



Committee: Directly to Council
Staff: Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq., Clerk of the Council
Purpose: To interview
Keywords:

AGENDA ITEM #15
June 15, 2021
Interview

SUBJECT

Interview - County Executive's appointee as Director, Strategic Partnerships

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Ken Hartman

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

To interview, no vote expected.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

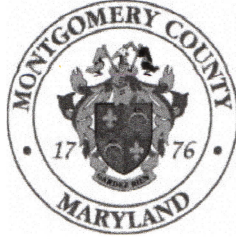
Mr. Ken Hartman is being interviewed as the County Executive's appointee as Director of Strategic Partnerships. Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2021.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

This report contains:

Memorandum and appointment documents from County Executive	© 1-3
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Mr. Hartman's resume	© 5

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President Montgomery County Council
FROM: Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive
RE: Appointment of the Director of Strategic Partnerships

I am transmitting the appointment of Mr. Ken Hartman for the position of Director of Strategic Partnerships is being appointed at a salary of \$171,648. His appointment will be effective upon confirmation by the County Council.

Attachments:

c: Selena Singleton, Clerk of the Council
Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer
Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive

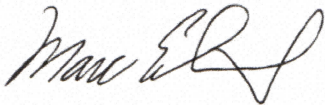
APPOINTMENT

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED TO ME UNDER SECTION 215 OF THE CHARTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, I HEREBY APPOINT

Ken Hartman

TO SERVE AS Director of Strategic Partnerships

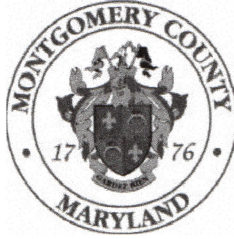
THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.



MARC ELRICH
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

05/26/21

DATE



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

Richard S. Madaleno
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President Montgomery County Council
FROM: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer *RSM*
RE: Due Diligence on Non-Merit Appointment – Ken Hartman

The purpose of this memo is to confirm that in making appointments for non-merit positions, our selection process utilizes thorough reference checks, criminal history, background checks, checks for wants and warrants, credit history and other inquiries appropriate to the position being filled.

Please be assured that due diligence was exercised in determining the suitability of Ken Hartman for appointment as Director of Strategic Partnerships. In addition, Mr. Hartman has filed his Financial Disclosure Statement.

RSM:mlw

cc: Selena Singleton, Clerk of the Council
Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive

Resolution: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

Subject: County Executive's Appointment of Director of Strategic Partnerships.

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

The County Executive's Appointment of Director of Strategic Partnerships.

Ken Hartman

The appointment of Mr. Hartman is confirmed by the County Council.

This is a correct copy of Council action:

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council



KEN HARTMAN ESPADA



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Regional Services Center, Montgomery County
February 2008 to present

Focus on public service delivery to a region of 280,000 residents. Establish effective partnerships with stakeholder organizations. Identify emerging trends and lead interagency efforts with local, State, and Federal officials to address service needs. Staff regional advisory board of residents and business representatives. Supervise business district services in Bethesda and the Pike District including a \$3 million contract with the Bethesda Urban Partnership. Communicate with the public utilizing local news outlets, a twice-weekly newsletter, and social media. Manage civic center in downtown Bethesda.

Key Accomplishments:

- Fostered the creation of the first neighborhood "villages" for facilitating aging-in-place and developed a how-to guide for village organizations.
- Established business district services on Rockville Pike including marketing, activities, placemaking, landscaping, and maintenance.
- Created the Woodmont Triangle Action Group, a planning steering committee for Bethesda.
- Advocated for business district enhancements in Bethesda including expanded Circulator service, homeless outreach, public safety coordination, and artist work studios.
- Revitalized programs and services at the Regional Services Center via non-profit partnerships.
- Co-led multicultural/multi-language communications in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Projects Administrator, Community Planning & Development Services, City of Rockville
January 2007 to February 2008

Managed strategic initiatives including staff development and appreciation; designed a skills-based advancement policy for planners; and drafted a development review process manual.

Chief of Staff, Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Howard A. Denis
July 2001 to December 2006

Managed office operations, communications, constituent services, and policy development for member of the County Council. Crafted legislation and resolutions. Effectively represented member in high-level budget and policy discussions. Interacted with television, radio, and print media; coordinated media events.

Legislative Analyst, Montgomery County Council
September 1999 to July 2001

Prepared budget and policy analyses in multiple subject areas including procurement, housing, consumer protection, fleet, urban services, and cable television franchise administration. Prepared written reports and recommendations and delivered oral presentations to the County Council.

Project Implementation Coordinator, City Manager's Office, City of Rockville
September 1997 to September 1999

Designed strategies for early and effective community engagement in the development of City projects. Facilitated public meetings and workshops in the development of high-profile City projects. Administered employee training emphasizing skills needed for effective grassroots engagement.

Legislative Senior Aide, Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Betty Ann Krahnke
January 1993 to September 1997

Reviewed budgets and legislation and prepared recommendations. Established contacts with neighborhood and business leaders, government agencies, and local media. Resolved constituent service requests. Composed press releases, position statements, and correspondence.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration
Virginia Tech

Bachelor of Arts
Government & Politics
University of Maryland, College Park

Certified Public Manager
George Washington University Center
for Excellence in Public Leadership

CORE COMPETENCIES

Legislative Affairs, Public Affairs,
Communications, Budget & Policy
Analysis, Community Development,
Advanced Facilitation, Mediation,
Strategic Planning

ORGANIZATIONS

Rotary Club of Bethesda-Chevy Chase
Foundation President 2017-18;
Club President 2016-17;
member 2011 to present

**International City/County
Management Association**
2002 Conference Planning Committee

**Metropolitan Association of Local
Government Assistants**
President, 1999 to 2000

AWARDS & HONORS

**Conflict Resolution Center
of Montgomery County**
Executive Director's Award

**The Greater Bethesda
Chamber of Commerce**
Ron Resh Business Advocate Award

Bethesda Magazine
Best Local Twitter Feed 2016