



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ANNOUNCES NEW ACTING DIRECTOR AND ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections Board President Nahid Khozeimeh announced the selection of Alysoun McLaughlin as Acting Director and Janet Ross as Acting Deputy Director.

Alysoun McLaughlin brings extensive election managerial experience and a national profile to the Acting Director position. She has served as Deputy Director since 2012. Alysoun began her career as a nonpartisan lobbyist for the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). She also managed election initiatives at the Pew Center on the States prior to joining the team in Montgomery County and she helped to implement omnibus election reform legislation at the District of Columbia Board of Elections. She is a former Vice President of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) and currently serves as co-chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Election Officials' Technical Committee and as Chair of the Board of Advisors to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Alysoun's deep experience driving strategic change positions her to successfully lead the Montgomery County Board of Elections staff during this time of transition.

Janet Ross, the newly appointed Acting Deputy Director, is a tested administrator with significant experience leading large and complex organizations. Prior to joining the Board of Elections in 2007 as the Lead Election Worker Trainer, and her promotion to Information Technology Manager in 2013, Janet had a distinguished 28-year career with Verizon Information Services. She also managed the municipal election for the City of Rockville in 2011 and assisted with their later implementation of all Vote by Mail. Her demonstrated leadership skills make her ideally suited to help lead the staff of Montgomery County Board of Elections.

"I am pleased to announce that since Election Director Margaret Jurgensen's retirement effective January 1, 2022, Alysoun McLaughlin has been serving as the Acting Director of the Board of Elections and Janet Ross has been serving as the Acting Deputy Director. The Board wishes Margaret well in her retirement and has great confidence in Alysoun and Janet to fill these roles as we continue to prepare for the upcoming Primary," said Board President Khozeimeh.

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