

# DORCHESTER COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION

## Article 6, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 606—stated on the back of this page

We, the undersigned voters of Dorchester County, Maryland, hereby petition to have the amendment of the Dorchester County Charter stated on the back of this page submitted to a vote of the registered voters of Dorchester County for approval or rejection at the next general election.

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THIS PETITION IS SPONSORED BY **DORCHESTER CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT**. TO ASSIST OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO AMEND THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CHARTER, PLEASE CONTACT ALLEN NELSON AT [Dorchartchg22@yahoo.com](mailto:Dorchartchg22@yahoo.com)

**NOTICE TO SIGNERS:** Please print or type all information other than your signature. Sign and print your name (1) as it appears on the voter registration list, OR (2) your last name, as registered, AND at least one full given name AND the initial of any other names. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid. By signing this petition, you agree that the aforementioned charter amendment proposal should be placed on the ballot as a question at the next general election and that, **to the best of your knowledge and belief, you are registered to vote in Dorchester County, Maryland** and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition.

*Please Note: The information you provide on this petition is public information and may be used to change your voter registration address.*

<b>1</b>	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
<b>2</b>	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
<b>3</b>	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
<b>4</b>	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			
<b>5</b>	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		Month	Date	Year	
	Signature:					Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip			

Individual Circulator's printed or typed name \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Circulator's Affidavit** Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that: (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct; (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland. *(Sign and Date when signature collection is completed)*

Circulator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add in Article 6, Miscellaneous Provisions, an additional section stating (full text):**

**606. Governmental Transparency.**

To promote broad public knowledge and understanding about its conduct and operations and the informed participation of citizens in its policy and decision-making processes, the County Government shall provide comprehensive public information about its affairs in a timely and convenient manner by these practices supervised by the County Manager for which the Council shall appropriate necessary funding:

- (a) Beginning as promptly as possible, furnish public access by broadcast and other remote means such as the Internet to
    - (1) All public ("open") meetings of the County Council held in legislative or other session, such as hearings and work sessions), both during the meeting ("live") to the greatest practicable extent and, by recording, as soon as possible thereafter;
    - (2) Both reasonably in advance of such meetings and thereafter, together with any additional items submitted during the meeting, the agenda and all documents, including but not limited to staff reports, memoranda, studies, drafts of resolutions and ordinances, and policy and decisional papers submitted to the Council before, during or after the meeting, other than such documents of which, by law, public disclosure is prohibited or may be restricted;
    - (3) Promptly upon approval (if required), the minutes of such meetings and the public minutes of meetings held in closed session, which shall also be posted on a bulletin board in a public place or multiple places specified by the Council, together with each resolution passed and bill enacted during the meeting.
  - (b) Such other practices as the Council may prescribe.
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