



Prince George's County Legislative Priorities **Council Member Krystal Oriadha, District 7**

February 2023

The People's Agenda:

Ensure Transparency in Our Government

Increase Services for Residents

Preserve our Green Space and Protect Our Environment

Supporting Smart Growth and Quality Development for Our Community

Supporting Working Families

Bring access to quality healthcare to our communities

Increase Opportunities for local minority businesses and nonprofits

Current Legislation

Ensure Transparency in Our Government

- **Police Accountability Board:** With the purpose of re-establishing under the Public Accountability Board the authority to conduct independent investigations and have subpoena power. The intent is to give the new PAB expanded powers similar to those that were eventually granted to the Citizens' Complaints Oversight Panel.
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting
- **Police Accountability:** With the purpose of requiring the issuance of body-worn cameras under certain circumstances, require the internal random review of certain body-worn camera recordings, require review by the Internal Affairs Division of certain body-worn camera recordings, require the internal reporting of certain investigations to the Chief of Police, require the reporting of certain investigations, investigative files, and body-worn camera recordings to the County Executive, the County Council, and the State's Attorney, require maintenance of a log of each time a body-worn camera recording is accessed or redacted, and generally amend the law governing policing, body-worn camera recordings, and police internal affairs
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting

- **Safer Communities:** With the purpose of creating restrictions on ghost guns and undetectable guns to protect communities and public spaces.
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting

Increase Services for Residents

- **Senior Citizens Housing Assistance Program:** With the purpose of establishing a rental assistance program for Senior citizens to have the ability to age in place and not have to leave Prince George's County. This program would assist low-income seniors facing inability to keep up with rent, mortgage or property taxes payments.
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting

Preserve our Green Space and Protect Our Environment

- **A Resolution Concerning Adoption of the Climate Action Plan (CB-006-2023):** For the purpose of permanently adopting the Climate Action Plan for Prince George's County and supplementary comments report; providing for status briefings to the County Council on at least an annual basis and generally regarding climate.
 - **STATUS:** Currently assigned to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

Supporting Smart Growth and Quality Development for Our Community

- **Tobacco Shops, Electronic Cigarette Shops, or Retail Tobacco Shops (CB-009-2023):** For the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance to include reasonable parameters as to hours of operation, from 8am to 10pm, prohibit tobacco shops in the CGO Zone, allow LED lights or illuminated signage only when in operation, as a criterion for approval of Special Exceptions for Tobacco Shops, Electronic Cigarette Shop, or Retail Tobacco Business. If enacted, currently operating Tobacco shops will be non-conforming if legislation is enacted.
 - **STATUS:** Public Hearing scheduled for **March 07, 2023 at 2:30pm**

Supporting Working Families

- **Temporary Rent Stabilization (CB-007-2023):** For the purpose of amending the Landlord-Tenant Code for six months to limit landlords' ability to increase rent in an amount that exceeds 3% per annum of the existing rent amount for any tenant.
PASSED
- **A Pilot Project Labor Agreement (CB-004-2023):** For the purpose of establishing a pilot project labor agreement targeting Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation CIP 4,66.0002 Curb and Road and Rehabilitation 2 construction projects that create entry-level positions for residents that are both necessary and desirable.
PASSED

- **Landlord Reporting of Tenants' Rental Payments to Major Credit Bureaus (CB-006-2023):** For the purpose of creating a pilot program that will require landlords with a certain amount of dwelling units to give their tenants the option of having their rental payments reported to at least one of the three major credit bureaus; relating to the requirements and process for providing certain tenants' opportunity to have rent payments reported to consumer credit bureaus; and generally related to tenants' consumer credit rights.

PASSED

- **Rental Assistance Program (CB-23-2023):** For the purpose of establishing a program to provide financial rental assistance to Prince George's residents. Awards would be eligible for monthly disbursements up to 6 months over the course of a 24 month period.
 - **STATUS:** Referred to Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee
- **Private Security Camera Incentive Program (CB-008-2023):** For the purpose of establishing a Private Security Camera Incentive Program that would encourage businesses and homeowners to set up cameras to increase surveillance. Nationally, crime and illegal dumping is on the rise and establishing more surveillance would assist public safety in keeping our communities safe and clean.
 - **STATUS:** Public Hearing scheduled for **March 21, 2023 at 2:30 PM**
- **Guaranteed Basic Income:** For the purpose of establishing a Guaranteed Basic Income Program that aims to stabilize economically vulnerable families, allow families to financially plan for the future, increase employment rates, increase emotional and financial capacity, cover basic needs of families in Prince George's County, pay debts, decrease anxiety, depression and extreme financial strain of Prince Georgians. This program would be a twenty-four (24) month program, with two hundred (200) participating individuals receiving eight hundred dollars (\$800) monthly for the duration of the program.
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting
- **Permanent Rent Stabilization:** With the purpose of stabilization of rent increases below 4% to allow families to continue living in Prince George's County and the prevention of homelessness.
 - **STATUS:** Workgroup will begin to meet on March 2023

Bring access to quality healthcare to our communities

- **Mandatory Health Assessments in Land Use Matters:** With the purpose of requiring Health Impact Assessments in accordance with national best practices which will include;
 - Screenings - Determination by stakeholders and experts whether a Health Impact Assessment for a given policy or project proposal is warranted and feasible

- Scoping - Identification of which issues should be considered and which populations are impacted
- Assessment - Collecting evidence and data on the effects of the policy or program on health determinants and health outcomes
- Reporting/Evaluation - Providing a usable synthesis of the findings of a Health Impact Assessment and conducting follow-up evaluation to provide lessons for future Health Impact Assessments
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting

Increase Opportunities for local minority businesses and nonprofits

- **Consolidated Storage (CB-11-2023):** For the purpose of prohibiting Consolidated Storage in Non-residential, Transit-Oriented/Activity Center Based Zones of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County.
 - **STATUS:** Awaiting public hearing date
- **Child Care Grant Program:** With the purpose of establishing a child care grant program that will decrease the cost of local for-profit and non-profit businesses with 50 or less employees , providing child care in Prince George's County, to be able to apply for a grant to fund employee wages, facility upkeep and supplies.
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting
- **Local MBE's Mandatory Set-Asides:** With the purpose of ensuring that Small local MBE receives a fair share of county contracts awarded by mandating that each agency and office shall award contracts of \$250,000 or less to a qualified small business enterprise included on the County Supplier List.
 - **STATUS:** Currently in drafting

General Key Legislative Priority Areas for District 7:

- **Economic Recovery and Development**
 - Prevent the increase of property taxes
 - Expand resources for local small businesses
 - Access to quality jobs and livable wages
- **Quality of Life**
 - Increase services for senior citizens
 - Re-evaluate the current firearm laws to prevent crime and further improve public safety
 - Transitional housing for homeless and domestic violence survivors
 - Invest in re-entry programs to ensure Prince Georgians have access to housing and employment upon their re-entry to society
- **Community Base Development**
 - Safeguard communities from gentrification
 - Ensure development aligns with the interest of communities in Prince George's
 - Ensure businesses align with the interest of communities in Prince George's
- **Education**
 - Building Community Schools
 - Fair pay for teachers and administration
 - Accessible after-school programs
 - Expansion of apprenticeship programs in our schools
- **LGBTQ+**
 - Ensure Prince George's is following the national efforts to prevent discrimination in employments, schools (at all levels), and public accommodations
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