



Committee: Directly to Council
Staff: Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council
Purpose: Final action – vote expected
Keywords: #CouncilAppointments

AGENDA ITEM #5
February 23, 2021
Action

SUBJECT

Appointment to Board of Appeals (BOA)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Montgomery County Council is to appoint a member to the BOA to fill a partial term resulting from the resignation of Katherine Freeman (Democrat). The vacancy was advertised on November 27, 2020 and five applications were received. Three applicants were chosen to be interviewed, and on February 9, 2021, the Council interviewed Ms. Caryn Hines, Mr. Charles Kauffman, and Mr. Roberto Pinero.

By law, no more than three members of the Board shall be from the same political party. This position can be filled by a Democrat, a Republican, a voter who is unaffiliated with a party, or a voter who is a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

Current members of the Board include Chair John Pentecost (Democrat), Bruce Goldensohn (Republican), Mary Gonzales (Democrat), and Richard Melnick (Unaffiliated). Katherine Freeman (Democrat) has resigned.

ROLE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Section 2-108(a) of the Montgomery County Code states that "The Council shall request the County Executive to provide within thirty (30) days a recommendation as to qualified applicants prior to any appointment."

A memorandum was sent to the County Executive requesting his recommendation on the BOA vacancy. The Executive responded on February 18, 2021 as follows: "Based on the information provided, the Council's applicant interviews, and applicant experience, I recommend that the Council appoint Caryn Hines to the Board of Appeals."

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Not applicable.

This report contains:

List of applicants	©A
Memo from County Executive	©B
BOA Background	©C
News Release	©D-E

Letters of application, resumes, & letters of endorsement of interviewees ©1-19

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Applicants January 2021

This is to fill the partial term of Katherine Freeman (term expires September 2021).

Applicants	Misc Info
Caryn L. Hines Silver Spring 20910	Democrat
Charles Kauffman Bethesda 20816	Democrat <i>Letters of endorsement from:</i> Robin Henoch, President of GROWS David Gamse, CEO, Jewish Council for the Aging Francis Creighton John Kenney Irwin Goldbloom
Anthony Magri Silver Spring 20906	Democrat
Roberto R. Piñero Silver Spring 20906	Democrat
Laura Seminario-Thornton Germantown 20874	Republican



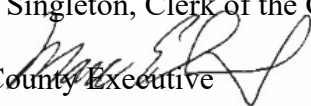
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

February 18, 2021

TO: Selena Mendy Singleton, Clerk of the Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Board of Appeals

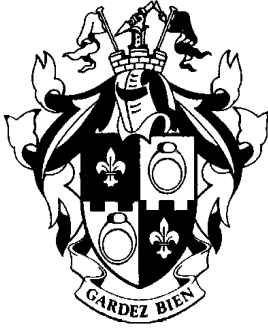
Thank you for your memorandum of January 20, 2021, requesting my recommendation as to qualified applicants for the Board of Appeals' vacancy.

Based on the information provided, the Council's applicant interviews, and applicant experience, I recommend that the Council appoint Caryn Hines to the Board of Appeals.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

<u>Created:</u>	Montgomery County Code, Sections 2-108 through Section 2-116.
<u>Term:</u>	Four years.
<u>Purpose:</u>	Exercise functions and powers of regional district as such functions and powers are prescribed in the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act (as revised and included in the new Land Use Article) to extent that such functions and powers are not vested in another administrative officer or agency. Hear and decide: all petitions for variances; and administrative appeals, including all appeals taken under the Building Code; all appeals concerning licenses for hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes and care homes; and all appeals concerning licenses for private educational institutions. Also hear and decide appeals concerning: special exceptions decided by the Hearing Examiner, orders directing removal of diseased trees, orders concerning restaurant permits, licenses for places of amusement and amusement enterprises, the electrical contractors license law, and all other appeals as the Board may be authorized to hear from time to time by law, ordinance, or resolution.
<u>Membership:</u>	Five members, who must be residents of the County, are appointed by the County Council. No more than three members shall be from the same political party. The Chair is appointed by the Council.
<u>Financial Disclosure:</u>	Public financial disclosure statements must be filed.
<u>Compensation:</u>	Chair - \$22,040; Member - \$15,595. Both receive annual cost-of-living adjustments each December to reflect 50% of the change in the Washington Area Consumer Price Index.
<u>Meetings:</u>	Weekly hearings all day Wednesday and worksessions every other week, additional days as necessary.
<u>Current Members:</u>	Chair, John Pentecost (Dem) appointed 1/2013 (partial term), second term expires 9/2024 Katherine Freeman (Dem) appointed 9/2017, first term expires 9/2021 Bruce Goldensohn (Rep) appointed 10/2015, second term expires 9/2023 Mary Gonzales (Dem) appointed 10/2019, first term expires 9/2023 Richard Melnick (Unaffiliated) appointed 4/2020 (partial term), expires 9/2022



Montgomery County Council

For Immediate Release

November 27, 2020

FOR INFORMATION: anne.brown@montgomerycountymd.gov

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Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Board of Appeals

*Deadline to Submit an Application is
Friday, December 18 at 5:00 pm*

ROCKVILLE, Md., November 27, 2020—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for a partial term on the County Board of Appeals. The term to be filled is currently held by Katherine Freeman, who will be resigning. Her term expires in September 2021. Applications for the position must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, December 18.

By law, no more than three members of the board shall be from the same political party. This position can be filled by a Democrat, a Republican, a voter who is unaffiliated with a party, or a voter who is a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

In addition to Ms. Freeman (Democrat), current members of the Board include Chair John Pentecost (Democrat), Bruce Goldensohn (Republican), Mary Gonzales (Democrat), and Richard Melnick (Unaffiliated). Members of County Boards, Committees and Commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time.

Members of the Board receive \$15,595 annually, with the Chair receiving \$22,040. Salaries are adjusted each December to reflect 50 percent of the change in the Washington Area Consumer Price Index.

Duties of the Board of Appeals include hearing and deciding requests for variances from development standards contained in the Zoning Ordinance; hearing appeals from certain administrative decisions rendered by County government agencies; and hearing oral argument on and deciding appeals from decisions of the Hearing Examiner on conditional uses. The Board also considers and decides requests for modifications of special exceptions.

The Board normally holds weekly hearings all day Wednesday and worksessions every other week on Wednesdays. If necessary to accommodate an extended caseload or continued hearings, the Board may schedule hearings on other weekdays. Members are expected to prepare for the hearings by reading the cases to be heard and to share the workload of drafting and editing opinions or to follow-up on investigations on specific cases. Members work approximately 15-25 hours a week.

The principal jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals does not include the municipalities of Brookeville, Poolesville, Laytonsville, Rockville, Barnesville, Gaithersburg, and Washington Grove. The Council is not precluded from appointing someone who resides in one of these municipalities, although the Council may avoid doing so.

Letters expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages in length) listing professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers and an email address, should be addressed to: Council President, County Council Office, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or emailed to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov. Letters of application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 18. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. After the closing date, Councilmembers will review the letters of application and select applicants to interview.

Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process. (personal contact information is redacted). Any interviews held are open to the public and will be televised. A financial statement of assets, debts, income and family property interests will be required of all applicants. Only the appointed candidates will be required to make the financial statement available for public review.

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Hines

Tom Hucker,
Council President
County Council Office
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

December 18, 2020

Dear Honorable President Hucker :

I was pleased to learn that the Board of Appeals has a vacancy for a Member. Please see my resume in response to this vacancy.

My qualifications and experience are a perfect match for this position. I have eleven combined years of conducting local administrative hearings at the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings and the Board of Appeals in Montgomery, County, Maryland. My training as an adjudicator honed analytical skills that enable me to apply law to facts and write legally sufficient opinions based on those conclusions. Further, my extensive training as an impartial finder of fact allows me to transcend any political affiliation or bias. Additionally, I provide administrative inquiry services for federal clients on employee grievances where I conduct interviews of high ranking officials. I also write reports that reflect my findings of fact and include conclusions of law.

Having previously served on the Board of Appeals, I am familiar with the issues of zoning and land use that come before the Board. Further, I know how important it is to decide these issues impartially and fairly considering all of the evidence in a studied and collaborative manner

Thank you in advance for considering my application to fulfill Ms. Freeman's term on the Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Hines

CARYN L. HINES

D.C. and Maryland Bar Member

Summary of Experience: Attorney and administrative law judge with experience in conducting administrative hearings with self-represented and represented parties on matters such as permitting and zoning, employment, landlord tenant, and school discipline. Experienced mediator and arbitrator. Experienced in the principles of litigation, alternative dispute resolution, contracts, business transactions, intellectual property, and international trade. Awarded Congressional Fellow and International Career Advancement Program fellowships in 2004 and 2011.

EXPERIENCE

January 2018-present

Germantown and College Park, MD

Adjunct Professor

Montgomery College and University of Maryland Global Campus

Teach courses in the areas of law office administration, alternative dispute resolution, and international business law in the Paralegal Studies and Masters of Business Administration departments, respectively.

September 2016-present

Washington, D.C., Baltimore, MD

Legal Consultant

Legal consultant providing investigation services of employee/employer disputes involving grievances and EEO discrimination matters. Provide arbitration services in the areas of employment and estate valuation cases. Prepare U-Visa applications and evaluate potential minor and adult clients for asylum and other types of immigration relief.

April 2008-June 2016

Washington, D.C.

Administrative Law Judge

District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings

Presided over administrative multi-day, multi-party bench hearings providing de novo review of appeals of matters including employment law, school discipline, landlord/tenant, litter control, and permits. Ruled on oral and written motions and evidentiary issues from the bench and in written orders. Wrote over 1,500 opinions for matters that were appealable to the D.C. Court of Appeals and/or the D.C. Rental Housing Commission. Wrote interlocutory orders on motions. Conducted over 100 mediations in complex matters with represented and self-represented parties.

October 2007-December 2012

Washington, D.C.

Adjunct Faculty

Trinity Washington University

Taught coursework in the Masters of Public Administration curriculum in the area of non-profit organizational management.

October 2005- April 2008
Board Member
Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Rockville, MD

Heard and decided land use and zoning cases. Held pre-hearing conferences for administrative appeals. Conducted administrative appeals to review Agency decisions from Department of Permitting Services and the Historic Preservation Commission.

April 2005-July 2005
Senior Consultant
The Whitaker Group

Washington, D.C.

Provided representational services to foreign governments on international trade and investment promotion.

November 2004-March 2005
Community Outreach Director
The Honorable Susan C. Lee
Maryland House of Assembly

Annapolis, MD

Attended community meetings particularly in the Asian Pacific community and advised Delegate on policy and laws on a wide variety of issues including potential legislation. Assisted Delegate in complying with Maryland state financial reporting requirements.

October 1998-September 2004
Attorney-Advisor
U.S. Trade and Development Agency
Held a top secret security clearance

Arlington, VA

Provided senior level review of entire Agency contract docket in the amount of at least \$50 million and worked closely with project officers from outset of grant-making deal. Represented Agency's interests by analyzing the feasibility of project, including strengths and weaknesses. Ensured that parties' contract terms were consistent with Agency's objectives, policies and procedures. Worked with parties to draft proposed project workscopes and payment and deliverable schedules, and evaluated budget and financial information for each contract. Negotiated workscope, budget and deliverable schedule with contractor.

January 2004-July 2004
Congressional Fellow
U.S. House of Representatives
Ways and Means Committee- Trade Subcommittee

Washington, D.C.

Researched and wrote memoranda on trade issues. Briefed Members of Congress on trade issues for meetings with ambassadors and other top level officials from the World Trade Organization (WTO) and foreign countries. Briefed Members of Congress for hearings on pending legislation such as the AGOA III and budget authorizations for federal agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction. Attended briefings by the US Trade Representatives on such issues as the WTO Ministerial and trade agreements.

July 1989-October 1998

Arlington, VA

Attorney-Advisor

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Evaluated trademark applications for substantive and procedural compliance with applicable federal statutes and regulations. Wrote appellate briefs and defended the Agency position before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Memberships:

Bar of the United States Supreme Court, District of Columbia Bar Association, Maryland State Bar, Pennsylvania Bar Association, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Advisory Board Member-National Consortium of Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, Washington Foreign Law Society, Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution, International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution-Distinguished Panel of Arbitrators

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

May 2020-present

Maryland

Volunteer

Biden-Harris and Maryland Women for Biden

Assisted in the late help coordinated effort.

August 2019-present

Nationwide

Member

Diversity Matters

Volunteer with grassroots organization which assists in electing nation-wide officials dedicated to supporting diversity efforts.

Volunteer

May 2016-November 2016

Senator Chris Van Hollen and Hillary Clinton campaigns

Maryland and Nationwide

Called registered voters encouraging them to vote for the candidates.

January 2006-September 2006

Montgomery County, MD

Candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court

Campaigned for and ran an extensive grassroots campaign for a Montgomery County wide public office which consisted of numerous public speaking engagements, negotiated contracts with local vendors, managed and coordinated a volunteer staff, wrote and designed campaign literature, designed and wrote copy for web site, wrote fundraising letters, held fundraisers, coordinated media outreach, wrote media advertisements, solicited and received major community endorsements and coordinated with other campaigns.

September 2004-November 2004
Volunteer Attorney
Kerry-Edwards Headquarters

Washington, DC

Strategized on voter outreach to rural farmers, sportsmen and Native Americans and Native American veterans. Wrote a guideline for clergy participation in the political process, researched issues of voter intimidation, and reviewed voter protection efforts of absentee ballots and overseas ballots.

October 2002- November 2006
Precinct Official

Montgomery County, MD

Prepared mailings regarding candidates, canvass neighborhoods, participate in voter outreach efforts, educate voting public about candidates, monitor polling stations during elections, attend District and County-wide meetings, liaison with African-American and Asian-Pacific organizations, and assist in organizing candidate forums. Phone-bank and door knock for candidates during elections. Recruit volunteers for Maryland campaigns.

May 2004-November 2006
Board Member
District 18 Caucus

Montgomery County, MD

Attended monthly strategy meetings on voter outreach and district caucus activities.

CIVIC EXPERIENCE

National Bar Association-Judicial Council, Washington Bar Association-Judicial Council, National Association of Women Judges, Prince George's County Women's Bar Association-Waxter Juvenile Detention Center visits, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association-Judicial Nomination Committee, Montgomery County Committee for Ethnic Affairs, Montgomery County Arts Council

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Executive Certificate International Finance & Global Markets

Washington, DC

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
J.D. Editor- International Law Journal

Cleveland, Ohio

FISK UNIVERSITY
B.A. English *Honors: Cum Laude*

Nashville, Tennessee

December 1st 2020

**Hon. Tom Hucker, Council President
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850
county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov**

Re: Application for the Montgomery County Board of Appeals

President Hucker and Council Members:

Congratulations on your election and to Vice President Alborno. You are facing unprecedented challenges and I will support you and wish you and the entire Council great success.

I sincerely want to serve on the Board of Appeals. I applied for this appointment in July 2019, believing then and now that I have the richest qualifications, professional experience, independence and record of fairness to serve.

I intend to serve the County and I have applied for service other Boards and Commissions however I feel I can best serve the Board of Appeals and will accept this position if honored with the appointment. I again appeal to you to afford me the opportunity apply my professional experience and my sincere desire to continue to serve our residents as a member of the County Board of Appeals.

After graduating from NYU Law School and admission to the NY Bar I served in the US Army with the Adjutant General organizing and reviewing Administrative Board Actions. involving decisions on separation from service and types of discharge. During that time I organized, managed and conducted hearings and then reviewed decisions with the authority to recommend approval, denial or modification. I learned not only the exacting detail of administrative actions but also how to understand the real life, practical implications of the process and the need for care and clarity.

Returning to civilian life and law I represented clients before Workman's Compensation Commissions, Permitting, Housing, Landmark Commissions and other Boards over a period of several decades. I also served for several years of-counsel to the Negotiating Institute which afforded me the opportunity to oversee numerous Mediation and Arbitration activities.

My work with many diverse groups and my decades of legal, business and political experience, have imbedded the understanding of the need for an equitable and sensitive approach to regulation and the great value of the appeal process.

In full realization that the County Board of Appeals is highly specialized I have (1) attended meetings of the Board of Appeals and (2) reviewed past decisions of record dating backward from 2018.

The perspective I offer the Board is unique and inclusive.

- **On the Taxicab Services Commission I currently represent our low income, handicapped and senior citizens. I am closely involved with DC and County Public Transportation issues through GROWS, JCA, and other affiliations.**
- **I have overseen proposed legislation and public policy for six years on the Commission on Aging and now Chair the Commission on Aging Alumni Group.**
- **I serve on the GROWS public policy committee.**
- **As Mid-Atlantic Director of the National Aging In Place Council (NAIPC 2007-8) I vigorously promoted Aging In Place and worked closely with the founders of Beacon Hill Village to bring Villages to Montgomery County, where they now proliferate. I promoted Villages through County seminars, produced Montgomery's Got Talent and organized the printing of The Village Blueprint (the primer for organizing).**
- **Most significantly, I created and chaired the COA summer study which led to the County enrollment in the international WHO/AARP Age Friendly Communities Program. This program with grass roots input, informs, organizes, and coordinates public and private planning activities. The study and advocacy efforts transformed and energized the County Age Friendly Advisory Group with the guidance of a Senior Fellow.**
- **I am Secretary and Director of the Friends of the Human Rights Commission (a 501(C) 3 fundraising group), and am an Ambassador in the American Muslim Senior Society (AMSS).**
- **I serve on the Economic Development, Real Estate and Senior Marketing committees of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce and am a Director/Board Member of Visit Montgomery (MC CVB).**
- **I am a registered Democrat.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kauffman

CHARLES KAUFFMAN

SUMMARIZED BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION July 2019

Current:

- Chair- Commission on Aging Alumni Group
- Commissioner- Montgomery County Taxicab Services Commission.
- Secretary/ Board Member – Friends of the Montgomery County Human Rights Comm.
- Board Member – Visit Montgomery (MC CVB)
- AMSS (American Muslim Senior Society), Stakeholders Advisory Council.
- Vision Health Ambassador – Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Wash.DC
- VamooseBus- Community Relations Director.
- DC Trails-Of -Counsel; specialty- motor vehicle infractions.
- Award 2014- Lifetime Member Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame,
- Award- GROWS Debra Levy- Humanitarian of the Year-2017
- Age Friendly Montgomery Advisory Group –Transportation and Communications Groups; JCA Transportation Advisory Group; Montgomery County –“Getting Around The County” – Advisory Group;
- Greater Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce-Senior Marketing, Real Property Economic Development Committees; Arlington VA – Chamber of Commerce.
- Montgomery County Vital Living Network;
- DestinationDC-Washington DC Visitors Bureau;

Prior County Service:

Commissioner- Commission on Aging – 2011-2017;

Nominating Committees- COA, Human Rights Hall of Fame, Neil Potter Awards.

Prior National Service: *Mid-Atlantic Director National Aging In Place Council (NAIPC) -2007-8.*
Veteran US Army-Adjutant General's Office.

NYC Service: *Served on Community Planning Board #8 – Manhattan-Upper East Side.*
NYC Auxiliary Mounted Police -Central Park.

Education: JD- NYU Law School; BA- University of Michigan; Member NY bar (Emeritus)

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Professional Business and Civic Experience:

Business and Public background in Real Property management, Transportation, Investments, Insurance, Event Production, personal management, retail ownership, direct marketing, telemarketing, advertising, communications.; NYC Planning Board #8 (Manhattan); Represented Landlords, Tenants in a wide range of legal matters including eminent domain valuation (certiorari), East Side Democrat Tenant's group attorney. Prior business management – owner retail, mail order, internet business; Reverse Mortgage consultant; collections tax consultant. Managed conversions of Commercial Lofts to Residential use; Wells Fargo –Reverse Mortgage Consultant-Attorney; Of Counsel- The Negotiating Institute.

SUPPLEMENTAL CAREER INFORMATION

This supplement is intended to inform the County Council of my substantial and relevant experience in business, law, real property development, management and financing and my perspective on the future.

76-80 JEFFERSON STREET CONVERSIONS. While attending NYU law school I managed several buildings including a block front on Jefferson Street in the Two Bridges area of Manhattan. Two 5 story buildings with a ground floor warehouse, loading dock, a factory, a street level restaurant and bar, and 30 loft spaces. Initially, the commercial lofts were unrentable but I saw the opportunity to create lofts for Artists in Residence by installing residential infrastructure. I managed the installation, construction and conversion process and later advocated for the passage of "Artist in Residence laws" which eventually were enacted. Lesson learned flexibility is invaluable.

The Jefferson Street properties were included in NYC's "TWO BRIDGES PLAN". A long delayed area plan for public housing. They were designated for redevelopment for 12 years many were buildings were vacant and unsaleable. I managed the eminent domain process including appraisals and achieved maximum awards. It was a graphic example of the downside of long delays caused by the Planning process which left property owners in limbo during the redevelopment process. Lesson learned - Uncertainty has a negative impact on the financial viability of property.

EMINENT DOMAIN - CONDEMNATION AWARDS. I was employed at a leading law firm specializing in eminent domain proceedings for properties affected by the demolition of the Third Avenue elevated subway line including extensive Bloomingdale holdings. I participated in certiorari appeals, including overseeing appraisals and related valuation issues. Other clients included owners of showroom, office, factory buildings in the Fashion District of New York City. I participated in sales, leasing, mortgaging, violations resolution and other property related matters representing tenants and landlords.

REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE. Returning from military service and recently married, I resumed management of the Jefferson Street properties. I obtained a real estate brokerage license and purchased and managed real property on the lower east side of NY. I also specialized in conversions, sales and rental of lofts for use as residence and studios. I hired and trained managers to convert commercial properties.

I was employed by law firms specializing in what was then called "Copyright and Show Business law" and in three years opened my office at 80 Pine Street, in NYC. My law practice was a "general" practice matters and included representing landlords, tenants, condemnations, violations, I was tangentially involved in matters involving acquisitions by the Zeckendorf interests in Freedomland, Co-op City, Kips Bay acquisition of property and conversions. I also managed a lucrative trucking facility on West 36th Street for my wife's family and a valuable pier and warehouse on the East River.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. NYC PLANNING BOARD. I was engaged in Reform Democratic Politics and was appointed to NYC PLANNING BOARD #8 which was in the first group of Planning Boards. We advised on many matters impacting a

a rapidly changing neighborhood including commercialization, demolition, and preservation of landmarks, parks and public amenities.

Charles Kauffman

For two years I served as pro-bono counsel to the UPPER EAST SIDE DEMOCRATS representing tenants and small home owners who faced a surge of pressure from large residential developers. I became deeply involved in neighborhood preservation, landmarks and development of new housing.

FAMILY BUSINESS. I was brought in to resolve my family business disputes (H. KAUFFMAN & SONS SADDLERY CO., "everything for the horse and rider") and eventually assumed full ownership, management and financing of this century old family-owned retail and direct marketing business and its real property. During this period I created an advertising and public relations agency, INSPIRED ADVERTISING to enhance their direct marketing business. I eventually sold the bricks and mortar business converting and managing its internet business and licensing business. Along the way I co-authored a book "The Polo Primer".

LAW PRACTICE. I balanced law and business activities using several partnerships and represented clients in many businesses, trade groups and individuals including sellers, buyers, managers, owners, landlords, tenants, borrowers, lenders, debtors and creditors, trucking companies, waste paper collectors, collection agent associations, investment associations, publishers, composers and performers, recording companies and record pressing companies.

PRO-BONO. My pro-bono work included assisting the general counsel of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) among others. I served as General Counsel to the Negotiating Institute where I focused on Conflict Resolution. Gerald Nierenberg conducted worldwide seminars based on his best-seller "Art of Negotiating".

MORTGAGE FINANCING. I have worked as a legal consultant for Wells-Fargo on home financing including Reverse Mortgages.

NATIONAL AGING IN PLACE COUNCIL. In 2007-8 I served as Mid-Atlantic Director of the National Aging in Place Council pioneering formation of Villages in the Capital area.

INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION. I have been community relations representative for Vamoose Bus and representing them on Chambers of Commerce, Visitors Bureaus, Transit and Senior organizations in the Capital Area and I address traffic related matters for DC Trails.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kauffman

CHARLES KAUFFMAN



Hon. Tom Hucker and Members of the County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850
county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov

December 28, 2020

Hon. Tom Hucker and Members of the County Council,

It is with great pleasure to recommend Charles Kauffman for a position on the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County. Charles has been instrumental in positively supporting Montgomery County residents, and the GROWS organization for many years.

GROWS, the Grass Roots Organization for the Wellbeing of Seniors, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing advocacy, education, and services for older adults. Charles Kauffman has been an active member for over 15 years, first representing Wells Fargo, later as Mid-Atlantic Director of The National Aging in Place Council, and currently as Community Relations Director of Vamoose Bus. Over the years he created and organized many county events at the Rockville Senior Center, Holiday Park, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, and Bethesda Theater including, "Aging in Place: To Move or Stay", "Montgomery's Got Talent "and many other seminars and forums. These events introduced and produced County awareness and citizen participation in Aging in Place, Villages, Age Friendly Montgomery, Caregiving, Transportation, and Vital Living. Popularizing these initiatives makes Montgomery County a community for all to live and age gracefully. In 2017, GROWS awarded him its most prestigious award, the Debra Levy Humanitarian of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions.

We strongly support Mr. Kauffman's application for a position on the Board of Appeals.

Thank you for considering Charles Kaufman.

Sincerely,

Robin Henoch

Robin Henoch,
President of GROWS



Helping All Seniors Thrive®

December 17, 2020

Via email to councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov,
County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov

The Hon. Tom Hucker and Members of the Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Hucker and Members of the County Council:

Charles "Chuck" Kauffman told me that he has applied to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery County Board of Appeals, and he asked me to share with you my experiences in working with him. It is a pleasure to do so because Chuck is a such a knowledgeable and high-energy advocate for persons who are old, poor or otherwise need a helping hand. Moreover, he is passionate about making Montgomery a community for a lifetime.

As a member of the Transportation Committee of Age-Friendly Montgomery, a member of the County's Taxicab Services Committee and the Community Relations Director of Vamoose Bus, Chuck is a go-to person on many issues, especially those related to local transportation. Moreover, he is a longstanding member of the Jewish Council for the Aging's Transportation Providers' Roundtable.

I have found Chuck to be accessible, reliable and trustworthy.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I could provide additional information about him.

Sincerely,

David Gamse
Chief Executive Officer

Headquarters/Ann L. Bronfman Center

12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852-1726 Ph: 301.255.4200 or 703.425.0999 Fax: 301.231.9360



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FRANCIS CREIGHTON

December 10, 2020

The Honorable Tom Hucker
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear President Hucker:

I write in support of Charles Kauffman as a Member of the
Montgomery County Board of Appeals.

Mr. Kauffman is a member of the Taxicab Services
Commission (which I chair) representing low income
residents, older adults and our neighbors with disabilities.
As a Commission Member he has been a key part of all of our
discussions, especially in efforts to make significant changes
to the fee structure of the taxicab industry. He also
advocated for improvements in how Transportation Services
Improvement Funds are used. As Chair of the Commission, I
have seen and appreciate Chuck's passion to serve and his
focus on improving services for all county residents.

I hope you will give Chuck every due consideration. He has
been a strong member of the TSC and as a citizen of the
County I believe he would serve us all well as a member of
the Montgomery County Board of Appeals.

Please share this letter with you colleagues on the Council.

Sincerely,


Francis Creighton

December 10, 2020

Hon. Tom Hucker, President and Members, Montgomery County Council

100 Maryland Avenue

Rockville MD 20850

Dear Council President Hucker and Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the application of Mr. Charles Kauffman to serve on the Montgomery County Board of Appeals. I believe that Mr. Kauffman's professional experience and demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of all Montgomery County residents make him an excellent candidate to serve on this most impactful Board.

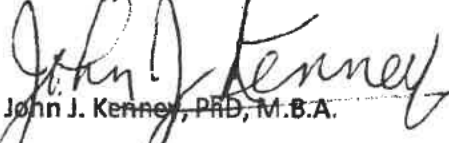
As the former Chief, Aging and Disability Services, Department of Health and Human Services, I have known Mr. Kauffman for over a decade principally in his roles as a Commissioner on the Commission on Aging, and as Chairman, Commission on Aging Alumnae Group. He has been a highly effective advocate for a broad range of vital community issues including affordable housing, transportation for seniors and individuals and disabilities, and Smart Growth policies--to name just a few.

Charles "Chuck" Kauffman was instrumental in Montgomery County being designated as an "Age-Friendly Community" by the World Health Organization and AARP. Chuck saw the value in having the County achieve this prestigious recognition and the benefits that would result particularly to the business sector. He has been a champion in educating public and private sector leaders about the value of older workers and the critical importance of the "senior economy"--as the discretionary income of seniors on average stimulate economic activity in the health, recreation and leisure, services, and other industries. Chuck was visionary as an early spokesman for having constituent input (especially a voice for seniors and individuals with disabilities) in all aspects of planning.

Chuck's skills as both a lawyer and businessman enable him to bring a uniquely creative yet pragmatic view to addressing challenges and resolving problems. He understands the critical importance of collaboration and teamwork and consistently treats others with respect.

I strongly endorse Mr. Charles Kauffman's to serve on the Montgomery County Board of Appeals. I am confident that Montgomery County residents will be well-served by having him as a member of this very important Board.

Sincerely,



John J. Kenney, PhD, M.B.A.

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Hon. Tom Hucker, PresidentMontgomery County Council100 Maryland AvenueRockville, MD 20850

Dear Councilmember Hucker:

I write in support of the application of Charles Kauffman for appointment to the County Board of Appeals. I am a forty-seven year resident of Montgomery County and practiced law in the public and private sectors. I was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the US Department of Justice and a partner in Latham & Watkins, a large international law firm. I served on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging (COA) for six years, the last two of which as Chair. After that, I served as Chair of the COA Alumni Group, consisting of former members of the COA. I have known Charles Kauffman for more than ten years, served on Montgomery County organizations with him and provide my views based on personal knowledge and experience.

For all of the time that I have known him, he has been an active and committed participant in the matters of the organizations of which he was a member. In addition to the COA, he also served on the Taxicab Services Commission and has ably represented the interests of low-income, older adults and disabled persons. He has also served on several committees, study groups and advocacy programs, where on many of which he was appointed chair based on his leadership experience.

From my knowledge, I can say that one of the defining characteristics of Mr. Kauffman's service has been his indefatigable commitment to the interests of the organizations he has served. I am familiar with the jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals and I believe he has the qualities called for as a member--sound judgment, a superior attention to detail and an excellent reputation for integrity.

Based on these views, I can wholeheartedly recommend him as a candidate for the County Board of Appeals. He would be a positive addition to that agency.

Yours sincerely,

Irwin Goldbloom

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December 2, 2020

Council President Tom Hucker
County Council Office
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue,
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Council President Hucker:

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant position of the County Board of Appeals. I feel very qualified for this position since I consider myself a subject matter expert on issues of urban planning and zoning. I am affiliated to the Democratic party. I have a very strong academic record including a Masters degree in Urban Planning from Harvard University and Ph.D. studies from the University of California at Berkeley. I not only have the academic qualifications but also the experience having worked at GAO for the 25 years doing work related to urban planning, housing, and community development. During those years I advised Congressional majority and minority staff and provided objective and fact-based advice on these issues to members of Congress.

I also have a very extensive volunteer community service to Montgomery County where I have lived for the last 30 years. Some of my major contributions in community service include recently completing a one-year assignment as Chair of the Interagency Commission on Homelessness. I also served for 12 years on the Board of the Housing Opportunities Commission, the last four as the Chair. Some of the successes as the Chair included recruiting a new Executive Director, implementing the Rental Assistance Demonstration initiative, creating more housing choice vouchers for homeless veterans, and obtaining a higher share of low income housing tax credits from the state.

I look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Roberto Piñero (signed)

ROBERTO R. PIÑERO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Analyst, Financial Markets and Community Investment, U.S. Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC, March 1997 - September 2016. (Retired)

Reviewed and made recommendations regarding the housing programs administered by HUD and Treasury under the Recovery Act.

Reviewed and made recommendations on the consolidation of federal financial literacy programs administered by 15 federal agencies.

Assisted in Preparing Testimonies on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program and on HUD's Project-Based Section 8 Program.

Reviewed HUD's Project-Based Section 8 Program and made recommendations to improve the program.

Reviewed EDA's Use of Excess Funds and Performance Awards which led the agency to implement the awards as required by legislation.

Reviewed EDA's Brownfield Program and made recommendations on how to streamline the program.

Reviewed HUD's Section 8 Program, High-Risk and Troubled Public Housing Authorities and recommended actions HUD can take to improve their operations.

- Reviewed the employment discrimination complaint process at USDA and recommended actions USDA can take to address the delays.
- Reviewed the proposed rescissions to FY98 USDA's budget incorporated in a report by the Office of General Counsel to the Congress.

Analyst, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, U.S. General Accounting Office, Washington, DC, October 1990 - March 1997.
Band Level I

- Undertook an assignment on USDA's Team Nutrition Initiative examining issues related to personnel and travel that resulted in referrals to the USDA's Inspector General and the U.S. Attorney for possible criminal investigation.
- Conducted a budget analysis of USDA that identified millions of dollars of potential reductions to USDA's appropriations for fiscal years 1997 and 1998.

- Worked with congressional staff on audits covering housing and community development issues, and more recently, on food and nutrition issues.
- Planned and participated in three major audits of housing and community development programs at the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) multifamily program, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) surety bond assistance programs, and the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) affordable housing disposition program.
- Audits led to major revision in Freddie Mac, SBA and RTC operations and regulations, including the suspension of Freddie Mac's multifamily program.
- Special Commendation Award for detecting financial and management problems at Freddie Mac.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1987 - 1990.

- Developed a long-range plan and integrated planning and budget system for the Commonwealth government.
- Represented the Director in meetings with Federal officials, bond underwriters, and national associations.
- Coordinated the budget and management divisions and designed the capital improvements office.
- Liaison with the Governor's Office and the Legislature in the preparation and execution of the budget.
- Supervised outside consultants hired to restructure the budget process.

Economic Planner, Governor's Economic Advisory Council, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1986 - 1987.

- Directed efforts to design and restructure the budget process of the Commonwealth government.
- Coordinated the budget planning restructuring with outside consultants and the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO).
- Successfully advised the Governor's Office on ways to restructure the budgets of the Education Department and the Metropolitan Bus Authority, resulting in improved operations and major savings to the government.

Director of the Housing Element, Planning Board, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1975 - 1979.

- Directed the design of a comprehensive housing plan for the island and its municipalities.
- Developed a housing information system and a model for allocating housing funds that was implemented by HUD's Caribbean Office for allocating

- housing and community development funds.
- Conducted housing market research and rendered various reports to the Legislature on housing cost and finance.
- Supervised a staff of 9 professionals.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Chairman, Interagency Commission on Homelessness of Montgomery County, November 2018-2019.

Housing Commissioner, Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, September 2003-2015. Chairman of the Commission, 2011-2015.

Member of the Board of Directors, Town Center Apartments of Rockville, Maryland (a senior low-income development), January 2004-2015.

Member of the Budget Review Committee, Montgomery County Public Schools, 1995-1997.

Member of the Commission on Children and Youth, Montgomery County, Maryland, 1995-1997.

Member of the Welfare Reform Task Force, Montgomery County, Maryland, 1996.

Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Planning, University of Puerto Rico, 1987.

Grants Coordinator, Office of Academic Affairs, University of California at Berkeley, 1984-86.

Adjunct Professor, National Hispanic University, Oakland, California, 1985-86.

Instructor, Graduate School of Business Administration, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, 1976.

Planner, Puerto Rico Development Group, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1975.

Junior Planner, Puerto Rico's Public Housing Authority, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Summer 1974.

Management Intern, New York City Planning Commission, New York, Summer 1973.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Studies - City and Regional Planning, University of California at Berkeley, California, 1982-86.

M.S. - Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, 1979-81.

M.C.P. - City and Regional Planning, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1973-75.

B.A. - Economics and History, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1969-73.

Also, studies at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

High School Degree, Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, 1965-1969.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Proficient in operation of Word, Excel, and Power Point

Proficient in English and Spanish. Somewhat proficient in Portuguese and French