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I would urge you not to approve this resolution as written, although there are some good ideas here and an opportunity to clarify the charter language.

First, I URGE you NOT to change terms like, "ninety days before the end of the year" to "March", because if the county ever changes its fiscal year it will require cumbersome changes to the Charter in sections like this.

Second, requiring that the county executive tell how current-year revenues are proceeding when submitting the budget is a good idea, but the section where this is specified needs clarifying. The use of the word "ensuing" could be confusing. I believe the "ensuing" year is the upcoming budget year, but it could be interpreted to mean the parts of the year that have not yet taken place. The language needs to be made clearer, because I think the recommendation would be that the executive submit: 1. revenues received so far this year, and 2. revenues estimated for the rest of the current year with the budget submission for the following year.

With these clarifications, this is not a bad idea.

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