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SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN

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Dear Community Partner:

Fairfax County has a long history of providing services that sustain the high quality of life for our residents. From education to public safety, from human services to parks and recreation, our County supports the requirements of our diverse and engaged community. The provision of these services requires the balancing of community needs against our resources to fund them. For the upcoming budget cycle, there are significant challenges, which will make this balance more difficult.

Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presented his proposed FY 2010 Budget to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, Feb. 23. You can find complete budget information on the Fairfax County Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).

From September through November of last year, the County hosted 20 **Community Dialogue Sessions** which provided information about how the current severe economic downturn is affecting Fairfax County. We asked participants to name funding priorities and to make suggestions for potential reductions or eliminations in preparation for FY 2010, which begins July 1, 2009. A summary of those comments is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/summary\\_community\\_dialogue.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/summary_community_dialogue.pdf).

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who participated in these valuable discussions. The County Executive benefited greatly by your early participation in the process as he drafted the Advertised Budget that is now on the street for discussion. **I am writing to encourage your continued involvement now that the process for adopting a budget has officially begun.**

During the months ahead, many meetings and forums are being scheduled throughout the County on the Advertised Budget and to encourage constructive feedback. *Because of your prior engagement in the Dialogue series, your continued participation in the process would be especially helpful to me and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors as we consider the eventual adoption of our County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.* I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities below to share your thoughts and ideas.

- Public hearings on the FY 2010 fiscal plan have been scheduled for Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 31, at 3 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 1, at 3 p.m.
  - To place your name on the speakers list, call 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/speaker_bos.htm).
- Call the Budget Hotline at 703-324-9400 or provide comments online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).
- Members of the Board of Supervisors will host meetings in their districts to provide residents with an opportunity to discuss the budget. All of these meetings have not yet been finalized, but **a schedule will soon be available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget).**

My colleagues on the Board and I look forward to your participation in this process. We can best meet the ongoing fiscal challenges by working together as a community.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova, Chairman  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FY 2010 Budget Timeline Announced**

#### ***News Highlights:***

- County executive presents his proposed budget on Feb. 23.
- Public hearings will be held March 30-31 and April 1.
- Board of Supervisors adopts final budget April 27.

**Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin will present his proposed fiscal plan for FY 2010 to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Monday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m.** during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

The county executive's presentation also will air again on Channel 16 on Friday, Feb. 27, at 9 p.m. and Friday, March 6, at 9 p.m. It also will air as part of the Board of Supervisors meeting replays on Tuesday, Feb. 24, beginning at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. In addition, it will be available throughout the month of March as video-on-demand on the county's Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable).

**Budget committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 16, at 2 p.m.; Monday, March 23, at 1:30 p.m.; and Friday, April 17, at 2 p.m.** in the Government Center, Conference Rooms 9 and 10.

**Public hearings on the FY 2010 fiscal plan have been set for Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 31, at 3 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 1, at 3 p.m.** Those wishing to speak at any of the public hearings should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, to place their name on the speakers list or sign up online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm)

**The Board of Supervisors has scheduled the budget markup session for Monday, April 20, at 10 a.m. The formal adoption of the budget is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 27, at 10 a.m.** during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

All of the board's public hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center and will be televised live on Fairfax County Government Channel 16.

Staff from the Department of Management and Budget will be available to speak to civic organizations, homeowners associations and community groups regarding the proposed fiscal plan for 2010. To arrange a speaker, contact the department at 703-324-2391, TTY 711, or e-mail [DMBinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DMBinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov).