## CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Following is the full text of the proposed Amendment to the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland.

Section 307A. - Term Limitation.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the County Council, either as a district member, as an at-large member or as a combination of the two; but in no event may a person serve more than four terms in one lifetime. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as County Executive. This provision is effective immediately on ratification and applies to all persons then currently serving as a member of the County Council or as County Executive as well as any person who has previously served in or is newly elected to office after ratification.

Pursuant to CB-40-2016, the County Council voted to place a Charter Amendment on the ballot to create two new At-Large Council seats and to provide for different term limits for district members and At-Large members, such that Council members could continue serving in excess of two terms. Thus, CB-40-2016 had two purposes: (1) create two new At-Large Council seats; and (2) to provide Council members with extended term limits.

Voters were not provided an opportunity to retain the long-standing two consecutive term limits for all Council members. The proposed Charter Amendment will provide voters with the option of limiting all Council members to two consecutive terms. As with the original 1992 Charter Amendment, this Amendment shall apply to all persons who are currently serving on the County Council.

The current Charter provision states as follows. [Language added by CB-40-2016.]

## Section 307A. - Term Limitation.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the County Council. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as County Executive[; provided that a Council member who has served two terms as a district member shall be eligible to run for an at-large seat on the Council and is eligible to serve for no more than two consecutive terms as an at-large member.] This Section shall apply to all persons who are currently serving on the County Council or as County Executive on the effective date of this Section and to all persons elected thereafter.

(Petition ratified Nov. 3, 1992; Amended, CB-40-2016, ratified Nov. 8, 2016)