

From: [Shorter, Christopher](#)
To: [Brown, Nicole P.](#)
Subject: FW: Statement Regarding Allegations Published in InsideNoVa
Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026 9:00:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

For awareness

From: Shorter, Christopher
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2026 9:00 PM
To: BOCS <BOCS@pwcgov.org>
Subject: Statement Regarding Allegations Published in InsideNoVa

Good evening, Board Members-

I have reviewed the anonymous complaint letter concerning alleged misconduct by executive management that was published in InsideNoVa earlier today.

Please know that I take allegations of this nature very seriously. I recognize the importance of ensuring that concerns involving executive leadership receive an independent, impartial, and thorough review. I welcome that scrutiny and will cooperate fully with RSM US LLP and any other authority you deem appropriate to investigate the allegations outlined in the letter, including the preservation and review of relevant information.

I also want to emphasize that any employee, resident, or individual doing business with Prince William County who has information relevant to these allegations should feel comfortable coming forward without fear of retaliation. The County has established independent reporting resources available to receive concerns and assist individuals seeking to provide information.

Waste, Fraud and Abuse Hotline – RSM US LLP

RSM US LLP serves as an independent resource for reporting concerns involving waste, fraud, abuse, and other potential misconduct. Individuals may contact:

- Hotline: 703-792-6884
- Duffy Leidner, Director, Business Risk Consulting
- Email: duffy.leidner@rsmus.com
- Office: 619-848-7557
- Address: 1861 International Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102

Prince William County Human Rights Commission

The Human Rights Commission receives and investigates complaints involving discrimination based on protected characteristics, including race, sex, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other protections established

under County law.

- Phone: 703-792-4680 (TTY: 711)
- Address: 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Suite 125, Woodbridge, VA 22191
- Business hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Visitation hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Fridays by appointment

These resources provide avenues for individuals to raise concerns outside their normal supervisory or executive reporting relationships. Reports will be handled with appropriate confidentiality protections, consistent with applicable law and investigative requirements.

I take great pride in our commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful, and professional workplace in Prince William County. Allegations that call that commitment into question deserve to be examined carefully and objectively. It is important that the independent investigative process be allowed to proceed without prejudging either the allegations or the outcome.

I remain committed to providing complete cooperation and any information necessary to support a fair and independent review.

Should you have questions regarding the reporting or investigative process, please feel free to contact RSM US LLP directly.

Sincerely,
Chris



Christopher J. Shorter

County Executive

T: 703.792.6723 | C: [REDACTED]

Cshorter@pwcgov.org

Prince William County Government

Office of Executive Management

[1 County Complex Court, Suite 245](#)

[Prince William, VA 22192](#)

www.pwcgov.org | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Flickr](#)

All correspondence with Prince William County government is subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.