



Ludeen McCartney-Green

Ludeen McCartney-Green serves as a Legislative Attorney for the Montgomery County Council, where she acts as a legal advisor to the Council. In this role, she offers guidance and recommendations concerning policy and legislation development, parliamentary rules, regulations, and other matters pertinent to the legislative process of the County.

With over 13 years of experience as an attorney, Ludeen has a background that includes working in Annapolis within the Maryland General Assembly. Her focus has been on issues related to housing, healthy homes, landlord-tenant law, energy efficiency, and environmental matters. In addition to her legislative experience, she has worked for non-profit organizations, private law firms in Maryland, federal and state government, and served as a U.S. Congressional intern.

Ludeen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – Pre Law from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law. She is an active member of the Maryland Bar Association and the J. Franklin Bourne Association. Beyond her professional commitments, Ludeen is actively involved in various community outreach programs, educational initiatives, and coaches youth basketball.



Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, D-20

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins proudly represents the 20th Legislative District in the Maryland House of Delegates. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she is dedicated to policy change that makes a difference in people's lives. Delegate Wilkins is the Vice Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee where she also chairs the Subcommittee on Election Law, leading the House in passing election policy and expanding voter access, including passing Maryland's permanent mail-in ballot list, voting access for incarcerated individuals, and expansion of early voting sites. Delegate Wilkins is the Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, the largest Black Caucus in the nation. She previously served as Parliamentarian of the Maryland House of Delegates, ensuring efficient, fair, and orderly procedures as the House conducted the business of the State.

Delegate Wilkins has championed and successfully passed legislation dealing with racial profiling and justice reform, maternal health, and increasing educational outcomes for all students. Professionally, she works full-time as the Director of State and Local Government Affairs at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights coalition. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Delaware and a Master of Public Administration in Social Policy from the American University.



Vincent DeMarco

Vincent DeMarco is a longtime advocate for public health causes including reducing teen smoking, underage drinking and gun violence, protecting our climate, making prescription drugs more affordable, and achieving quality, affordable health care for all. He is the subject of a book by former Federal Trade Commission Chair and Advocacy Institute co-founder Michael Pertschuk entitled “The DeMarco Factor: Transforming Public Will Into Political Power.”

He played a key role in the enactment in Maryland of: the life-saving tobacco tax increase of 2007 which funded expanding health care coverage to over 100,000 lower income Marylanders; the alcohol tax increase of 2011 which reduced underage drinking; the Firearm Safety Act of 2013 which banned assault weapons and required the licensing of handgun purchasers; and, in 2019 three landmark measures, the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act which increased Maryland’s renewable energy requirement from 25% to 50%, the Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program which made Maryland the first state in the nation to actively use the tax system to find and enroll uninsured Marylanders in health care coverage, and a measure which created the first in the nation Prescription Drug Affordability Board to make high cost drugs more affordable for Marylanders.

His work has resulted in legislation which has substantially reduced smoking in Maryland, giving Maryland the fourth lowest smoking rate in the nation, reduced drunk driving deaths as a result of the alcohol tax increase, and has expanded health care insurance to over 300,000 people.

As National Coordinator of Faith United Against Tobacco, a national coalition of leaders from across the country working to reduce smoking, he played a key role in the enactment in June of 2009 of landmark national legislation to authorize the FDA to regulate tobacco products. As an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, he is working to educate public health students from around the world on effective methods of advocating for public health policies.

He has been recognized for his work by the organizations such as the Baltimore Sun which declared him "Marylander of the Year" in 1988, the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council which awarded him its 2002 "Ecumenical Leadership Award" and the Daily Record which named him one of Maryland's 60 most influential people in 2010. Additionally, he received the American Public Health Association's John D. Slade Memorial Advocacy Award in 2013, the Lifetime Gun Violence Prevention Award from Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence, and the Andrus Award for Community Partner of the Year from the Maryland AARP, both in 2017. Most recently he was named the 2020 recipient of the Andy Hyman Award for Advocacy from Grant Makers in Health.



Erica Teti-Zilinskas

Erica brings over 15 years of cross-sector communications experience to her role at She Should Run. As a certified “people person,” she enjoys building relationships and identifying unique storytelling opportunities that can educate and inspire everyday people to make a difference. Prior to joining the team, Erica served as Director of Marketing & Communications for DC Central Kitchen, a nationally renowned nonprofit and social enterprise that combats hunger and poverty through job training and job creation. Over the course of her seven years with the organization, Erica built the Communications team from the ground-up, from being the first and only team member to eventually overseeing a team of five professionals responsible for the entire external affairs, branding, and events portfolio for the organization. As a seasoned communications professional, Erica has also held leadership roles at strategic communications firms in Washington, DC and Los Angeles where she was responsible for business development and client implementation for companies in the entertainment, content distribution, and public policy fields. Erica received her Bachelor’s degree in Public Communication with a Minor in Justice, Law & Society from American University.



Andrea Johnson

Andrea Johnson is Director of State Policy and Strategy, Senior Counsel, S&P at the National Women's Law Center. In that role, she works with teams across the Center to build out an overarching vision and strategic framework for the Center's state policy and advocacy efforts and a strategic plan for the growth of these efforts. Prior to joining the Center, Andrea was a law clerk for the Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the Honorable Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Andrea served as a Legislative Aide for Congresswoman Betty McCollum from Minnesota before attending law school. She received a law degree from Columbia Law School and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and French from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Andrea is a proud Midwesterner hailing from Mankato, Minnesota.