**County Charter Changes**

**Proposition A** states that each council member gets to appoint their district representative on the Port Authority Board rather than the County Executive appointing them. The amendment is needed to make what is in the county charter match what is already in the county ordinances.

**Proposition C** allows the county council to obtain their own outside attorney to help with the drafting of legislation, legal opinions  and some limited document review. There have been several times when the county attorneys, who are under the County Executive's control, have been very slow to provide the requested legislative language or legal opinion, or have even been involved in filing suits against the council making impartiality in such legal cases essentially impossible. This change is very necessary.

**Proposition O** changes the day that newly elected council members attend their first council meeting during which they will elect their leadership for the coming year. The council meets every Tuesday. The previous charter said they would start their term on the 2nd Tuesday of January which meant there could be a first Tuesday in January when the council met with either termed-out members or not yet sworn-in members. This caused a problem in 2023 that had to go to court. So to avoid that problem going forward the change simply says their term starts on the FIRST Tuesday.