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Edward L. Long Jr. Appointed County Executive

April 10, 2012

Highlights

- Long is a former deputy county executive and former Department of Management and Budget director.
- Long oversaw all of the county's financial and human resources functions.
- Appointment is effective April 25.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors today **appointed Edward L. Long Jr. as county executive, effective April 25.** Long has more than 34 years of experience with the county, and retired as deputy county executive and chief financial officer in May 2011. Long replaces Anthony H. Griffin, who retires this month.

"Ed is known as a steady and trustworthy leader," says Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "I believe that his skills and management style will continue to **foster the culture of excellence for which Fairfax County is so well known.**"

In his role as deputy county executive, **Long oversaw all of the county's financial and human resources functions**, including tax administration and assessments, revenue collection, investments, internal and external auditing, budgeting, revenue projections, purchasing and supply management, facilities management, fleet management, issuance and management of county debt, retirement funds administration and more.

Under Long's leadership, Fairfax County maintained the highest credit rating possible for a local government – Aaa from Moody's Investors Service, AAA from Standard and Poor's and AAA from Fitch Ratings. As of February, only eight states, 39 counties and 34 cities in the nation had triple-A ratings from all three investor services.

"Fairfax County is truly fortunate that Ed Long has agreed to come out of a well-deserved retirement to take the position as our new county executive," says Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Penny Gross. "**Ed's enthusiasm for the county, its employees and its services is undeniable**, and he is a worthy successor to outgoing County Executive Tony Griffin."

Long began his county career in 1977 as a budget analyst and became the director of the Department of Management and Budget in 1989. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and American University.

Long received the 2012 Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award from the Association of Government Accountants, and in 2006 he received the A. Heath Onthank Award – Fairfax County's highest employee award.

Long has a bachelor's in political science from Emory and Henry College and a master's of arts in urban studies from the University of Maryland. He will receive an annual salary of \$257,282



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