


Interviews

MEMORANDUM

April 26, 2019

TO: County Council

FROM: Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq., Clerk of the Council 

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

As you may recall, these interviews had been previously scheduled in March, but because of insufficient interview applicants (there was a last-minute withdrawal of an applicant), the interviews were postponed and the deadline for applications extended until March 29.

The Council subsequently received 11 applications for appointment to the Public Election Fund Committee and nine were selected for an interview. The Council will conduct the interviews of the selected applicants on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Appointments will occur in May, and at that time the Council will designate the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Public Election Fund Committee is composed of five County residents appointed by the County Council for four-year terms beginning on May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2023. No more than three members can be from the same political party.

In accordance with Section 16-27 of the County Code, County Executive Elrich has recommended applicants from the County Council's applicant list to serve on the Public Election Fund Committee. Mr. Elrich recommended three applicants: Catherine Lowry (Democrat), Sam Statland (Democrat), and Tim Willard (Green). The Councilmembers may consider these recommendations when making their final decisions.

The interviews will be held in the 3rd floor hearing room beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will be televised.

Interviewees

Lee Annis (Rep) ©1
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David Scull (Dem) ©16
Sam Statland (Dem) ©18
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**Public Election Fund Committee
Applicant List - 2019**

Note: 5 positions (no more than 3 members can be from the same political party).

Applicants	Political Affiliation	Notes
J. Lee Annis, Jr. Silver Spring 20904	Republican	Served on previous Comm
Joanne Antoine Silver Spring 20910	Democrat	
Nancy McMahan Farrar Montgomery Village 20886	Republican	
Robert Lipsky, Ph.D. Kensington 22031	Democrat	
Catherine Lowry Silver Spring 20910	Democrat	
Thomas Mulczynski Bethesda 20816	Democrat	
David L. Scull Potomac 20854	Democrat	Served as Chair on previous Comm
Sam Statland Kensington 20895	Democrat	
Michelle C. Whittaker Silver Spring 20902	Democrat	
Stephen E. Whitted Silver Spring 20904	Democrat	
Tim Willard Kensington 20895	Green	



Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

March 18, 2019

Contact: Anne Brown 240-777-7925

Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund **DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Deadline for Applications Is Friday, March 29, at 5 p.m.

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 18, 2019—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for positions on the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. Letters of interest must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019.

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. The Council must appropriate funds for the Public Election Fund as part of the annual County government operating budget.

The legislation created the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund to estimate the funds necessary to implement the public campaign finance system and recommend an annual appropriation by the Council for the Public Election Fund.

The Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund will be composed of five 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

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

All five positions are up for appointment. The committee, once it is formed, will determine how often it will need to meet. 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 listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Nancy Navarro, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Applications can also be submitted via email to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019. Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process and are available for public review. After the closing date, the Council will review the applications and resumes and will select applicants for interview. The Council anticipates making the appointments in April 2019.

For more information, call 240-777-7925.

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Annis

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From: "Lee Annis"
 Date: 1/31/2019 1:15:06 PM
 To: "county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov"
 <county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov>
 Cc:
 Subject: An application .for the Public Finance Commission

Dear Sirs and Councilwoman Navarro,
 I hereby submit my vita for consideration for another term on the Public Finance Commission. I am proud of the work we produced during the first rolling out of Montgomery County's new public finance system, and I do pledge, if selected, to continue to work for a solid and fiscally responsible system of public election finance in our county. Sincerely, Lee Annis

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J. Lee Annis, Jr.

SERVICE TO REPUBLICAN PARTY

GOP Member, Montgomery County Public Finance Commission, 2015-9

GOP Member, Montgomery County Commission on Redistricting, 2011

Kasich Delegate designee, 2016

Precinct Chairman, several precincts across Montgomery County, off and on between 1985 and 2014

Volunteer, dozens of campaigns including Hogan-Rutherford;
Montgomery County Youth Director for Bush-Quayle ticket, 1988

Maryland Federation of Young Republicans, several offices, 1987-1995

Montgomery County Young Republicans, President, 1988, Treasurer,
1994, and several other offices

Member, Montgomery County Republican Central Committee, 1989-1990

EDUCATION:

PhD in US History, Ball State University, 1985, Cognates in World
History and Political Science; Dissertation, "Howard H. Baker, Jr.: A
Public Biography"

MA in History, Ball State University, 1980

BA in History, Hanover College, 1978

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current Position: Professor of History, Montgomery College-Rockville, having taught in the Montgomery College system, first as a part-time instructor at the Germantown campus in 1986, then as a fulltime instructor, first at the Takoma Park campus from 1986-1996, then at the flagship Rockville campus from 1996 to the present; Chair, Department of History and Political Science, Rockville Campus, 2011-2018.

Montgomery County, MD Public Schools – Substitute teacher in county Middle and High Schools, 1985-2009, first fulltime as I completed my dissertation and hunted for fulltime work, then for twenty years during breaks during the academic year at Montgomery College.

Ball State University – Doctoral Fellow, 1980-1983 – I taught one section each semester of nineteenth or twentieth century American History

University of Tennessee, Graduate Assistant, 1979-1980, assisted in sections of African American and early American History

Ball State University – Graduate Assistant, 1978-1979, assisted in sections of Twentieth Century American History classes

PUBLICATIONS

Howard Baker: Conciliator in an Age of Crisis (Second updated edition). Knoxville: Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy and the University of Tennessee Press, 2007).

Howard Baker: Conciliator in an Age of Crisis (First Edition). Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1994.

With Senator William H. Frist. *Tennessee Senators, 1911-2001: Portraits of Leadership in a Century of Change*. Lanham, MD: University of Tennessee Press, 1999

“Howard H. Baker, Jr.: A Life in Public Service: An Overview” in *Howard H. Baker, Jr.: A Life in Public Service: A Special Issue of Baker Center Journal of Applied Public Policy*, 4:2 (Fall 2012), pp. 4-8.

Big Jim Eastland: The Godfather of Mississippi. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2016.

“William H. ‘Bill’ Frist, MD: The Doctor as Leader,” in Colton Crawford (ed.), *Leadership in the US Senate: Herding Cats in the Modern Era*, New York: Routledge Press, pp. 209-239

CURRENT RESEARCH: I am currently researching a biography of Senator (1945-1965) and Governor (1935-1939, 1943-45) Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina

SERVICE TO MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Chairman, Takoma Park Traffic Appeals Committee, 1987-1994

Member, Takoma Park Curriculum Committee

Rockville Faculty Council, 1997-1999

Chair, two hiring committees and member of 4 others

Rockville Point person, Paul Peck Institute for American Culture and Civic Engagement 2004-2011

Chairman (two terms), History and Political Science Department, Rockville Campus

AWARDS

Bracken Scholarship, Ball State University, 1979

Pi Gamma Mu Service Award, Ball State University, 1983

Tennessee Historical Commission Certificate of Merit, 2000

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Phi Alpha Theta Honorary

Pi Gamma Mu Honorary

Southern Historical Association

REFERENCES

Dr. Joe Stumpf

Chairman

History Department

Montgomery College

Rockville, MD 20850

Mr. Shuping Wan

Past Chairman

History and Political Science Department
Montgomery College
Rockville, MD 20850

Mr. Alexander Bush
Chairman, Montgomery County Republican Party



March 10, 2019

Ms. Nancy Navarro, Council President
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Ms. Navarro,

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated January 16, 2019, regarding the recruitment of new members to the Charter Review Commission. I am pleased to recommend three applicants who are well-respected members of our legal community.

Brendan Parets, J.D. is a graduate of Columbia Law School and currently serves as chief counsel to a United States Senator. Mr. Parets has lived locally since 2013 and his in-laws have been Montgomery County residents for more than a generation. Mr. Parets has already sent his application under a separate cover.


Randy V. Sabett, J.D., CISSP is a patent attorney, an engineer, an adjunct professor at George Washington University, and a long-time resident of Gaithersburg. Please see the enclosed letter and curriculum vitae from Mr. Sabett.

Christopher Danley, J.D. practices environmental law and has made Montgomery County his home since 2014. Mr. Danley is committed to community service and has spent a considerable amount of his valuable time representing disadvantaged people in federal litigation. Please see the enclosed letter and curriculum vitae from Mr. Danley.

Last but not least, I would like to give my heartiest recommendation that Mr. J. Lee Annis, Jr. continue on as a member of the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. I am sure Mr. Annis's qualifications and value to the Committee are well known to you.

Please feel free to reach out to me by phone _____ or email if you require any further information. It is my pleasure to recommend these applicants, and I strongly believe that our county will be all the better for their involvement,

Sincerely,


Alexander A. Bush, Esq.
Chair, MCRCC

January 31, 2019

Antoine

Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Nancy Navarro,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for a position on the Montgomery County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund.

In 2014, the Montgomery County Council unanimously passed Bill 16-14, creating Maryland's first county-level fair elections program. Since its passage, momentum for small donor public financing programs has grown throughout the state with Howard County and Prince George's County establish programs and their own and Baltimore City voters approving a charter amendment this past November, giving the Council authority to establish a program. This momentum has grown largely due to the success of the Montgomery County Public Election Fund. During the 2018 election cycle, candidates successfully used the program for the first time. Candidates who qualified for matching funds received 92 percent more contributions from individuals on average than non-participating candidates. Small donations accounted for 94 percent of total fundraising dollars raised by qualifying, versus only 8 percent for those not participating in the program. The political landscape of the County changed greatly, and as a resident of the County, I witness the change in candidate outreach by those using the program. Candidate hosted free events and prioritized building relationship with residents, I even saw many reaching out to members of ethnic communities who are typically ignored or only engaged during Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts. As a result, many made contributions for the first time and stepped up to volunteer on these campaigns. Moving into the general election, I even found myself teaching residents how to look up campaign finance records proving how great of an impact the program has had in not just improving participation, but also helping with overall public education about our elections.

The Public Election Fund has succeeded in expanding opportunities to run for office, encouraging greater participation, reducing the amount of big money in our County election, and ensuring all have an equal opportunity to participate in our elections. Being provided the opportunity to serve on the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund will allow me to assist with efforts to ensure the program is fully funded for future use and that it remains a success. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joanne Antoine

JOANNE ANTOINE

LEADERSHIP

Campaign Director, **Young Democrats of Maryland**
(May 2017 – Present)

Director of Engagement,
National Alliance for the Advancement of Haitian Professionals
(Dec. 2014 – Oct. 2016)

Case Manager,
DC Abortion Fund
(Aug. 2014 - Present)

Campaign Co-Chair, **Women's Information Network**
(Aug. 2014 – June 2015)

SKILLS

Software Skills: NGP VAN, NationBuilder, Westlaw, LexisNexis, Canva, WordPress, Luminato, Publisher, Slack, Hustle, Action Network

Professional Skills: Coalition Building, Campaign Management, Digital Outreach, Grassroots/Advocacy Training, Volunteer Management, Event Coordination

Language Skills: Haitian-Creole (Expert), French (Proficient)

EDUCATION

Monmouth University
Master of Arts, Public Policy

New Jersey City University
Bachelor of Arts, Journalism Minor, Pre-Law

Trainings:

- Wellstone, Advanced Campaign Mgmt. School
- WeLead, American University
- Developing Leaders, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington
- Claudia L. Mckoin Public Service Leadership Academy

WORK EXPERIENCE

Manager, State Outreach & Engagement
Common Cause Maryland Jan. 2017 – Present
Annapolis, MD

- Serve as a lobbyist on a state and local level, meeting with elected officials, providing written and oral testimony, and leading grassroots lobbying efforts.
- Develop all major communications including infographics for new reports, email communications to members, websites, and graphics for social media.
- Coordinate all state outreach, including creating field and digital plans for ballot measures and issue campaign as well as planning all logistics for state events.
- Assist with management of Fair Elections coalition, including leading weekly calls, building and managing website/social media pages, and helping to lead our County grassroots lobbying efforts- engaging supporters in our work.

Democracy Organizer
Democracy Initiative / Common Cause June 2016 – Jan. 2017
Howard County, MD

- Managed coordinated effort to educate and move over 30,000 Howard County members from 10 coalition groups to actions in support of campaign.
- Developed overall state strategy to engage over 40 local, state, and national unions and organizations in effort to establish small donor public financing program.
- Assisted with development and implementation of campaign field and GOTV plan.

Senior Organizer
Community Outreach Group Feb. 2016 – April 2016
Washington, DC

- Recruited, in coordination with other organizers, over 700 Planned Parenthood Action Fund members in Minnesota, Nebraska and Missouri
- Out of recruited members, identified over 350 Hillary Clinton for President supporters who later participated in Clinton campaign volunteer efforts, community events and committed to voting for the candidate
- Ensured Planned Parenthood remained visible on the ground to the campaign, Hillary supporters and the candidate herself while assisting in field

Statewide Grassroots Organizer
Hillary for America April 2015 – July 2015
Washington, DC

- Spearheaded DC grassroots efforts that introduced the campaign to over 600 voters through 4 different large grassroots organizing events as well as outreach through community groups and association.
- Developed and implemented organizing strategy that helped collect over 2500 commitments to vote.
- Identified and trained 20 volunteers who served on our street team and later went on to serve as super volunteers who led all grassroots efforts in DC until an office opens in the area and some later hired as staff.

Operations Manager
Ready for Hillary PAC Feb. 2014 – April 2015
Rosslyn, VA

- Improved store response time, managing two associates who helped identify and resolve packing and shipping issues which boosted department performance.
- Maintained NGP inventory of all store products and managed records for volunteers and interns that my department recruited, selected and trained
- Assisted with compliance as well as outreach to voters throughout the country, identifying over 500 supporters through our bus tour.

Additional Work Experience: Trainer, **National Democratic Training Committee** (Jan. 2018 - Present), Liaison to Caribbean Community, **Montgomery County Government** (April 2018 - Present), Field Organizer, **Cory Booker for US Senate** (July 2013 – Sept. 2013); Deputy Field Organizer, **Organizing for America-FL** (Aug. 2012 – Nov. 2012)

Nancy McMahan Farrar

27 March 2019

To: Nancy Navarro, President, Montgomery County MD Council

Madame President,

My name is Nancy McMahan Farrar. I have been a resident of Montgomery Village MD since 2000, and a registered Republican since the early 1980s.

As someone with over 20 years involvement with the election process, including serving as an election judge/chief judge in two states, a voter registration volunteer, and as a political party liaison to the Montgomery County Board of Elections, I'm very familiar with all parts of this process and I would bring this experience to use as a serving member of the Montgomery County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Nancy McMahan Farrar

NANCY MCMAHAN FARRAR

EXPERIENCE

1973 – 1977; 1980 – 1998

MAJOR, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (RETIRED)

Avionics Maintenance, Communications/Computer Systems Officer, Program Management

1998 – 2000

ELECTION JUDGE, ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

2000 – NOVEMBER 2014

ELECTION JUDGE/CHIEF ELECTION JUDGE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NOVEMBER 2014 – NOVEMBER 2018

**APPOINTED MEMBER, LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 39, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
MARYLAND REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

2015 – PRESENT

**ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND REPUBLICAN
PARTY**

2015 – PRESENT

**LIAISON TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND REPUBLICAN PARTY**

2016 – PRESENT

**VOTER REGISTRATION VOLUNTEER,
STATE OF MARYLAND**

EDUCATION

MAY 1980

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY, NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

JUNE 1990

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2004 – PRESENT: BOARD MEMBER/BOARD OFFICER, SOUTH VILLAGE HOMES CORPORATION

2015 - 2017: DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, AMERICAN MENSA COMMITTEE

2017 - PRESENT: NATIONAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OFFICER, AMERICAN MENSA

MEMBER, MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

OUTREACH CO-CHAIR, ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

AWARDS

2012: DISTINGUISHED TOASTMASTER, TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

2018: NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD, AMERICAN MENSA

Lowry

Council President Nancy Navarro
County Council Office
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

February 3, 2019

RE: Application for the County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund

Dear Ms. Navarro,

I'm writing to submit my application for appointment to the County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. I am a registered Democrat – I understand no more than 3 members can be from the same political party. I am interested in this committee because I strongly support the Public Election Fund.

In terms of my qualifications to be on this committee, I will describe my professional and civic activities. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, with a private psychotherapy practice in downtown Silver Spring. I have been in practice since 1998. Prior to that time, I worked at various social service agencies in the area – a therapeutic school, a therapeutic foster care agency, and two mental health clinics. Specifics of my professional life are included in the attached resume.

My level of civic engagement went up significantly about two years ago, when I founded a small local activist group named Capitol View Democracy Crew (the name of my neighborhood is Capitol View Park). Our group focuses on voter engagement, voter education, and generally improving the democratic process. Over the past year we hosted several public forums/debates for candidates running for District 18 Delegate; District 18 Senate seat; County Council At Large seat, and the District 5 County Council seat. We also did other kinds of voter education efforts in our neighborhood – making sure people were aware of all the different races, and encouraging people to vote.

I was pleased to see Public Funding available for the first time for Council candidates. However, in meeting the candidates as we organized the various forums, I also heard quite a few comments about difficulties in using public financing. So our group has now agreed to make Public Funding our new focus. Last month we invited a number of candidates to be on a panel and tell us about their experience with Public Funding this past election cycle. Based on what we heard, we are formulating recommendations (at both the County and State level), and will be working on advocating for these changes over the next few months.

I have also been involved in neighborhood campaigns regarding new development, and have been to many meetings at the Historic Preservation Commission

(my neighborhood is in a historic district). And at times I have been to the Council offices to talk to my District representative about various issues of concern.

I am also part of a very informal group (of two) that organized dance fundraisers for local non-profit and civic groups. Over a period of about 5 years we raised over \$15,000 that was fully donated to those groups.

Please let me know if any further information would be useful in deciding if I am a good candidate for the Committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Lowry

Catherine A. Lowry

EDUCATION: Catholic University, NCSSS, Washington, DC, Master of Social Work, 1994
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Bachelor of Arts, 1978

LICENSURE: LCSW-C (MD # 09483)

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

- September, 1998 to present **Private Practice in Silver Spring, MD**
Provide psychodynamic psychotherapy for individuals, couples, and groups. Specializing in mood and anxiety disorders, compulsive behaviors, adult children of alcoholics, relationship problems, divorce, and stepfamilies.
- July, 2000 to November, 2001 **University Psychological Center, Inc, College Park, MD**
Psychotherapist
Provide psychodynamic psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families and adolescents, and play therapy for children.
- October 1996 to June, 2000 **The Pathways Schools, Silver Spring, MD**
Therapist
Provide crisis intervention services, and individual, group, and family therapy to emotionally disturbed children and their families.
- February 1997 to June, 1999 **CPC Health, Bethesda, MD**
Trainer
Taught a six-hour parenting class for divorcing parents, which focused on understanding the emotional needs of children during divorce and how to minimize the negative impact of divorce.
- October 1995 to August 1997 **CPC Health, Wheaton, MD**
Psychotherapist
Provided psychotherapy services to adults, adolescents, families, couples and children. Lead therapy group for young adolescents. Completed intakes and psychosocial assessments.

Catherine A. Lowry
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- March 1995 to
October 1996** **The Martin Pollak Project, Washington, DC**
Senior Case Manager
 Provided clinical case management services to foster families and emotionally disturbed youth in therapeutic foster care. Acting Manager as needed.
- August 1994 to
May 1995** **American University, CPLS, Washington, DC**
Psychotherapist (Training program)
 Provided individual psychotherapy to University students. Completed intakes and psychosocial assessments.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- September 1986 to
July 1993** **Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, MD**
Procurement Analysis Administrator
 Analyzed effectiveness of national purchasing contracts. Supervised analysis staff. Assisted in development of software databases.
- June 1991 to
August 1986** **Chemonics International, Washington, DC**
Senior Procurement Agent
 Performed all aspects of procurement contract management. Supervised procurement staff.
- March 1981 to
May 1981** **Washington Council of Agencies, Washington, DC**
Job Developer
 Recruited area businesses and agencies to provide jobs to area youth.
- February 1980 to
January 1981** **Stained glass business, Charlottesville, VA**
General Manager
 Managed all commercial aspects. Supervised contractual workers.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work

REFERENCES: Available upon request

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LAW OFFICE OF
DAVID L. SCULL

ADMITTED: MD, DC, VA, CO

TAX ID 52-1419701

January 29, 2019

Hon. Nancy Navarro, President
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850

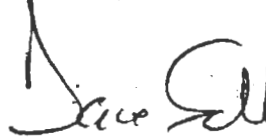
Re: Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund

Dear President Navarro:

Congratulations to the County Council for enacting the Public Election Fund (PEF) program in 2014, and for providing funding sufficient to assure it could operate successfully in 2018. The number of other jurisdictions now moving to start similar programs confirms the historic importance of Montgomery's leadership in this field.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to have participated as chair of the Committee to Recommend Funding for the PEF, and would like to continue my involvement with the program. I therefore submit my request for appointment to another term.

Sincerely,



David L. Scull

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David Lee Scull

1965 A.B. Princeton
1968 J.D. Univ. of Virginia

1968-71 CPT, Army Intel, Heidelberg and Saigon

Law Practice

1972-75 Associate, Fried Frank Harris Shriver Kampelman, Washington, DC

1975-79 Partner, Dobrovir Oakes Gebhardt Scull, Washington, DC Public interest litigation. Favorite case: requiring Spiro Agnew to repay bribes to State of Maryland

1979-present Law Office of David Scull, Bethesda, MD

Admitted: MD-DC-VA-CO

Elected office:

1974-81 Maryland House of Delegates

1981-86 Montgomery County Council

Other:

1997-2007 Maryland Rep, International Mountain Bicycling Assn.

2015-19 Chair, Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund

Aug 2018 Became great-grandparents

Statland

Samuel L. "Sam" Statland

January 22, 2019

Council President Nancy Navarro
County Council Office
Stella B Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Letter of Interest for a Position on the County Committee to Recommend
Funding for the Public Election Fund

Dear Council President Navarro:

Please accept this letter, and the attached resume listing my professional and civic experiences, as a letter of interest for a position on the County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Statland

Samuel L. "Sam" Statland



Resume of Professional and Civic Experience

Professional Experience

1973 to 2016

President and Co-Founder of Statland & Katz, Ltd, located in Silver Spring, Maryland. Statland & Katz was a full service financial services company offering a wide range of insurance, financial and estate planning services, and equity products to Individuals and businesses in Montgomery County. Two of my specialties were providing advice and services to a variety of not for profit and health care organizations.

Civic Experience

1980's - Present

Active supporter of the Purple Line

Board Member of the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Representative on the Silver Spring Library Steering Committee

Member of the Silver Spring Redevelopment Steering Committee

Member of the Wheaton Redevelopment Steering Committee

Past President of the Rock Creek Hills Civic Association

Fund raiser, advisor and supporter of Mobile Medical Care, Inc.

Political Activities

1977 to Present

Member of Marc Elrich's Transition Team – Serving on "A Growing Economy" panel.

Monitored vote counting for primary, general and recounts at the Board of Elections. Became familiar with current campaign finance laws. Worked for, advised, and supported many Democratic candidates campaigning for office. Member, and President, of the Montgomery

County Board of Elections. First elected official to publically denounce the Diebold Election System. Worked with Senator Rich Madaleno, passed legislation to expand the number of board members to its current size. Worked with Delegate Carole Petzold and Senator Mike Miller, passed legislation permitting absentee voting on demand. Worked with other Board members and Board staff to open the first Early Voting locations. Suggested to Congressman Albert Wynn that people suffering financial loss because of, natural disasters be able to withdraw, and pay back, money from their retirement program tax free and without penalties. Suggestion became a part of the Katrina Emergency Relief Act.

Democratic Panel Member of T V Show 21 This Week. Precinct official, area coordinator and board member of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC). Recruited precinct officials, chaired Dollars Drives. Hosted many fundraisers for the MCDCC, political candidates and elected officials. Recipient of the Lucille Maur MCDCC award for "Sustained Level of Service."

1980's

Created a coalition of organizations, to lobby the state legislature for Maryland health care reform and to prevent Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield from becoming a for profit health care organization, thus guaranteeing health insurance coverage for Maryland citizens. Created a ground breaking national professional liability and unique disability insurance program for sports officials at the request of local, state and national sports conferences during a national liability insurance crisis. The program allowed the continuance of many organized sports programs. Because of the program, I have been honored as one of the top 25 persons making a difference in sports officialdom by Referee Magazine.

Developed a national individual and group health insurance program for non US Citizens residing in the United States

Education

June 2001

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Cum Laude – American University Washington, DC;
Member of the National Political Science Honor Society.

Strengths

Ability to think out of the box and to build coalitions, with local and state officials; to reach attainable goals within the business, political and civic arenas. Knowledge and experience of existing campaign finance laws; will enable me to tweak current law to better integrate publicly financed campaigns and also state regulations. Examples are legitimatizing how in kind contributions by individuals are permitted, and how candidates for office are integrated into party sample ballots.

Whittaker

Michelle C. Whittaker

FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND

Council President
Nancy Navarro
County Council Office
Stella B. Werner Council
Office Building
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Council President Navarro and County Council Members:

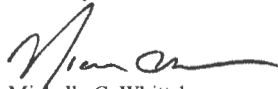
Montgomery County has proven itself to be an innovative leader in public financing for Maryland. In its first use for our county, we saw many candidates participating in the program and thousands of voters multiplying their impact. As a former campaign manager for a publicly-financed candidate, I have practical experience and expert knowledge as a policy advocate for electoral reforms. My skills and knowledge make me an excellent candidate to serve on the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund.

Policy Expertise – I have been an electoral reform advocate and communicator at national organizations focused on bringing innovative reforms to local jurisdictions. In my role at Democracy Initiative, I focused on studying and communicating the impact of public financing reforms for use in new places across the United States. I'm familiar with different financing methods and reform implementations, giving me greater insight into ensuring we properly fund our County's program to meet the needs of upcoming election cycles.

Practical Experience – I was the campaign manager for Brandy Brooks, a first-time candidate and community organizer, running for County Council At-Large. Brandy's campaign qualified for public financing and received over \$122,000 in matching funds from nearly 400 residents. I led our fundraising strategy throughout her campaign. Along the way, I observed key implementation concerns that I would like to offer to the committee and Council for consideration to further improve our program (including how funds are distributed, management of the program, and educational resources for candidates and voters).

I'm proud to live in a county that aims to make democracy open and accessible to more people. I hope to have the opportunity to serve my fellow residents on this committee to improve and enhance our democratic process.

Sincerely,



Michelle C. Whittaker

Michelle C. Whittaker

SUMMARY

Knowledgeable electoral reform policy advocate with more than 17 years of creative and media expertise.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manna Food Center, Inc. (Gaithersburg, MD)

2018–Present

Communications Manager

Lead marketing and communications strategist charged with building greater awareness of hunger issues and Manna's programs across Montgomery County.

- Crafted engaging copy for social media, blogs, emails, and print material.
- Coordinated production of Annual Report, quarterly newsletters, holiday giving appeals.
- Developed digital fundraising campaigns throughout the year.

Brandy Brooks Power Posse / Brandy Brooks for Montgomery County (Silver Spring, MD)

2017–2018

Campaign Manager / Communications Director

Senior political strategist and lead organizer for Brandy Brooks, candidate for Montgomery County Council At-Large; finished 7th with more than 25,000 votes in 33-candidate race, 2nd among all women candidates.

- Developed and oversaw all aspects of campaign strategy and communications.
- Drafted and/or edited policy positions, questionnaires, and constituent inquiries.
- Created engaging digital campaigns to build awareness and raise over \$150,000.
- Led campaign team, coordinated volunteer training and field strategy with staff, and managed campaign tools; coordinated fundraising efforts and Public Election Fund requirements.

Democracy Initiative / Democracy Initiative Education Fund (Washington, DC)

2017–2018

Director of Communications and Digital Media

Senior staff on messaging and digital actions for the 64 issue groups representing over 40 million members to mobilize members to engage in democracy reforms.

- Crafted messaging frames connecting core social issues and the need for democracy reforms.
- Prepared online communications, press releases, talking points, and managed social media engagement.
- Developed annual reports and supportive promotional material for the DI & DIF.

FairVote, The Center for Voting and Democracy (Takoma Park, MD)

2015–2017

Director of Communications

Message and media strategy lead for the nation's leading non-partisan organization advancing structural electoral reforms to improve elections for voters, candidates, and policymakers.

- Developed research-driven messaging language for organizational identity and key reforms.
- Cultivated relationships with political journalists, opinion editors and thought-leaders regarding FairVote's reform agenda; and coordinated letters to the editor and opinion pieces across the country.
- Led rebranding, visual content development, new styleguide, and launch of new FairVote website.
- Supervised team (including fellows, staff, interns and part-time staff); and coordinated internships.

General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church (Washington, DC) 2006 – 2015

Director of Communications and New Media

Strategic and technical communications lead for agency and board members. Lead curator for online communications, and visual designer for web and print marketing assets.

- Coordinated email blasts for 11 networks (500 to 8,000 subscribers) and a weekly newsletter, Faith in Action (16,000+ subscribers). Managed and launched umc-gbcs.org (30,000+ visitors per month).
- Crafted language for new campaign initiatives on Ebola, health care, abolition of torture, economic justice and alcohol consumption. Fostered development of online community to reform health care in 2010.
- Led expansion into social media (2008), grew networks (5800+ on Facebook and 10000+ on Twitter).
- Fielded media inquiries, drafted press releases, and coordinated press conferences.
- Facilitated workshops and trainings on social media and advocacy for justice advocates and staff.
- Operated \$430,000 communication and resource budget and supervised interns and consultants.

Towers Watson (formerly Towers Perrin) (Philadelphia, PA)

2000 – 2006

Technical Writer / Graphic Designer / Developer

Team member for actuarial software development, including research, testing, and online and print documentation. Key resource for usability and visual design conformity.

- Updated technical documentation and managed style standards and digital assets for actuarial systems.
- Provided helpdesk support; identified and researched issues for development project planning.
- Developed a company-wide print campaign to promote Ensemble for Actuaries, actuary software.

MCW Creative Group, LLC / Freelance Graphics and Web Designer

1998–Present

Principal creative offering design and communications services for small businesses and individuals. Developed websites, created brand material and messaging, and offered communications advice.

EXPERTISE

Public Financing Research, case studies, models, and implementation knowledge.

Board Member of Represent Women, a national leader expanding women's representation in the U.S.

Successfully Qualified for Public Financing and raised \$34,000+ in qualifying contributions to run competitive countywide campaign for Brandy Brooks.

Party Affiliation
Democrat

EDUCATION

The Art Institute of Washington

(Arlington, VA)
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Web and Graphic Design

The Art Institute Online
(Pittsburgh, PA) Associate of Science Graphic Design (2009)

From: Navarro's Office, Councilmember [Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 9:41:09 AM
To: Council President
Subject: FW: Michelle Whittaker for Public Election Fund Committee

From: Lynn Olson [mailto:]
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Navarro's Office, Councilmember <Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Michelle Whittaker for Public Election Fund Committee

Dear Council President Navarro,

I am writing to urge you to support Michelle Whittaker for the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. She has experience with public financing systems both as a policy advocate and the campaign manager for Brandy Brooks, at-large candidate who ran under the public financing system.

I've worked with Michelle on the RCV Montgomery campaign and find her to be knowledgeable, formidably smart, a good listener, politically astute, and responsive plus she works extremely well in groups (an attribute I've found is sometimes overlooked when appointing boards and committees). She has shared her experiences with public financing during Brandy Brooks's campaign and has ideas on how it could work better. Michelle's voice and perspective is desperately needed on this effort. And, Nancy, we know Michelle will look at this issue through a racial equity and social justice lens!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lynn Olson

From: Navarro's Office, Councilmember [Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 9:40:21 AM
To: Council President
Subject: FW: Recommendation: Michelle Whittaker for the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund

From: Paula [mailto:
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 10:49 AM
To: Navarro's Office, Councilmember <Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov>
Subject: Recommendation: Michelle Whittaker for the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund

Dear Councilmember Navarro,

Thank you for your community involvement and service to Montgomery County. I am glad to be in your district and represented by you.

I am writing today for the first time to encourage you to support Michelle Whittaker for the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. She has experience with public financing systems as a policy advocate and as the campaign manager for Brandy Brooks, at-large candidate who ran under the public financing system who came in 6th out of a field of 33.

I would actually like to say a lot more, too, about Michelle. She is my neighbor of several years, and I can vouch for her without any reservations. If it counts as more people, I can definitely say my husband, mother, and three children also give Michelle their strong support! We see her often and her daughter is great pals with my children. Michelle is a talented professional, amazing communicator, and great person. The Council is lucky to have someone like Michelle interested in this 4-year nonpaid position. I can't imagine there are many Montgomery County residents more qualified and committed than she is.

I know a lot of people and Michelle Whitaker, who ran Brandy Brooks' campaign, is among the people I am most glad to know and most admire. In fact, I can say that it was inspiration from Brandy and Michelle that has caused me to be more active in the community and on behalf of the county.

Michelle is competent, qualified, and great to work with. She has true passion for public election funding and has inside perspective on how it works. She has talked to me about it on several occasions in the past, on a purely conversational basis and explained many things about how the county works. I trust her judgment about community and county issues. Michelle believes public financing should work for all and would be a vocal advocate for improving funding processes and fostering equitable engagement among all communities. She knows all of Montgomery County, including upcounty, where she and family visited often with Brandy during the at-large campaign. Michelle would be a true asset to the county council if she is appointed to serve on the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund.

I would be grateful if you would give her your support. I understand she will be interviewing on Tuesday, April 30.

All the best,

Paula

Paula J. Posas, PhD



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Attorney Stephen E. Whitted

February 6, 2019

Via Electronic and Priority Mail

The Honorable Nancy Navarro
President, Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

**Re: County Committee to Recommend Funding for Public Education/
Application of Attorney Stephen E. Whitted**

Dear President Navarro:

Please accept this letter and enclosed resume in support of my application for appointment to the County Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Education Fund (the, "Committee"). I believe that I am uniquely qualified for appointment to this position for the following reasons:

- My working knowledge of governmental law and related issues gained while associated as an attorney with three governmental entities over a fourteen-year period; and,
- My ability to offer clear and concise legal advice, both orally and in writing, as counsel to governmental agencies and departments; and
- My solid logical reasoning abilities, as demonstrated in my oral presentation and writing skills; and,
- My investment in Montgomery County, as demonstrated by: 1) living and owning homes in the County for 7 years, and 2) my past demonstrated civic involvement, as a member of my community homeowners' association for the past two years.
- My native interest in government and public service.

First, I understand the Committee's dual role is to accurately estimate the funds necessary to implement the public campaign finance system, and then to recommend an annual appropriation to the County Council for the Public Election Fund. This is a vital function. The Committee has the responsibility to allow only that expenditure of funds from the public fisc that affords that candidates' political views are made known to the voting community within the County. That is, if too few funds are allocated, then the voting community may not be as informed as it should be before making its decisions. On the other hand, if excessive monies are

Attorney Stephen E. Whitted
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allocated, then funds entrusted by the public to the government are wasted. In sum, the right balance must be struck between adequate campaign expenditure sufficient to inform and fiscal responsibility. In essence, this is a fiduciary responsibility.

I have spent the past fourteen years of my professional career as an attorney interacting with and advising senior personnel within governmental entities, often advising on the expenditure of public funds. Please allow me to explain.

Since October of 2011, I have been serving as the Senior Assistant County Attorney for the Prince George's County, Maryland Office of Law. I primarily serve as lead trial counsel in the litigation of civil rights and tort matters, defending the County and its departments in state and federal courts in Maryland. I routinely advise on the valuation of cases brought against the County.

In addition to my trial responsibilities, from November of 2016 through September of 2017, I served as the Legal Advisor to the Prince George's County, Maryland Police Department. In this role, I provided legal advice to the Chief of Police and his executive staff across a broad range of disciplines, including Public Information Act law, constitutional matters, employment law, criminal discovery, §1983 cases, and police operations.

From May 2004 through September 2010, I served as a Senior Assistant County Attorney in the Law Department of the DeKalb County, GA government. During my nearly six-and one-half years in that position, I was placed in a lead counsel role, primarily assigned to handle complex civil litigation, employment law and civil rights matters.

Additionally, in the context of this position, I served as lead counsel for the DeKalb County Board of Health, which is an autonomous agency of the Georgia state government that receives its legal support through the DeKalb County Law Department. As lead attorney for the Board of Health, I managed the litigation, contractual, employment, personnel and legislative affairs of the Board of Health. With respect to each of my duties for the Board, I developed a positive relationship with the senior management and administrative staff and worked closely with them, advising and counseling on the myriad of legal issues affecting the operation of that state agency.

During my tenure with the DeKalb County government, I also served as lead counsel for Peachtree DeKalb Airport and its Director. In the context of this assignment, I represented the Airport in its litigation, was responsible for reviewing and approving all contracts, lease agreements, and memoranda of understanding, as well as providing general legal advice to the Airport Director as needed.

Attorney Stephen E. Whitted
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In conclusion, I believe that with my nearly 27 years of experience as an attorney I would bring a solid core of relevant and valuable experiences to the Committee. I look forward to discussing my candidacy with you further. I may be reached during the day at or via email at

Sincerely,

Attorney Stephen E. Whitted

Enclosures: as noted

ATTORNEY STEPHEN E. WHITTED

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Legal Advisor and Civil Litigation Attorney with a successful record of accomplishment in providing sound legal counsel and advocacy in general civil, municipal liability, commercial law, employment, and personal injury litigation. Experienced in managing complex legal matters from initial intake through final adjudication and appeal. Background includes: advisory counseling and advocacy to individuals, corporations and governmental agencies, factual investigation, preparation of written discovery, taking and defending depositions, drafting and defense of dispositive motions, conducting first-chair jury and bench trials in various state and federal courts, and appellate work over 26 years.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor: 1992
Boston College Law School - Boston, MA

Accounting and Taxation Program: 1987
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, NC

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science, 1984
North Carolina Central University - Durham, NC

- Cum Laude

SKILLS

- Knowledgeable of state and federal laws, codes, procedures, legal precedents, and regulations.
- Use of logic/reasoning skills to identify strengths/weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems in offering legal advice to County Departmental Directors and executive staff.
- Able to synthesize information to form general rules and conclusions to engage in strategic thinking.
- Adept at litigation, negotiation, and mediation of disputes, and resolution of grievances and conflicts. (winning record in jury trials in state and federal courts over past 7 years).

WORK HISTORY

Senior Assistant County Attorney/Legal Advisor Police Dept., 10/2011 to present
Prince George's County, Maryland, Office of Law – 1301 McCormick Drive, Suite 4100, Largo, MD 20774

- Responsible for full phase of case preparation and first-chair trial presentation in defense of civil rights and employment law matters affecting Prince George's County, Maryland.
- Legal counsel to Chief of Police and his executive staff on broad range of legal and business issues confronting the Police Department.

Senior Assistant County Attorney, 05/2004 to 09/2010

Law Department of DeKalb County, Georgia – Decatur, GA

- Responsible for full phase of case preparation and first-chair trial presentation in defense of commercial and civil rights matters.
- Served as legal counsel for Peachtree DeKalb Airport in litigation, contract, and transactional matters.
- Served as legal counsel for DeKalb County Board of Health in employment, contract, litigation and transactional matters.

Assistant Corporation Counsel, General Litigation Division, 01/2002 to 12/2002

Office of Corporation Counsel/Office of the Attorney General – Washington, D. C.

- Responsible for full phase of case preparation and trial presentation in defense of civil rights matters.

ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to State Bars of Georgia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Massachusetts.
- Admitted to U.S. District Courts of Georgia, Maryland and District of Columbia

AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Directors for Willows Run Home Owners' Association.
- Member: Alpha Phi Alpha service fraternity, Eta Omicron chapter, 1981 to present
- HOPE Volunteer (international/local community service organization), 1991 – present
- Mentor/trainer to junior attorneys within Office of Law.
- American Diabetes Foundation, annual Tour de Cure participant (64-mile bike ride, June 28, 2008)
- Bicycle enthusiast.
- Chess enthusiast.

REFERENCES

- Available upon request

Willard

Tim Willard

March 14, 2019

Council President Nancy Navarro
County Council Office
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850


Dear Council President Nancy Navarro,

I would like to apply to be on the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund. I was the only third party candidate to participate in the County public financing system so I believe I would bring a different perspective to the Committee.

I am attaching, along with this letter, my resume.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Tim Willard

Tim Willard

PROFILE

I have a Ph.D in U.S. history and worked at the National Archives from 1985 to 2012. I have been and activist a number of groups whenever I could fit it in around family duties (three children, two of whom were adopted from Guatemala.) I have been active in the Green Party since 2004. I ran for County Council at Large as the Green Party candidate in 2014 and 2018 and participated in the County's public financing program in 2018.

EXPERIENCE

Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC — 1985 - 2012

I worked as an archivist in the Declassification and Processing branches. Processing involved arranging and describing newly accessioned records and entering information in the appropriate data bases. Declassification involved working with the originating agencies

Full Time Grandpa — 2012 - 2017

After retiring from the National Archives, I took care of my grandson during the day until he began school.

Green Party Activist - 2004 present.

I have been an organizer, official, petition gatherer, and candidate for the Green Party, including runs for Montgomery County Council At Large in 2014 and 2018

EDUCATION

Hiram College — BA, 1974

Case Western Reserve University — MA, 1975

The University of Toledo. — Ph.D., History, 1984

ACTIVIST EXPERIENCE

I have been active with:

Montgomery County Civic Federation, Environment Committee

Peace Action Montgomery

Green Party

Democratic Socialists of America

Montgomery County Faith Alliance for Climate Change

The Climate Emergency

Macedonia African Cemetery Coalition

Silver Spring Justice Coalition