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January 10, 2025

TO: County Council

FROM: Jill Nixon, Legislative Coordinator II

SUBJ: Resolution amending Council and Executive Expectations of Advisory Groups

The County Council approved the "County Council and County Executive Expectations for Boards and Commissions" on February 13, 2013 and reaffirmed the Expectations on March 22, 2022. The document is sent to all individuals appointed to a Council-appointed advisory group.

In recent years, mid-term turnover on many advisory groups has increased for a variety of reasons. If Council approves, the Expectations document could make it clear that appointees are expected to serve their full terms.

The proposed amendments also make it clear to the appointees that resignations, if necessary, should be submitted in writing to the facilitator and/or Council or Executive.

Finally, legal counsel recommends inclusion of the new bullet item beginning "Individual advisory group members and the collective group will adhere to the County Charter, County Code, and state laws..."

Requested Council Action

Review; amend if necessary, and; approve the resolution and Exhibit A.