

**County Executive  
Of  
Howard County, Maryland**

**Executive Order: 2015 - 1  
Date: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Subject: Revised Spending  
Affordability Advisory  
Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive is concerned about maintaining Howard County's excellent fiscal condition despite difficult economic conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive wishes to have guidance from the citizens of Howard County in reviewing revenue, operating, and capital budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive wishes to assure that the county does not overburden itself with debt and desires to maintain its current excellent bond rating; and

**WHEREAS**, the county expenditures for the operating and capital budgets must be controlled so that the level of county spending is consistent with the economic growth of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the county is faced with long-term environmental, transportation, educational, safety and employee benefit obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the control of spending shall be exercised through the budgetary process as well as through program review; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposals on spending affect not only the next fiscal year, but future fiscal years; and

**WHEREAS**, the county is facing continued demands for additional necessary infrastructure and mandated services, putting pressure on the operating budget and the county's debt capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 24, 2014, the County Executive issued Executive Order 2014-12 designating the Committee and the County Executive now wishes to amend the membership of the Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** that a Spending Affordability Advisory Committee is established. The duties and responsibilities of the committee shall be to produce a report as follows:

1. Review in detail the status and projections of revenues and expenditures for the county, not only for fiscal year 2016, but also for fiscal years 2017 through 2020.
2. Evaluate future county revenue levels and consider the impact of economic indicators such as changes in personal income, assessable base growth, and other data which the committee considers applicable.

3. Evaluate expenditure levels with consideration of the long-term obligations facing the county, and the best way to pay for them.

The committee shall present to the County Executive, on or before March 1, 2015, a report including:

- a. Projections of revenue for the upcoming fiscal year
- b. A recommended level of new county debt authorization
- c. The anticipated effect of the committee's budget recommendations on future budgets
- d. Other findings and/or recommendations that the committee deems appropriate

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Spending Affordability Advisory Committee shall consist of the following citizens and representatives of major organizations:

Lorenzo D. Ascoli  
Nina Basu  
Andrew E. Clark  
Richard Clinch PhD.  
Lynn Coleman, Howard Community  
College  
Beverly Davis, Howard County Public  
School System  
Ryan Frederic  
Ellen Flynn Giles, Howard County Board  
of Education  
Bruce Harvey  
Steve Hunt  
Jim Hyatt

Barbara Lawson  
Larry Letow  
Milton Matthews, Columbia Association  
Leonardo McClarty, Howard County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Dwight Mikulis  
Dennis Miller  
Steve Poynot  
Steve W. Sachs  
Sue Song  
Edward L. Waddell, CPA  
James Young, Howard County General  
Hospital

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that Steven W. Sachs shall serve as the Committee's Chair, and that the following county staff members will serve as advisors to the Committee:

Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer  
Stanley Milesky, Director, Department of Finance  
Raymond S. Wacks, Consultant  
Jahantab Siddiqui, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive  
Craig Glendenning, Howard County Auditor  
Larry Twele, Howard County Economic Development Authority

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I, Allan H. Kittleman**, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

  
Allan H. Kittleman