

AGENDA ITEM #1
January 20, 2015

Interview

MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2015

TO: County Council
FROM: Linda Lauer, Clerk 
SUBJECT: Interview - Housing Opportunities Commission

Mr. Richard Nelson has been appointed by the County Executive to serve as a member of the Housing Opportunities Commission, filling Mynor Herrera's unexpired term. Housing and Community Development Article §16-106, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that "The County Council shall conduct a public interview with each nominee before voting on whether to approve the nominee's appointment." Appointments are for 5-year terms.

The interviews will be held in the 3rd floor Council Conference Room at 9:30 a.m. on January 20. Council confirmation is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2015.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

APPOINTMENT

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED TO ME UNDER SECTION 215 OF THE CHARTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, I HEREBY APPOINT

Type of Position: Public

Richard Nelson, Jr.

Wheaton 8/31/2018

(Replaces Mynor Herrera's unexpired term—
First Term)

TO SERVE AS a member of the Housing Opportunities Commission

THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

January 14, 2015

ISIAH LEGGETT
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: County Executive's Appointment to the Housing Opportunities Commission

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Executive's appointment to the Housing Opportunities Commission is confirmed.

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This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Created -- Maryland Code, Housing & Community Development Article, Sections 16-105 -107.

Purpose -- The Housing Opportunities Commission is a public corporation chartered under Maryland law. HOC builds, owns, manages and finances housing for people of eligible income. The Commission can issue tax exempt bonds to finance multi-family rental housing and single family mortgages.

Membership -- Seven members. (A Federal law requires that at least one member of this Commission be a person "who is directly assisted by the public housing agency."). *Members are required to be sworn in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court before their first meeting.*

Financial Disclosure -- Confidential disclosure required (with limited public).

Terms -- Five-year terms - no compensation.

Meetings -- First Wednesday evening of each month.

Staff -- Stacy Spann, Executive Director
Staff: Patrice Birdsong, Special Asst. to the Commission Executive
Phone: 240.773.9021
Email: patrice.birdsong@hocmc.org

MEMBERSHIP

Type of Position: **Individual Assisted by HOC**
Ms. Jean Banks, North Bethesda
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 10/16/2012 End Date: **8/31/2017**
Second Term - Reappointment
STATUS: Active

Type of Position: **Public**
Mr. Mynor Herrera, Silver Spring
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 3/25/2014 End Date: **8/31/2018**
First Term - Replaces Michael Kator's expired term
STATUS: Active

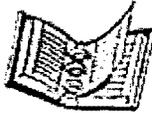
Type of Position: **Public**
Ms. Pamela Lindstrom, Gaithersburg
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 9/22/2009 End Date: **8/31/2014**
Second Term - Reappointment
STATUS: Active

Type of Position: **Public**
Ms Margaret McFarland, Takoma Park
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 10/28/2014 End Date: **8/31/2019**
First Term - Replaces Rick Edson's expired term
STATUS: Active

Type of Position: **Public Chair**
Mr. Roberto Pinero, Silver Spring
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 4/22/2014 End Date: **8/31/2018**
Third Term - Reappointment
STATUS: Active

Type of Position: **Public Co/VC**
Ms. Sally Roman, Kensington
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 10/18/2011 End Date: **8/31/2016**
Second Term - Reappointment
STATUS: Active

Type of Position: **Public**
Ms. Jackie Simon, Montgomery Village
Affiliation: None
Start Date: 3/25/2014 End Date: **8/31/2015**
Partial Term - Replaces Michael Wienczek's unexpired term
STATUS: Active

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Release ID: 14-083**Media Contact:** Beth Gochrach, 240.777.2528**For Immediate Release:** 10/31/2014**Application Deadline:** 11/21/2014**Leggett Seeks Applicants for Housing Opportunities Commission**

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Housing Opportunities Commission.

The seven-member commission is responsible for building, managing and financing housing for low and moderate income people. Members serve five year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are usually held the first Wednesday afternoon of each month at 4:00 PM in Kensington. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed. Members are required to attend at least 75 percent of the scheduled meetings.

Commissioners are required to be sworn in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court before their first meeting and are **required to file initial and annual confidential with limited public financial disclosure statements.**

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. An application, consisting of a **brief cover letter and resume**, should be sent by mail to County Executive Isiah Leggett, 101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850, or by email to countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov. Home and employment addresses, as well as contact phone numbers and email addresses should be included. If appropriate, applicants should indicate the position for which they are applying. The deadline for application is **November 21, 2014.**

Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Leggett's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

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Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

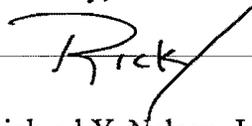
This letter is in response to your advertisement to fill two vacancies on the Housing Opportunities Commission. I would appreciate your consideration of my appointment to the Commission.

My extensive experience in housing and community development and particularly my most recent experience at the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) uniquely qualify me for this appointment. I believe I can make a positive contribution to the work of the Housing Opportunities Commission.

While I am retiring from the DHCA, I would like to continue to actively support the affordable housing initiatives of Montgomery County and this appointment would provide me with that opportunity.

My resume is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,



Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.

BIOGRAPHY OF RICHARD Y. NELSON, JR.

Mr. Richard Y. Nelson, Jr., was appointed the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs of Montgomery County in February 2007. The department's responsibilities include the Community Development Block Grant program, housing code enforcement, landlord-tenant affairs, the county affordable housing trust fund, and the county's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Program.

Mr. Nelson was a Senior Fellow at the University of Maryland, School of Public Policy, from 2001 to 2007. In this capacity, Mr. Nelson participated in the University's established graduate level housing and community development program as an instructor. He was also manager of the school's Office of Executive Program's mid-level executive program in housing and community development.

Mr. Nelson served as a Commissioner of the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission from 1991 until 2007. He was the Chair of the Commission from 2003 until his departure in 2007.

Mr. Nelson was employed by The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) for over 31 years. NAHRO is a major national organization representing the interests of public housing and community development organizations and officials. He was the organization's executive director from 1987 through 2001. Upon retirement from NAHRO, he was granted life membership in the organization and given its most prestigious award, the M. Justin Herman Award for outstanding service in the field.

Mr. Nelson received his Juris Doctor degree from Temple University School of Law, in Philadelphia, and his Bachelor of Arts Degree from San Francisco State University in California.

Other memberships include Emeritus Board Member of the Housing and Development Law Institute, Life Director of the National Housing Conference.

Mr. Nelson is an honorary member of the Chartered Institute of Housing in the United Kingdom. He has also served as a member of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Advisory Board and a member of the U.S.—China Residential Building Council.