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Greetings Charles County Charter Board and Charles County Citizens,

Contrary to what Commissioner Bowling, the social media accountants or budget analyst have repeatedly stated, the cost of the charter is, according to Charles County Government Fiscal Note is an estimated \$1.2 to 1.6 million dollars. That is a fraction of percent of the current recording-setting FY25 \$561 million budget and will pay for itself through the non-partisan and non-elected affiliated Inspector General.

If you recall, during the June 6th town hall at the Cobb Island Fire Department, Commissioner Bowling intentionally lied to his constituents and to Charles County citizens regarding Charter Board cost to the taxpayers:

"It's actually 4.8 million to renovate and make the blue room available for the county executive suite while getting the auditorium up to par for council. That's documented " stated Commissioner Bowling.

What he failed to mention was he got that dollar amount from the FY2025 Requested Capital Project Budget, Line 98 under Expansion/Building Addition: Phase 1 Auditorium Renovation which is under the Home Rule government not the proposed Charter.

I want to briefly and respectfully call out the NO Charter supporters who have been quick to call out and voice their opinions, and dis/misinformation towards the Charter Board and the Charter.

This charter by far is more accountable than the current Home Rule Charter and ANY Charter in the State of MD. If you don't agree then compare it for yourself because I am not going to do your homework.

You really don't want accountability... you want control. You want to keep the status quo and now all of sudden want to claim THEY, meaning Black Democrats,

are corrupt or racist as though Charles County has a storied history for being a beacon or champion for civil rights and ethics.

You constantly point out the wrong doings, and justifiable so, towards Commissioners Collins, Coates, and Patterson regarding missed meetings, double-dipping on taxpayers dime, lack of townhalls, lying, or various other ethics violations, but once again are addicted to selective amnesia. Former Commissioners Kelly, Cooper, Hodges, Rucci and yes...Bowling and Stewart have done at least one or more of the same thing. The public outcry was nowhere near where it has been now...I wonder why???

In addition, Commissioner Bowling and Stewart are on record with considering Waldorf as municipality yet oppose to a Charter? Please make it make sense. Well, I will make it make sense for you. Waldorf is predominately Black and the underlining message along with countless microaggressions for the absolute NO-Charter is let those Blacks govern themselves but not us.

What some fail to realize whether they like it or not, is Charles County demographics have changed ,specifically in Waldorf, and we should be embracing diversity vs trying to fight it.

So, fight the Charter how you may, but rest assured as the late great Sam Cooke sang...

*It's been a long
A long time comin', but I know
A change is gon' come
Oh, yes it will*

Respectfully,

Derrick Terry
Waldorf, MD



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FYI...Commissioner **Gilbert "BJ" Bowling** statement that... See more

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Gilbert BJ Bowling
County executive can appoint a school superintendent (prince George's does)

I did not say a police department is in the charter I said some on charter board are considering and pushing for it (check the meetings)

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I never said it would eliminate entirely the volunteer system but it would create a paid system that we can not afford and pull from funding from the volunteers.

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**FISCAL YEAR 2025 REQUESTED CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET
FY2025-FY2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Page	(\$ in thousands)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2025 - FY 2029			Total Project
							County Funding	Other Funding	FY25-FY29 Total	
PROJECTS NOT FUNDED - COUNTY FUNDING										
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND										
84	La Plata Learning Resource (LR) Building Renovation	0	0	0	0	4,154	4,154	12,462	16,616	25,013
85	Fine Arts Center	0	0	0	3,613	3,140	6,753	20,259	27,012	27,012
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND TOTAL		0	0	0	3,613	7,294	10,907	32,721	43,628	52,025
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
<u>Bonds</u>										
86	Salt Storage Facility	0	1,156	0	0	0	1,156	0	1,156	1,156
87	Multi-Purpose Civic Center	626	2,688	1,117	1,117	13,771	19,319	0	19,319	64,543
88	Charles County Community Health Facility	929	6,794	6,021	5,403	0	19,147	0	19,147	19,147
89	Vehicle Maintenance Building Expansion	58	758	0	0	0	816	0	816	816
90	Roof Replacement Program	116	117	117	117	117	584	0	584	584
91	Parking Lot Improvements	115	116	116	116	116	579	0	579	579
92	VanGO Stop Improvement Program	88	88	88	88	88	440	0	440	528
93	HVAC Infrastructure Replacement/Upgrade Program	106	106	106	106	106	530	0	530	530
94	Courthouse Cupola Rehabilitation	176	0	0	0	0	176	0	176	310
95	Waldorf Satellite Location	0	0	0	0	4,910	4,910	0	4,910	8,449
96	Light Rail Transit Station Overflow Parking	0	0	0	0	2,953	2,953	0	2,953	5,597
97	Public Safety Training Center	590	4,072	17,358	13,015	13,015	48,050	0	48,050	48,050
98	County Government Building Space Expansion/Building Addition: Ph I Auditorium Renovation	4,800	0	0	0	0	4,800	0	4,800	4,800
99	Land & Right-of-Way Acquisition for Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor (WURC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
100	New Charles County Circuit Court Building	1,136	13,136	12,136	12,136	12,136	50,680	0	50,680	119,350
0	Hazardous Material Remediation and Demolition of La Plata Armory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
101	Sheriff's Office Evidence and Property Storage Facility	1,073	0	0	0	0	1,073	0	1,073	1,073
102	Charles Co. Detention Center Control System Upgrades	154	2,540	0	0	0	2,694	0	2,694	2,694
0	Port Tobacco Community Center Renovation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
103	Waldorf Area Joint Satellite Accounting/Treasury Office	2,561	0	0	0	0	2,561	0	2,561	2,561
104	DPW Shelter Building for Aggregate (CR-6) Stockpile	266	0	0	0	0	266	0	266	266
0	Circuit Court Interior Renovations, FY25-FY26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
105	Public Facilities Storage Building	1,685	0	0	0	0	1,685	0	1,685	2,898
Bonds Subtotal		15,479	32,571	38,059	32,098	47,212	165,419	0	165,419	286,931
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL		15,479	32,571	38,059	32,098	47,212	165,419	0	165,419	286,931



*Existing projects that require funding in FY2025 - FY2029 or beyond.