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Prince George's County Young Democrats Coalitions & Resolutions

Prince George's County, MD - The membership of the Prince George's County Young Democrats Legislative Committee have sponsored and endorsed the following coalitions and policy resolutions:

- Signing on as supporters for the Prince George's County Council Medicare For All resolution. AYE, unanimous.
- Joining the Chesapeake Climate Action Network's Climate Stimulus Coalition to support clean energy, public transportation, environmental conservation & expansion, and economic investment in low-income communities. AYE, unanimous.
- Joining the Citizens Against SCMAGLEV Coalition due to the environmental and community impact of the MAGLEV; the lack of equitable transit access for Prince George's County residents, and other reasons. AYE, unanimous.
- A resolution to SUPPORT full voting rights and pay/scholarship that are no less than the pay and voting rights for appointed/elected members of the Board of Education for Student Members of the Board of Education (SMOB) in each of the jurisdictions in Maryland, including Prince George's County, with legal protections for SMOBS in lawsuits against the Board of Education. AYE, unanimous.
- A resolution to SUPPORT Comptroller Peter Franchot's proposal for a Maryland stimulus that will offer direct financial support to Maryland families.

ELLIOTT AMENDMENTS:

A. \$2,000 for ALL Marylanders over the age of 18 with less than \$50,000 in annual income OR with less than \$100,000 as a couple in either 2019 or 2020, including those receiving Social Security benefits, ideally distributed via direct deposit for all with bank information on file with the Comptroller's Office;

B. An additional \$500 per dependent;

C. \$2,500 for all Marylanders who were skipped in the CARES Act, including families with dependents aged 16-18;

D. Bifurcated payments for individuals who are on SSI who are legally not allowed to have a certain amount of money without losing their benefits;

E. Protection from garnishment by any legal or banking institutions;

F. Reloadable debit cards, compatible with the State Employee Credit Union, sent in mail to all taxpayers who do not have banking information on file with the

Comptroller's Office. These cards should require signature confirmation upon delivery, and allow all deposits to be transferred to other bank accounts or withdrawn with no fees.

Written By:

Phylicia Henry, *Chair of Legislative Affairs as a Whole.* Janna Parker, *Chair of County Affairs.* Richard DeShay Elliott, *Chair of State Affairs.*

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- A resolution to SUPPORT the diversion of funding from Student Resource Officers (SROs) in Prince George's County Public Schools, to guidance counselors and school psychologists in Prince George's County Public Schools. AYE, unanimous.
- A resolution to OPPOSE appointed members of the Boards of Education in Prince George's County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, and Caroline County; and to move all counties to a fully elected Board of Education with district, not At-Large, elections. AYE, unanimous.

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