COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Appointments to Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund

Background

1.   Article IV, Chapter 16 of the Montgomery County Code, became effective on January 15, 2015. It 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. The Council must appropriate funds for the Public Election Fund as part of the annual County government operating budget.

2.   Section 16-27 provides for the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund, which estimates the funds necessary to implement the public campaign finance system and recommends an annual appropriation by the Council to the Public Election Fund.

3.   The Public Election Fund Committee is composed of five County residents appointed by the County Council for four-year terms beginning on May 1 of the first year of the Council's term of office. The term of this Committee will begin on May 1, 2019, and end April 30, 2023. No more than three members can be from the same political party. The Council will designate the Chair and Vice Chair.

4.   The Committee must issue its report to the Council on or before March 1 each year.
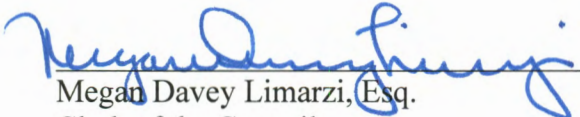
Action

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

1.   The following individuals are hereby appointed to the Public Election Fund Committee for a four-year term to begin on May 1, 2019, and end April 30, 2023:

> David Scull (D)
> Nancy McMahan Farrar (R)
> Lee Annis (R)
> Sam Statland (D)
> Stephen Whitted (D)

2.   The Honorable David Scull will serve as Chair; Ms. Nancy McMahan Farrar will serve as Vice Chair.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council