



Council Member

WANIKA FISHER

DISTRICT 2



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

**DISTRICT 2 2024
YEAR IN REVIEW
NEWSLETTER**



Dear Neighbors of District 2,

As we begin 2025, I am wishing you a very happy New Year, filled with peace, prosperity, and personal growth! Looking back at 2024, it was a year filled with exciting, but challenging legislation, community events, budget hearings, and a very busy calendar for the County Council. I feel privileged to serve as your District 2 Council Member!

It would be nearly impossible to share all that has taken place in District 2 over the past year, but I will share some of the highlights from the most memorable events through the following articles and photos. Words cannot begin to express my sincerest appreciation for your participation, partnership, and passion for our community. We share many of the same goals focused on the best interests of the community where we live and work, and where our children play.

I have a great appreciation for the teamwork throughout our District from constituents, stakeholders, civic leaders, and agency personnel. I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your support and your continued engagement. Please do not hesitate to my office if we can ever be of assistance to you. I am honored to serve as your Council Member for District 2.

With my utmost appreciation,

Wanika B. Fisher, Esq.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SUMMER CONFERENCE

District 2 was proud to represent Prince George's County at the MACo Summer Conference 2024 in Ocean City!

FALL FEST- GATEWAY FARMERS MARKET

It was wonderful being out amongst all of the community at the farmers market for the fall festival. It has been such a successful market filled with plenty of people, and just an amazing time so many kids out having fun. There were arts and crafts, fresh produce, and good old community fellowship.

SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WORKGROUP



The Workgroup was established under **CR-009-2024** in response to the tragic deaths of students Sky Sosa and Shalom Mbah as they were walking to their elementary school. The Workgroup felt an urgency to improve pedestrian safety around school zones and work with County and community partners to implement sustainable and lasting solutions to improve safety around the County's roadways. As such, the Workgroup, with input from the community, public agencies, and non-profit organizations finalized eighteen (18) final recommendations to bring before the County Council of Prince George's County.

BUDGET WINS

Agency/Item	Amount	Agency/Item	Amount
New Northern Area High School	\$279 M	Hamilton Splash Park	\$1.3 M
Hyattsville Fire/Ems Station #801	\$10.5 M	MHeurich Park Turf Field	\$1.2 M
Langley Park Branch - Library	\$27.7 M	Lane Manor Aquatic Center	\$1.5 M
Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$157.9 M	Lane Manor Park Building	\$1.0 M
Cool Spring Judith Hoyer Modernization	\$121.8 M	Langley Park CC Trail/ Park Lighting	\$1.0 M
Health School Facility Program -		Langley Park Community Center	\$411,000
New Roof Carole Highlands	\$18.9 M	Mount Rainier South Park	\$330,000
International School Langley Park		Northern Gateway Park Improvements	\$1.3 M
(has been delayed for 6 years)	\$43.4 M	PG Connector/ Anacostia Gateway	\$4.5 M
Hyattsville Branch Replacement	\$38.6 M	PG Plaza Multigenerational Center	\$108 M
Chillum Fire EMS #834	\$8.9 M	New Glenridge Area Middle School	\$97.9 M
Chillum Fire #844	\$3.4 M	Rollingcrest Chillum Community Center	\$20.3M
Hyattsville Fire Station #801	\$2.5 M	Hyattsville Justice Center Parking	\$6.8 M
Adelphi Hill Historic Site	\$1.2 M	- Rev Authority	
Green Meadows Park Building	\$1.5 M	Gateway Development Authority	\$500,000

CB-098-2024 SHOPPING CART CONTROL

CB-098-2024 is an act concerning businesses and license – shopping cart control. After seeing shopping carts in yards, in the streets and on the side of major roadways, Council Member Fisher proposed the bill **CB-098-24** in order to keep shopping carts out of the communities and in their rightful places. Many stores will now be required to label their shopping carts and add some type of device that will aid in preventing shopping carts from leaving their rightful place.

DPIE – HB501/CB-090-2024

HB501 was passed during the 2024 General Assembly Session. This law authorizes local governments to increase penalties from \$1000 to \$5000. Amending the Code to reflect these new limits will assist in the enforcement of applicable County laws and regulations.

CB-090-2024 - AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASE OF GENERAL PENALTY for the purpose of increasing the penalty for prohibited acts or violations of the County Code from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00.

CR-63-2024: RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE P3 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION



This was a critical resolution that paves the way for a brighter future for our children in Prince George's County. As a strong advocate for this resolution, I am proud to have fought for its approval, ensuring that we prioritize the educational needs of our young residents.

This resolution marks a significant milestone in our efforts to enhance the quality of education and infrastructure in our county. The multi-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) clearly defines the roles, rights, and responsibilities of the Board of Education of Prince George's County (PGCPS), the County, the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC), and the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) in funding and overseeing the Public-Private Partnership for the Design, Construction, Financing, and Maintenance of the County's Alternative Construction Financing Package, known as the Phase 2 Project.

By securing this resolution, we are not only investing in the physical infrastructure of our schools but also in the future of our children.

LATINO AND HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS

As we celebrate this vibrant and significant time, let's take a moment to honor the rich culture, history, and countless contributions of the Hispanic and Latino community. In Prince George's County and across the nation, we are strengthened by your leadership, artistry, entrepreneurship, and advocacy.

I am proud to represent District 2, where our diversity is our greatest strength. Let's continue to uplift each other and embrace the beauty of our collective heritage.

LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION SERIES WITH COUNCIL MEMBER FISHER



Council Member Fisher and her team hosted three breakfast/lunch events with civic and community leaders to express appreciation for their commitment and hard work within their municipalities. This created the perfect opportunity for everyone to have a seat at the table to discuss progress, processes, and future goals for the District 2 community. Attendees included Malcom Augustine (District 47), DCOA Angie Rogers, DCOA Jared McCarthy, and Senior Management representation from multiple county agencies.

SENIOR BUILDING MEET & GREETs



Every year Council Member Fisher has a senior meeting greets at the senior buildings across district 2. It is a great time for her to connect with her senior community and find out what their needs are and how she can be of service to them. These meeting and



greets are important because these senior members of the community are the very people who helped Prince George County get to where it is today. It is her mission to make it a place where they can safely age in place and reap the benefits of true community.

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2ND ANNUAL SENIOR BLING APPRECIATION RECEPTION



This incredible afternoon was filled with elegance, joy, and celebration as we honored the wisdom, legacy, and invaluable contributions of District 2's senior community. From the dazzling attire to the vibrant energy, you made this day truly unforgettable!

Special thanks to our distinguished guest, Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman, and our amazing host, Fox5 DC News Anchor Marissa Mitchell, for adding their grace and warmth to the event.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

We joined in the vibrant celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, cherished by so many in our community and around the world. This special holiday symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Let us take this time to reflect on these values, embracing the spirit of joy, hope, and unity that

Diwali brings. Wishing all those who celebrate a Diwali filled with prosperity, peace, and love.

May the light of Diwali shine bright in our hearts and homes.

We worked with Governor Wes Moore and Lt. Governor Aruna Miller and the office of community initiatives AAPI commission to host Diwali for the State of Maryland.

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