 | County Executive presents FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan  |
|-------------------|---|
| March 2, 2021     | Joint Board of Supervisors/School Board Budget Committee Meeting  |
| March 9, 2021     | Board of Supervisors authorizes advertisement of FY 2022 tax rates  |
| March 23, 2021    | Board of Supervisors authorizes advertisement of FY 2021 Third Quarter Review   |
| April 13-15, 2021 | Board of Supervisors holds Public Hearings on FY 2022 Budget, FY 2021 Third Quarter Review, and FY 2022-FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program |
| April 27, 2021    | Board of Supervisors marks-up FY 2022 Budget, adopts FY 2022-FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program and FY 2021 Third Quarter Review           |
| May 4, 2021       | Board of Supervisors adopts FY 2022 Adopted Budget  |
| May 11-12, 2021   | School Board holds public hearings on FY 2022 budget  |
| May 20, 2021      | School Board adopts FY 2022 Approved Budget   |
| July 1, 2021      | FY 2022 Budget Year Begins  |
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