

**TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH
ON BILL 22-20E POSITION CREATION AND POSITION ALTERATION
– DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND DIRECTOR OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMISSION**

May 5, 2020

Good afternoon Council President and Councilmembers, my name is Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive. It is a pleasure for me to appear before you on behalf of the County Executive in support of Bill 22-20E. The Executive's position is as follows:

The expedited Bill 22-20E will revise § 2-26 to replace the non-merit appointed position of Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission with a non-merit appointed position of Director of Strategic Partnerships. The duties of the of the Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission will be fulfilled by an individual designated by the Chief Administrative Officer. These duties are already being fulfilled by Caroline Sturgis, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer.

The relationship between the County Council, the Executive Branch and community partners is critical to the successful operation of the government at large to serve the residents of Montgomery County. The County Executive believes it is critical that we continue to strengthen the bonds of these various relationships on a daily basis. It is for this reason that we would like to provide dedicated resources to focus on strategic partnerships by converting the CJCC Director position to the Director of Strategic Partnerships.

The Office of Management and Budget have determined this is a cost neutral effort and the Office of the County Attorney has determined there are no legal issues with this bill.