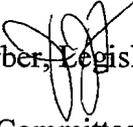


Interview

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2009

TO: Management & Fiscal Policy (MFP) Committee

FROM: Justina J. Ferber,  Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: Interviews - Committee to Study the Compensation of the County Executive, County Council, Sheriff, and State's Attorney

A citizens' advisory committee to study compensation for the County Executive, County Council, Sheriff, and State's Attorney was established by Resolution No. 16-770 on November 25, 2008. The resolution calls for the committee to consist of five to seven members appointed by the Council. The Council received 11 applications for the Committee. Mr. James Brodsky has withdrawn his application. Mr. Yale J. Wiesberg is unable to interview due to travel and will be interviewed on March 5, 2009.

State law authorizes the County Council to establish the salary of the Sheriff and State's Attorney for Montgomery County and the County Charter authorizes the Council to set the compensation of the Council and Executive. The Council traditionally appoints a compensation study committee and designates the composition of the group and its charge. The Council is asking that the Committee submit its recommendations by September 30, 2009. Any recommendations accepted by the Council would be effective for the 2010-2014 term of office. The Council will appoint the Chair.

The MFP Committee will interview the applicants. The interviews are scheduled as follows:

TIME	NAME	AFFILIATION	CIRCLE #
March 3, 2009			
3:00 p.m.	Bryan C. Beamer	Unaffiliated	© 3
	Lawrence A. Beck	Democrat	© 6
	David D. Freishtat	Democrat	© 7
3:15 p.m.	Elsa L. Fridl	Democrat	© 11
	Mark W. Friedman	Democrat	© 16
	H. Giles Knight	Democrat	© 20
3:30 p.m.	Susan S. Lefkowitz	Democrat	© 22
	Josh Lipsky	Democrat	© 26
	George E. Sauer	Republican	© 28
March 5, 2009			
3:00 p.m.	Yale J. Wiesberg	Democrat	© 29

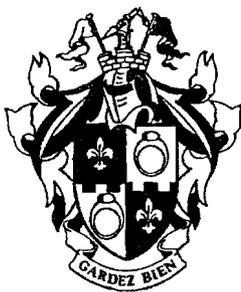
Attachments: List of Applicants ©1
News Release ©2
Resumes ©3-31

Citizens Advisory Committee to Study Compensation of Elected Officials

Applicant List

Bryan C. Beamer - (Unaffiliated)
Lawrence A. Beck - (Democrat)
James A. Brodsky - *Withdraw*
David D. Freishtat Esq. - (Democrat)
Elsa L. Fridl - (Democrat)
Mark W. Friedman - (Democrat)
H. Giles Knight - (Democrat)
Susan S. Lefkowitz - (Democrat)
Josh Lipsky - (Democrat - *Registered in California*)
George E. Sauer - (Republican)
Yale J. Wiesberg - (Democrat)

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ROCKVILLE, January 26, 2009—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for a citizens' advisory committee to study compensation of the County's elected officials. The County Council believes that there is a need to examine present compensation levels for the Sheriff, the State's Attorney, the County Executive and members of the County Council.

The deadline to submit letters of interest to serve on the committee has been extended. Letters must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20.

State law authorizes the County Council to establish the salary of the Sheriff and State's Attorney for Montgomery County. The County Charter authorizes the County Council to set the compensation of the County Council and the County Executive for the succeeding terms of office. Changes in compensation levels apply only to future terms of these elected offices.

The most recent changes in the base salaries of these elected offices were effective December 2008. Currently, Councilmembers receive annual compensation of \$94,040 (Council President receives 10 percent additional compensation—now \$103,444), the Executive receives \$171,000 the Sheriff \$135,298. The State's Attorney receives \$165,227, a figure that will change in January of 2009. Each of these offices receives an annual cost-of-living adjustment of 100 percent of the Consumer Price Index.

The Committee must submit recommendations of compensation levels to the County Council by Sept. 30, 2009. Any changes in compensation adopted by the Council would be effective for the 2010-2014 term of office.

Citizens interested in serving on the committee should submit their letter of interest with a resume to Council President Phil Andrews, Montgomery County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Letters of interest must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 20.

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