



Montgomery County Council

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Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants for three seats on Public Election Fund Committee

Deadline Extended to Monday, April 26, at 5 p.m.

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 9, 2021—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a partial term on the Public Election Fund Committee and to fill two news seats. Letters of interest must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Because of a resignation, the Council is seeking to fill a partial term on the Public Election Fund Committee and to fill two news seats as a result of Bill 31-20 expanding the Committee from five to seven members. The terms end on April 30, 2023.

The Council enacted Bill 16-14 in 2014 that established a voluntary public campaign financing system for candidates for County Council and County Executive. Beginning with the 2018 election, a candidate for Council or Executive could seek matching funds for small dollar contributions of \$150 or less from a Public Election Fund. In 2020, the Council enacted Bill 31-20 that increased the contributions a candidate could seek matching funds for small-dollar to \$250 or less from the fund. The Council must appropriate funds for the Public Election Fund as part of the annual County government operating budget.

The legislation created the Public Election Fund Committee to estimate the funds necessary to implement the public campaign finance system and recommend an annual appropriation for the following fiscal year by the Council for the Public Election Fund. The Committee is required to submit its report and recommendations to the Council by January 30 of each year. The Committee is also responsible for conducting public

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outreach and educational activities to raise awareness of the public campaign financing system.

The Public Election Fund Committee is composed of seven County residents appointed by the County Council for four-year terms beginning on May 1 of the first year of the new Council's term of office. The term of this committee began on May 1, 2019, and ends April 30, 2023. No more than three members can be from the same political party. These three positions can be filled by a Democrat, a Republican, a voter who is unaffiliated with a party, or a voter who is a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections. The members should reflect the diversity of the County. Members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and dependent care expenses.

The committee generally meets once per quarter at 7:00 p.m. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time.

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages in length) listing professional and civic experience, should be emailed to Council President Tom Hucker at County.Council@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov or mailed to County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021. Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process and are available for public review (contact information is redacted). After the closing date, the Council will review the applications and resumes and select applicants to interview.

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