

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

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COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chair Dernoga and Vice-Chair Harrison Preside Over First Session of 2010 Legislative Year

The Prince George's County Council unanimously elected Council Members Thomas Dernoga (D) – District 1, and Andrea Harrison (D) – District 5, to serve as the new Council leadership team for the 2010 Legislative Year. Newly-elected Council Chair Dernoga and Vice-Chair Harrison presided over the first session of the Legislative Year on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.



Prince George's County Council 2010 Leadership Team, Chair Dernoga (D) – District 1, and Vice-Chair Harrison (D) – District 5.

Over the next year, Council Member Samuel Dean (D) – District 6, will serve as Chair of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee. District 7 Council Member Camille Exum will Chair the Council's Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee. Council Member Eric Olson (D) – District 3, will Chair the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee. Council Member Ingrid Turner (D) – District 4, will serve as Chair of the Health Education and Human Services Committee. Former Chairperson Marilynn Bland (D) – District 9, will lend her leadership skills to Rules and General Assembly efforts.

During Tuesday's session, Council Members also presented "Mixed Use Zone" bills CB-1-2010, CB-2-2010 and CB-3-2010, and introduced and adopted Council Resolution CR-1-2010, amending the composition of the Taxicab Service Task Force.

Accepting the Gavel of Leadership from Council Chairperson Bland, Chair Dernoga addressed the 2010 legislative agenda. "The past year has been difficult in historic proportions. And we know by now that the coming year is certain to present additional fiscal challenges. There will be a smooth transition into 2010 no matter how rocky the landscape may become as a result of potential budget shortfalls. As I receive the gavel, I pledge that we will continue to work tirelessly to represent the citizens of this County as their advocates to the absolute best of our ability."

The new Council leadership team will serve from December 1, 2009 until December 7, 2010. The County Council is now in December recess, and will resume Council business in January.

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All legislative powers of Prince George's County are vested in the County Council. The County Council sits as the District Council on zoning and land use policy, and as the Board of Health to govern and guide health policy. The County Council meets as a legislative body on Tuesdays in the Council Hearing Room on the first floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. For more information on the Prince George's County Council, please visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.



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