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AGENDA ITEM #2
March 8, 2022
Interview

SUBJECT

Interviews of applicants to fill one vacancy on the Policing Advisory Commission.

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

9:45 a.m.

Marc Brenman
Jaslynn Laurence
Laura Oberbroeckling
Simone Walton

10:30 a.m.

Laurie Ekstrand
Mike Fletcher
Ty McKinney
Steven Soroka

3:00 p.m.

Soren Ashmall
Peter Francis
Alana Stanley

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

27 residents applied to fill the vacant position on the Policing Advisory Commission. Councilmembers selected 1 applicants to interview, however one person declined to interview. Members of the Commission should reflect a range of ethnicities, socioeconomic status, and places of origin to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the County's communities, including religious creed, age, sex - including on the basis of gender identity or orientation, disability, and geographic location, with emphasis on those disproportionately impacted by inequities.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The Policing Advisory Commission will deliberate on policy issues, using data and focusing on best practices. The goal is to strengthen the Council's oversight role and help prevent problems from occurring. The Commission consists of 13 public members who have an interest or expertise in policing matters and will reflect the diversity of the County's communities. Nine members will be appointed by the Council and four members will be appointed by the County Executive (two of the Executive's appointments will be youth members). The police chief, or a designee, and the president of the Fraternal Order of Police, or a designee, will serve as ex-officio members.

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**Policing Advisory Commission
Interview Candidates**

9:45 A.M.

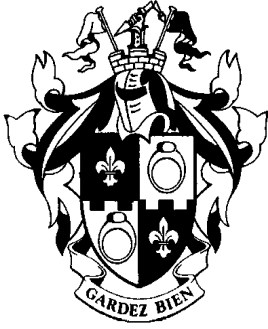
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County Council Seeks Applicants for Policing Advisory Commission

Deadline has been extended to Friday, December 24, 2021

ROCKVILLE, MD, December 13, 2021 — The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill one public vacancy on the County's [Policing Advisory Commission](#). The position will be nominated and appointed by the County Council. The deadline for application has been extended to **December 24, 2021**.

The public members on the Commission should reflect a range of ethnicities, socioeconomic status, and places of origin to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the County's communities, including religious creed, age, sex – including on the basis of gender identity or orientation, disability, and geographic location, with emphasis on those disproportionately impacted by inequities; and have an interest or expertise in policing matters. Public members must participate in the Montgomery County Police Department [Citizens Academy](#).

The 15-member Commission consists of nine voting public members nominated and appointed by the County Council; four voting public members nominated by the County Executive and appointed by the County Council; and two non-voting ex officio members appointed by the County Council: the Police Chief or the Police Chief's designee, and the President of an employee organization certified under Article V of Chapter 33 (Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35) or the President's designee.

The Commission must: 1) advise the Council on policing matters; 2) provide information regarding best practices on policing matters; 3) recommend policies, programs, legislation, or regulations; 4) comment on matters referred to it by the Council; 5) conduct at least one public forum each year for community input on policing matters; 6) accept correspondence and comments from members of the public; and 7) engage in public education. The Commission must submit an annual report to the

Executive and Council on its functions, activities, accomplishments, and plans and objectives, by July 1 each year.

Public members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for in-person meetings attended. Meetings are currently held virtually the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Commission must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than six times per year.

Applicants of diverse, backgrounds, professions, genders, geography, abilities and ethnicities are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. **Applications for appointment and confirmation may be made public as part of the confirmation process.**

Applicants should submit a letter of interest with a resume, no more than 4 pages in length, to Council President Gabe Albornoz at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov or mail to Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Letters of application must be received no later than 5 p.m., Friday, December 24, 2021. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. The names of all applicants are published, and resumes made available for public review (personal contact information is redacted).

For more information about the Policing Advisory Commission email sara.tenenbaum@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov

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Policing Advisory Commission Background

Created: The Policing Advisory Commission was established on December 12, 2019 by Bill 14-19.

Purpose: The goal of the Commission is to improve Council oversight of the Montgomery County Police Department (“MCPD”) and strengthen community trust in police. The Commission will advise the Council on policing matters, provide information regarding best practices, recommend policies, and engage in public education and other programs. The Commission is intended to review the policy guidelines that shape how the department and officers do their work.

The Policing Advisory Commission will deliberate on policy issues, using data and focusing on best practices. The goal is to strengthen the Council’s oversight role and help prevent problems from occurring. The Commission will consist of 13 public members who have an interest or expertise in policing matters and will reflect the diversity of the County's communities. Nine members will be appointed by the Council and four members will be appointed by the County Executive (two of the Executive’s appointments will be youth members - one under the age of 25 and one between the ages of 26 and 35). The County Executive will send out a separate news release seeking applicants. The police chief, or a designee, and the president of the Fraternal Order of Police, or a designee, will serve as ex-officio members.

Membership: Members should reflect a range of ethnicities, socioeconomic status, and places of origin to reflect the racial and economic diversity of the County’s communities, including religious creed, age, sex - including on the basis of gender identity or orientation, disability, and geographic location, with emphasis on those disproportionately impacted by inequities. Members serve three-year terms and must participate in the MCPD Citizens Academy. The Commission elects its Chair and Vice Chair.

Meetings: The Commission meets at the call of the Chair. The Commission must meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, but not less than six times each year. A member must serve without compensation. However, a member may request reimbursement for mileage and dependent care costs at rates established by the County.

Current

Membership: Cherri Branson
Caroline Fredrickson
Jenn Lynn
Shabab Ahmed Mirza
Jerome Price
Vacant
Vernon Ricks

Nadia Sandi
Eric Sterling
Robin Gaster
Alicia Hudson
Dalbin Osorio
Vacant
Chief Marcus Jones (ex officio member)
Sergeant Cate Brewer (ex officio member)