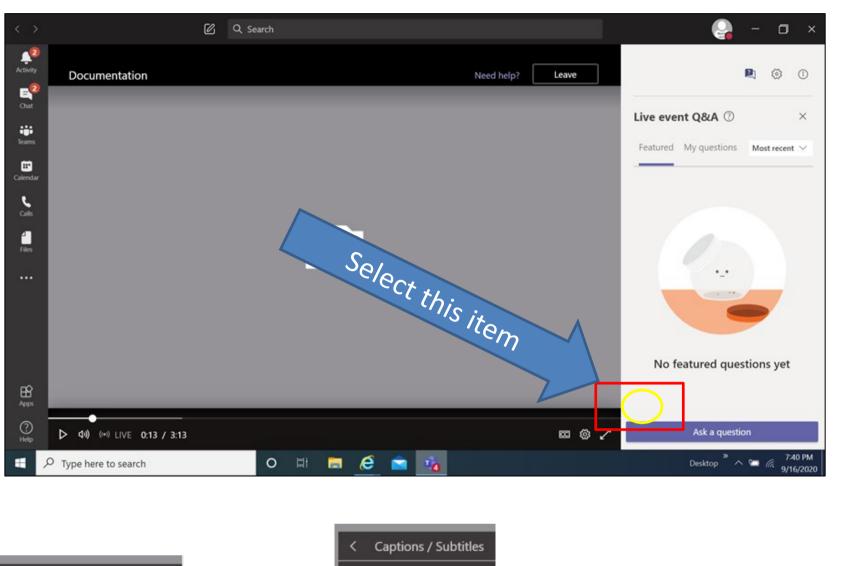


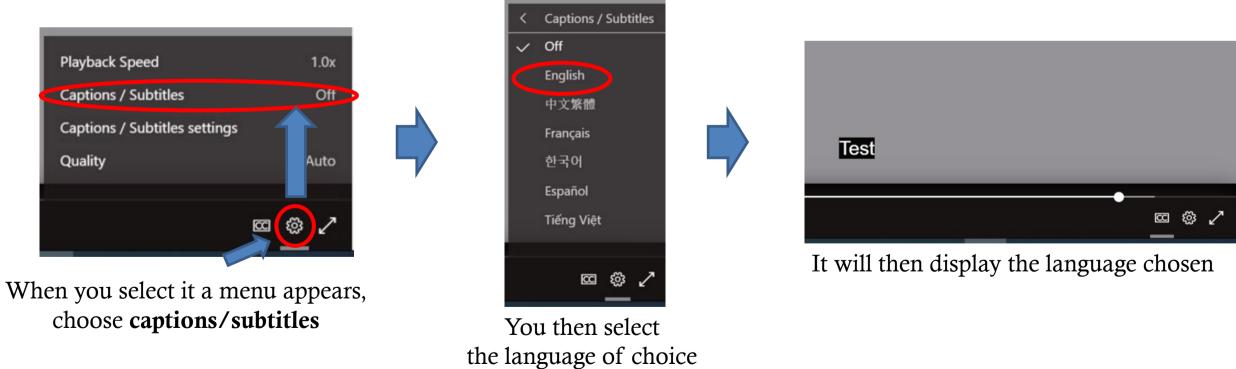
# Community Conversations FY24 Operating Budget and Services

Montgomery County Government, Rockville, Maryland

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#### Agenda

- Purpose of the Budget Forum
- Understanding the Operating Budget
- Building the Operating Budget
- Community Participation
- Fiscal Outlook
- Presentation by the County Executive
- Questions and Answers with the County Executive

#### Purpose of the Budget Forum

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#### Thank You!!



■ Provide residents with an opportunity to express their priorities and views on the County's Operating Budget

Inform residents about the County's Operating Budget

■ Encourage participation and engagement in the process

#### Thank You!!



The County Executive and the Citizens Advisory
Board thank you for taking this opportunity to learn
about the County's operating budget, to express your
views on the County's Operating Budget
priorities, and get answers to your questions.

#### Understanding the Budget

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### Two Budgets - One County



#### **Operating Budget: Services**

- ► K-12 Education
- ➤ Community College Education
- ➤ Public Safety: Police, Fire, Courts, Corrections and Sheriff
- Transportation: Roads, Traffic and Bus
- ➤ Social Services: Health, Income Maintenance and Other
- > Environmental Protection
- ➤ Parks, Recreation and Libraries
- ➤ Land-Use Planning and Regulation
- ➤ Trash Collection and Disposal
- ➤ Economic Development
- ➤ Debt Service



#### **Capital Budget: Facilities**

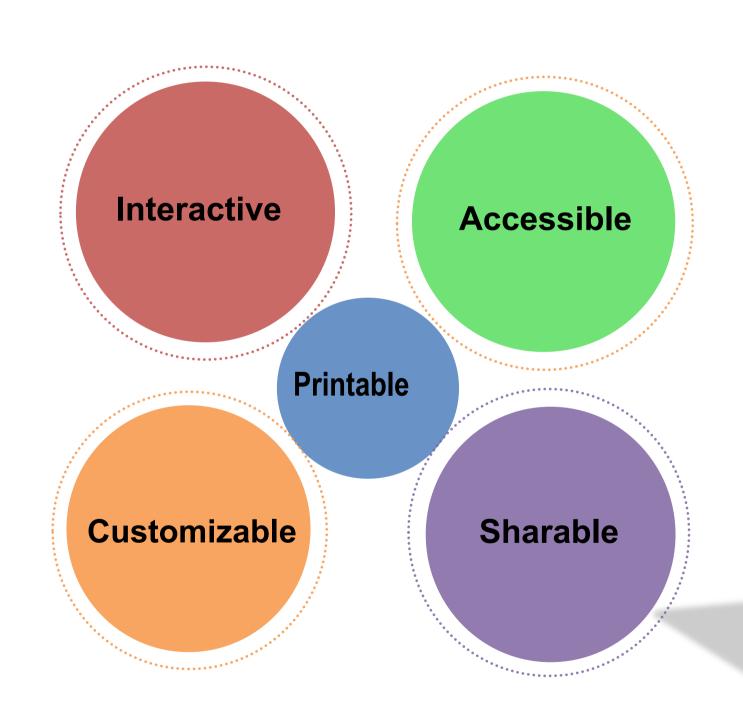
- ➤ Roads and Bridges
- ➤ Schools and College Facilities
- ➤ Water and Sewer Facilities
- ➤ Information Technology Infrastructure
- **►** Library Buildings
- ➤ Police and Fire Stations
- ➤ General Government Facilities
- Funded Primarily Through the Issuance of Bonds



# Open Budget - Operating



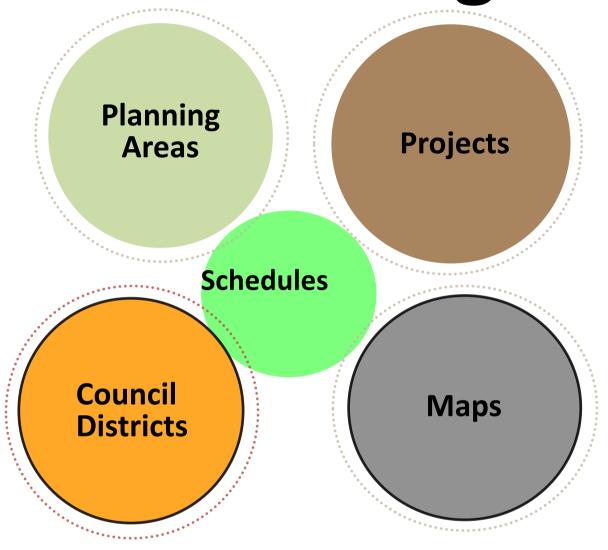
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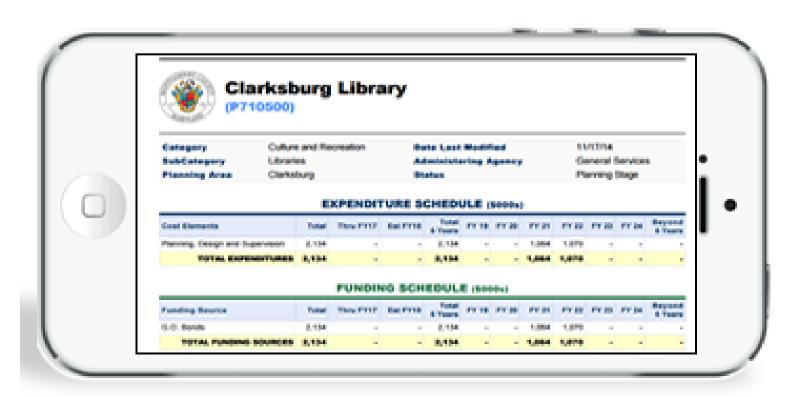




# **Open Budget - Capital**Including Projects & Maps









#### **Building The Operating Budget**

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# Building the FY24 Operating Budget

- 1. Revenue Estimates
- 2. Enrollment Forecast
- 3. Fixed Costs for:
  - Employee salaries & benefits
  - Current & future retiree benefits
- 4. Debt service & capital contributions
- 5. New State & Federal Laws

# Operating Budget Process



#### FALL

County departments review performance data & prepare budget proposals

#### WINTER

County Executive reviews data & proposals with OMB & leadership teams

#### MARCH 15

County Executive transmits formal budget proposal to County Council

#### **SPRING**

County Council
holds public hearings,
work sessions, and
adopts the budget by
the end of May

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- ☐ County Executive Sponsored Budget Forums
- ☐ County Executive Initiated Virtual Town Halls
- Boards, Committees, and Commissions
- Letters/Emails
- County Council Public Hearings
- Online Resources



# Regional Community Advisory Boards

The five regional Community Advisory Boards help you keep up to date on issues affecting your communities and to have a voice. Take an active role by participating and engaging in your local Advisory Boards.

- ☐ Online meetings
- ☐ Join with your computer, laptop, tablet, phone or call in with your phone
- ☐ Open to the public
- ☐ For more information and/or to have your questions answered, contact the respective Regional Service Directors of the five regions.

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# Regional Community Advisory Boards

Website Addresses for each of the five regions:

- □ *UpCounty* <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/</a>
- ☐ *Mid-County -* <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/midcounty/">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/midcounty/</a>
- ☐ East County <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty/">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty/</a>
- ☐ Bethesda-Chevy Chase <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc/">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc/</a>
- ☐ *Silver Spring* <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/silverspring/">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/silverspring/</a>

#### Fiscal Outlook

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#### Fiscally Responsible Government



#### Montgomery County is Focused on Financial Sustainability

- Balanced Budget Required By Law Despite Revenue Volatility
- Aggressive Reserve Target Policy
- Manage the Rate in Growth of Debt Expenditures
- Well-Managed Retirement Obligations Pre-funding for pensions and retiree health insurance (OPEB)

### Fiscal Outlook & Revenues

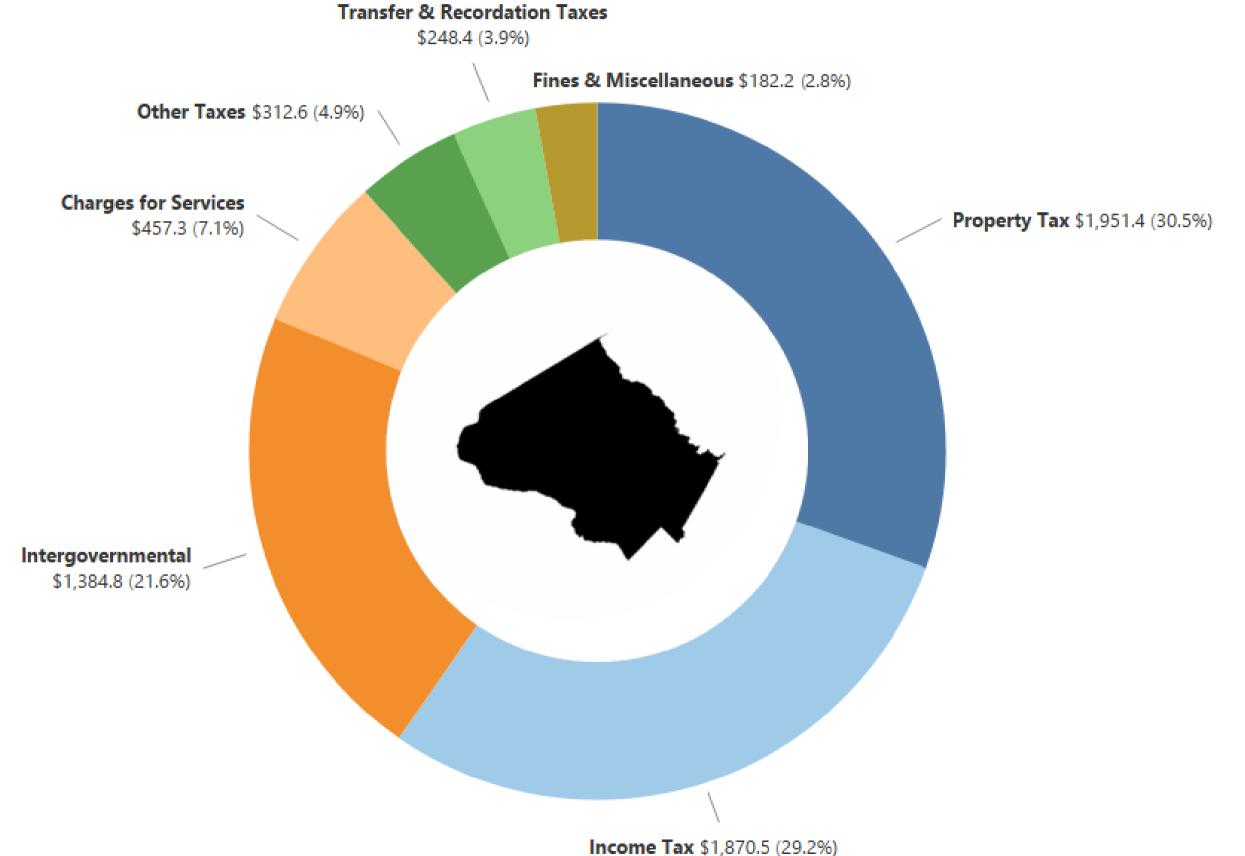


- ☐ FY22 **preliminary** actual tax revenues for major taxes such as income tax and recordation and transfer taxes are up compared to March 2022 estimates.
- ☐ In September, the State of Maryland reported ending FY22 with a significant surplus.
- ☐ The County's FY23 tax revenue projections are on target compared to the May approved budget.
- ☐ Critical information needed to refine revenue estimates will not be known until later in November.

#### FY23 Approved Revenues (\$millions)

Where the money comes from • Total revenues: \$6,407.2

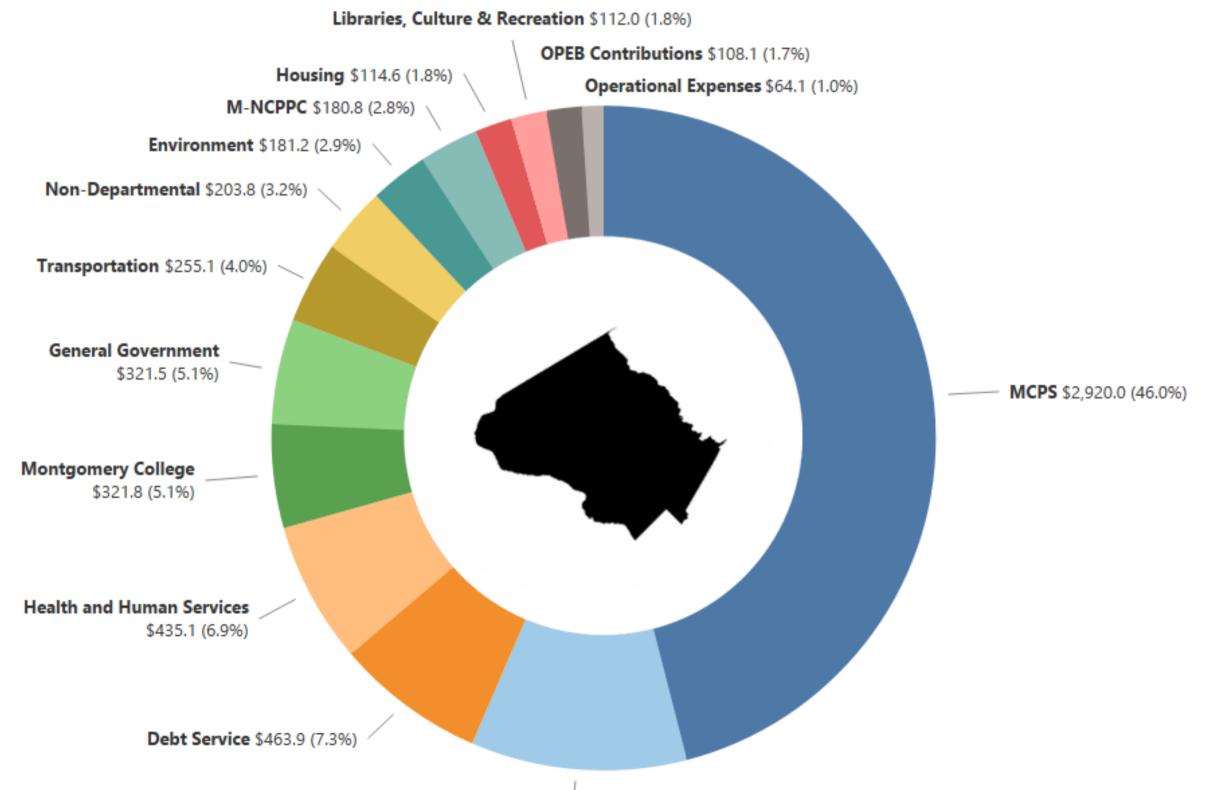




#### FY23 Approved Expenditures by Operating Function (\$millions)

Total expenditures: \$6,346.4



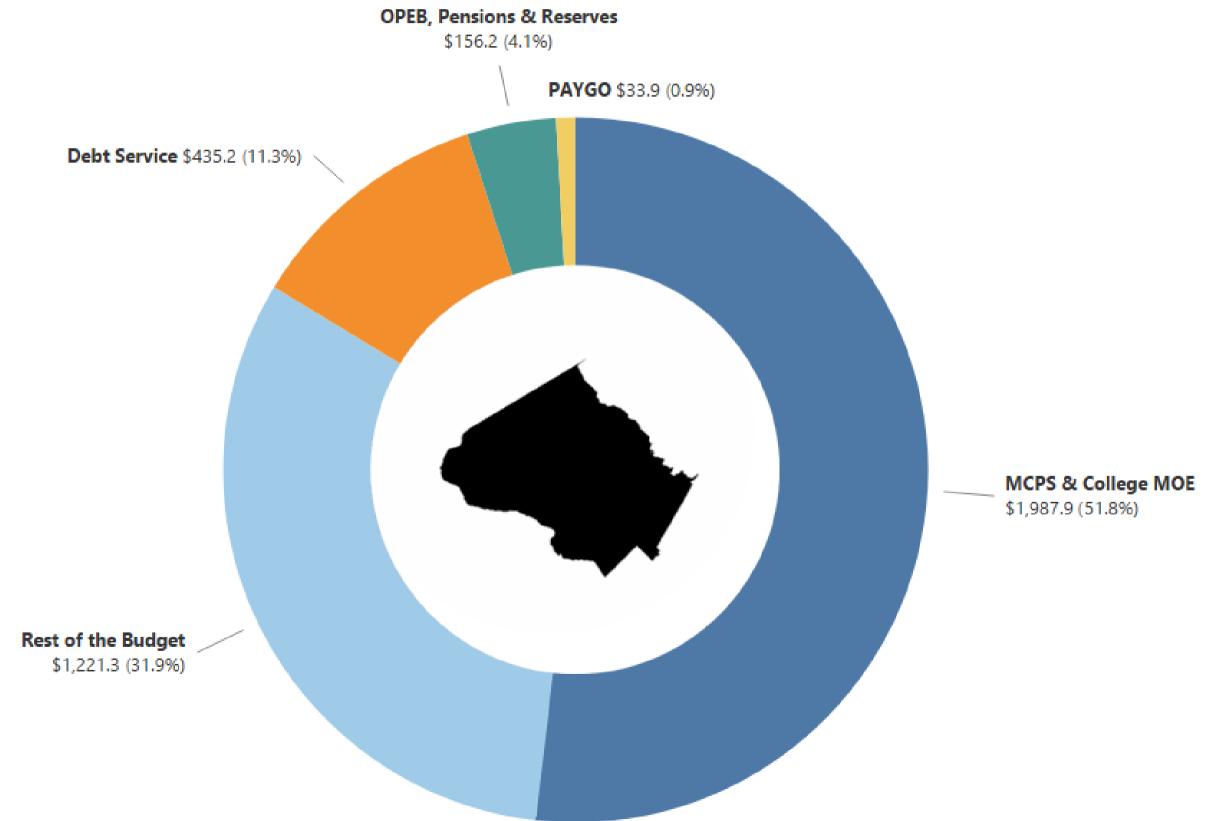


Public Safety \$664.5 (10.5%)

#### FY23 Fixed & Other Commitments as a % of General Fund Revenue (\$millions)



Total General Fund revenue: \$3,834.5





# County Executive Marc Elrich

## Applying Multiple Lenses



#### FY24 Operating Budget Development Process

■ Racial Equity Lens - Expand the development of a Budget Equity Tool

Climate Change Lens - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions Countywide 80% by 2027 and achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 (Climate Action Plan released June 2021)

■ Community Participation — Listen to ideas from the community

### Applying Multiple Lenses



# FY24 Operating Budget Development Process Racial Equity Momentum

- Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ) provides training, data sources, manual and rubric for County department users to develop their budget proposals
- ORESJ revamped the Operating Budget Equity Tool
- ORESJ will score department responses to the questions in the tool
- ORESJ will provide scores to departments, OMB, and County Executive for consideration during the decision-making process

### Applying Multiple Lenses



# FY24 Operating Budget Development Process Climate Change Momentum

- Environmental Sustainability
- Clean and renewable energy sources Solar microgrids and clean hydrogen fuel generation
- Zero Emissions Ride On buses 14—in service in 2023 with approximately 220 zero emissions buses expected in service by 2029
- Goal 100% Zero Emissions by 2035

# County Executive Marc Elrich's

### Signature Initiatives

- **Expanding Early Care and Education develop a** comprehensive system of high-quality, accessible, and affordable early childhood education.
- Preserving & Increasing Affordable Housing focus on eviction and homelessness prevention, tenant education, limitations on rental increases, and rental assistance.

# County Executive Marc Elrich's

Signature Initiatives

- Building Bus Rapid Transit System a high quality, frequent, reliable transit plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- Fighting Climate Change goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions Countywide 80% by 2027 and achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 – while prioritizing racial equity, social justice, and public health.

# County Executive Marc Elrich's Signature Initiatives

- Reimagining Public Safety identify and address implicit bias and institutional racism in all aspects of the public safety system.
- Advancing Racial Equity & Social Justice through legislation, budget appropriations, supplemental appropriations, training for employees.

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Signature Initiatives

Improving Economic & Community Development – focus on economic growth and workforce

development.





# Services for A More Equitable and Inclusive Montgomery County



- Early Care Initiative
- Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice
- 4Business Initiative
- □ WorkSource Montgomery, Inc.
- Racial Equity and Social Justice Impact Assessments
- Funding to ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and testing in underserved areas of the East County region
- Funding to promote access to primary health care resources/community-based services for uninsured/underinsured residents



# Questions and Answers with County Executive Marc Elrich

### Additional Questions





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