

**Appointments**

**MEMORANDUM**

March 12, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Justina Ferber,  Legislative Analyst

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

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. By Resolution No.16-770 adopted on November 25, 2008 a citizens' advisory committee to study compensation for the County Executive, County Council, Sheriff, and State's Attorney was established. The resolution calls for the committee to consist of five to seven members appointed by the Council.

The Council advertised for applicants to serve on the compensation study committee. The Council received eleven applications for the Committee. Mr. James Brodsky withdrew his application. The Management and Fiscal Policy Committee (MFP) interviewed 9 applicants; Mr. Josh Lipsky was unable to attend the interviews. The Council is asking that the Compensation Committee submit its recommendations by September 30, 2009. Any recommendations accepted by the Council would be effective for the 2010-2014 term. The Council will appoint the Chair.

The MFP Committee recommends the following applicants for appointment to the compensation study committee including the appointment of Yale Wiesberg as Chair:

| <b>NAME</b>                    | <b>AFFILIATION</b> | <b>CIRCLE #</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Yale J. Wiesberg, <i>Chair</i> | Democrat           | © 1             |
| Bryan C. Beamer                | Unaffiliated       | © 4             |
| H. Giles Knight                | Democrat           | © 7             |
| Susan Lefkowitz                | Democrat           | © 9             |
| George Sauer                   | Republican         | © 13            |

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Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
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COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Management and Fiscal Policy Committee

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

Background

1. Charter Sections 107 and 204 authorize the Council to prescribe by law the compensation of the members of the County Council and the County Executive for the succeeding terms of office.
2. State law authorizes the Council to establish the salary of the Sheriff and State's Attorney for Montgomery County.
3. Changes in compensation levels apply only to the future terms of these elected offices.
4. The most recent change in compensation of these elected offices was effective in 2006.
5. The County Council believes that there is a need to examine present compensation levels for these four offices for the terms effective after the November 2010 election.

Action

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

1. A citizens' advisory committee to study compensation for the County Executive, County Council, Sheriff, and State's Attorney for the 2006 terms was established by Resolution No. 16-770 adopted on November 25, 2008.
2. The committee must submit recommendations on compensation levels to the Council no later than September 30, 2009.

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3. Any action by the Council on compensation becomes effective with the elected terms that begin after the November 2010 general election.

4. The following individuals are hereby appointed to the Committee to Study the Compensation of the County Executive, County Council, Sheriff, and State's Attorney:

Yale J. Wiesberg (Democrat), Chairman  
804 Amber Tree Court #203  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Bryan C. Beamer (Unaffiliated)  
20100 Rothbury Lane #3304  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

H. Giles Knight (Democrat)  
8101 Custer Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Susan Lefkowitz (Democrat)  
6106 Goldtree Way  
Bethesda, MD 20817

George Sauer (Republican)  
8397 Post oak Road  
Potomac, MD 20854

5. Yale J. Wiesberg will serve as Chair.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

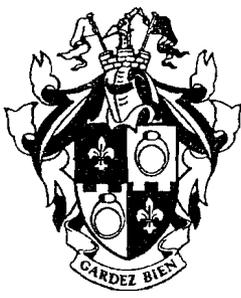
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# Citizens Advisory Committee to Study Compensation of Elected Officials

## Applicant List

Bryan C. Beamer - (Unaffiliated)  
Lawrence A. Beck - (Democrat)  
James A. Brodsky - ***Withdrew***  
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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# Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

January 26, 2009

Information: Justina Ferber 240-777-7938

## Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants To Study Compensation of Elected Officials

*Deadline for Applications Is Extended to Friday, Feb. 20*

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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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